

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: October 15, 2018

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch (arrived 03:45 PM), Vicki Garland

Visitors: Barry Trudeau, Julia King, Helen ?, John Smallcomb

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:35 PM.

Chairman Chandler made a motion to enter nonpublic session per NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Chairman Chandler made a motion at 03:45 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

(Selectman David Patch arrived)

Angela Huertas and Patsy Rogerson of the Saco River Ad Hoc Committee met with the Selectmen. Huertas inquired if there were any river/berm updates. Chairman Chandler gave them a copy of what we had received by e-mail today. He also informed them that we again had asked what if anything we could do to speed things up but we didn't get much of an answer back. Huertas inquired about a drone disc of the Saco River and she was given the disc that we had. Chairman Chandler commented that he isn't sure if now s the time that we should get the legislative people involved. Huertas inquired if they should do it? Chairman Chandler replied no, it should be the town. Huertas inquired as to who holds the money? Chairman Chandler explained that it starts with the Federal Government and goes to the State.

Rick Garland (Ricks Road-3RT302-176-R02) met with the Selectmen in reference to Ricks Road and the US Forest Service putting a gate on the road. He handed out a list of his concerns which are:

- 1.) The road has never been closed in the winter and the public doesn't use it in the winter.
- 2.) There is no excessive damage during the winter as the road is frozen solid in the winter so there is no damage.
- 3.) The USFS claims there is increasing maintenance, but they don't maintain the road as he is the one who does.
- 4.) The USFS claimed that he wanted a gate installed so that the public would not use it in the winter and he has never wanted a gate. He has spoken to them about the road being open so he can plow through.
- 5.) He is also concerned about where they want to locate the gate as it is in a mud hole and as it is on a narrow corner with no place to put snow.
- 6.) He is also concerned that his family and friends won't be able to get to his residence to visit him if the gate is installed.

He also commented that since the Weeks Act passed the USFS wants to gate all their roads which will mean that people won't be able to snow machine on them anymore. He has also received fines from the Feds which he is fighting and the Forest Rangers claim that they can't assist him at all as it is in the hands of the law enforcement division.

Chairman Chandler inquired when he received these fines. R. Garland replied October 2017 and they were placed on hold to see if he gets a special exemption permit. R. Garland also mentioned that USFS has done damage to the road with their 10 wheel truck. Selectman Garland stated that his problems are that he needs to get into his property, be allowed to maintain the road, as well as filling in the mud hole, being able to receive visitors, and getting the fines dropped. R. Garland replied yes. Chairman Chandler stated that the Selectmen will write to the USFS with the concerns.

Tyler Ray, Granite Chief, Granite Backcountry Alliance met with the Selectmen concerning ski glading on town property on East Branch road. Chairman Chandler informed him once again that they can't do cutting on the property until town meeting in March when the voters of the town will make the decision by voting on an article. Ray believes the Selectmen have the power to make the decision. Chairman Chandler replied that he is not comfortable doing that as the land was left to the town for conservation purposes and he is not sure glade skiing falls under that. The land is open to the public for hiking. Selectman Garland stated that they would need to write up a warrant article, obtain at least 25 signatures of registered voters (recommend a few extras) and submit it to the Selectmen's office around the first week in February. Selectman Garland stated that she does support the concept, but we need to ask the people what they want them to do. Ray still doesn't believe it is required and they need to do cutting for safety reasons. Selectman Garland mentioned that the property can't be developed so they need to go back to the drawing board for now. Chairman Chandler also reminded them that there is no parking on the side of any town road starting November 1st per the town ordinance.

Fire Chief L. Patrick Roberts met with the Selectmen to go over some purchase orders. He would like to order the 5" hose that is part of a special article. He would also like to order 8 turn out gear. He had originally asked for 6 as the ones he has are out dated. He has two new volunteers who are all trained and they will need gear. Selectman Garland stated that she has no problem with that as long as he stays within what was allocated. Chairman Chandler will review the purchase orders and let Roberts know of the decision. Roberts also let the Selectmen know that the utility vehicle broke down and is now out of service. He would like to replace utility #2 next year.

Chairman Chandler mentioned that we need someone to plow the fire stations and the town hall. They will also need to shovel out the steps and doorways. Nobody had any suggestions.

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

The Selectmen signed checks, building permits and correspondence during the course of the meeting. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 05:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.