

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: April 2, 2018

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Vicki Garland

Visitors: Kevin McEnaney, Nancy Clark, Brian Otis

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:40 PM.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 03:45 PM to enter nonpublic session at the request of the Bartlett Recreation Director, Annette Libby, for a personnel issue per NH RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Garland made a motion at 04:15 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 04:16 PM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a personnel issue per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Garland made a motion at 04:21 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Val Rothen, Angela Huertas, and Patsy Rogerson representing the Cobb Farm flood committee met with the selectmen to see if there was any updated information on a plan for the River Street dike as they have many safety concerns regarding the dike. Chairman Chandler stated that all paper work has been submitted to FEMA and he tried to get some answers today but the FEMA contact person was tied up and will get back to us hopefully before the end of the day. Rogerson inquired if while we are waiting for them are there any plans. Chairman Chandler replied no we don't as we don't know what they are going to do or allow us to do. We have showed them the project and now that they have looked at it they will figure out what can be done. Rogerson commented that the impact of not doing anything only causes more damage and if we have high water this spring it could be bad. McEnaney inquired about Bartlett's emergency management plan. Chairman Chandler stated that deals with a flood. Selectman Garland inquired about flood plain management. Chairman Chandler stated that is federal. Chairman Chandler commented that he doesn't know of anything more we can do other than get permits and the town to pick up the whole bill. Selectman Garland inquired if a culvert washed out what would we do. Chairman Chandler stated we can replace it but we have to have permits to work in the river. Rothen would like to see a hydrologic study done to come up with a long term plan. Chairman Chandler stated they did one by the bridge but the whole thing wasn't done even though we had requested that mitigation be done. Selectman Patch explained that they have tried to get the Army Corp of Engineers to do dredging every three years but they wouldn't do it. Otis commented that he feels the town has a communication problem as more things need to be on the web site. Chairman Chandler stated that it is already on the web site. McEnaney inquired if Route 302 by Patch's is a State road and if they are going to help with fixing the repairs to the Rocky Branch River? Chairman Chandler replied that we are trying and hoping to get them to but I need to impress on everyone that we can't do anything until we hear from FEMA and get the necessary permits. Rogerson inquired as to what do individuals do? Chairman Chandler stated that he will ask that question when he hears back from the FEMA contact person. Rogerson stated that the home owners don't want to do something on one property that will affect someone else's property or the town road as the water is no longer going in the gully. Rothen commented that they are looking for a long term fix not just a short term one. Chairman Chandler replied that we have put it all in our requests but he doesn't know what they will do. Rogerson stated that they are just looking for some guidance as she is aware of what can happen if you do work in a river without the necessary permits such as fines or sometimes they let you get an after the fact permit. Rothen asked what the next step is. Chairman Chandler replied that we will keep people posted after we hear from FEMA.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 04:35 PM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a legal issue per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (e). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Garland made a motion at 04:50 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Nancy Clark wanted to know what is happening with the money that town's people voted on to increase the budget with the purpose of it going towards employee wages. Chairman Chandler replied that is a nonpublic discussion. McEnaney commented that if the town voted on it isn't it automatic. Selectman Garland stated that just because it was voted on doesn't mean it has to happen. Lynn Jones, AA, reminded everyone that we operate on a bottom line budget and it can go towards anything. There are no constraints and it is at the Selectmen's discretion. The moderator said this several times. Selectman Garland explained that sometimes we have to take from one item and put in another such as if we have a bad winter and have to use more money for salt than anticipated then it comes out of something else. Clark stated that it is what people wanted and expressed their desires to the public officials and she wants to know if the intent is being honored. Selectman Garland inquired from each Selectman if they were honoring the intent. Chairman Chandler replied that is a nonpublic discussion. Selectman Garland said she would go ahead with the intent. Selectman Patch stated that we probably should but he would like more information.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 05:15 PM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a legal issue per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (e). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Garland made a motion at 05:25 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

The Selectmen signed checks, reviewed building permits and correspondence throughout the meeting. There being no further items to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 05:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.