

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: October 1, 2018

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Vicki Garland

Visitors: Kevin McEnaney, Darlene McEnaney, Barry Trudeau, John Smallcomb, Brian Otis

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:35 PM.

Angela Huertas and Val Rothen of the Saco River Ad Hoc Committee met with the Selectmen to see if there was anything new. Chairman Chandler shared with them the latest e-mail that we had received from Fallon Reed, Planning Chief of Homeland Security and Emergency Management concerning the River Street bridge mitigation and the berms/levees. Huertas remarked that it sounded promising. Huertas also inquired if we had received the drone disc. Medeiros stated that she had called and left a message but we hadn't heard back yet. Huertas thanked the Selectmen for persevering.

Police Chief Christopher Keaton dropped in to let the Selectmen know that the alarm at a local business keeps going off. It went off three times this weekend but Pope Security is working on it. Chairman Chandler inquired as to what the police protocol is concerning

alarms. Keaton is trying to find a policy on it but hasn't found one yet. Chairman Chandler stated that the fire department has one and if he can't find the police policy we can do up a new one.

Kevin McEnaney who was representing The Club at Christmas Mountain (2RT016-182-REC), who had received a copy of a letter from the Selectmen concerning them violating the restrictions on the use of the property, stated that there is a difference between perception and reality. He has been attending the meetings since 2016 as at one time the Selectmen had been accused of holding closed meetings but that is not a reality. However, when he walked in and saw Bob King, Emergency Management Director, sitting at the table last week it struck him about the perception and reality issue. He has spoken to Bob King since then and he cleared it up for him. McEnaney read a partial letter from Club owner, Magazzu, which read as follows: that it was never the intent to violate the restriction by seeming to be open to the general public but it is their intent and mission to serve our members and our community. Any member has the right to utilize the facility for gatherings whether for family, friends or others. One of our members helped organize the Mount Washington Valley Non-Profits Volunteers of the Year Awards Program and we were delighted and honored that she hosted the event at the Club at Christmas Mountain. We stand by our commitment to the town to only be open to those that hold valid monthly or greater membership and their guests. We are delighted to have the Town of Bartlett as a municipal member of the club (which is not true. The Bartlett Recreation Department became a member in order to use the facilities for swimming lessons). The Recreation Department benefited from a successful summer program for the children in the towns served by this program. McEnaney went on to say that he felt that the letter sent to the Club was harsh. McEnaney also said that the Towns people overwhelmingly supported the warrant article to allow a sports/health club for

members and their guests, but not the general public. McEnaney stated that the function hall is used every week as pickleball members bring in their own food and drinks for a gathering. Selectman Garland commented that she has had people speak to her about what the Club is doing and they feel it is not what they voted for. If it isn't open to the general public then why is it being advertised in the local paper? McEnaney stated that they had nothing to do with putting anything in the paper and it wasn't an ad. Selectman Garland replied that if it was paid for then it was an ad and he was playing semantics and what if people showed up they didn't know the member or vice versa. McEnaney replied that the Club is good for the town. Selectman Garland stated that she had supported the pickleball club but this situation needs to be rectified as the rules need to be followed as they are blatantly being ignored. McEnaney replied that is a gray area. Selectman Garland stated that it isn't a gray area when the invitation is advertised in the paper.

Town Clerk/TaxCollector Cheryl Nealley met with the Selectmen in reference to deed waivers. She suggested that they not take the quarter timeshare units at the Grand Summit as the town would be responsible for the maintenance fees which are \$700.00 a quarter. Selectman Patch inquired if we would keep the liens. Nealley replied that they would be kept on the town books but not taken. McEnaney inquired what the units are selling for. Nealley replied that at the last Sheriffs auction that they were going for around \$100.00. Selectman Garland read to the visitors what the deed waiver says, "The Town of Bartlett hereby notifies Cheryl Nealley, Tax Collector that they will not accept the Tax Collector's Deed because "in its judgment acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks". Selectman Patch inquired if the Selectmen still needed to send letters. Nealley replied yes.

Chairman Chandler informed the others that apparently our letter to District Ranger Jim Innes of the Saco Ranger Forest Service concerning a gate on "Ricks Road" had crossed in the mail. Innes stated that the gate will be placed just beyond where the road enters Federal land. The road is open seasonally to the public and closed in the winter. The Forest Service does not plow this road, effectively closing it to the public in the winter to reduce costs and protect the road from excessive damage during the winter. They are working with Rick Garland and he will not be denied access as he will be getting a special use permit. Also they are not planning on putting a gate at the Allen Road location.

Smallcomb inquired as to why we would charge for false alarms as they can be accidentally set off by rodents, steam, etc. Chairman Chandler explained that it costs a lot of money for fire trucks and fire fighters to respond, not as much for police officers but a policy is good to have for frequent offenders.

Chairman Chandler stated that the road agent has provided to him a list of sections of roads that he would like to do some repairs to this year. Chairman Chandler would like to approve him to do these and take it out of our regular budget. This will most likely make us overspend the budget. He would like to check with Pike Paving to see if they would do the paving and not bill us until 2019. Selectman Garland inquired if it would cost us more in the long run if the repairs aren't done now. Chairman Chandler replied that he hadn't thought about it that way but yes it most likely would.

Smallcomb inquired if that included the back side of Glen Ledge road and why wasn't that completed when they did the rest of Glen Ledge. Chairman Chandler explained that no it doesn't and that we ran out of money but that we did do 1/3 mile more than what had been scheduled. Smallcomb remarked that the curve is bad. The Selectmen agreed to have the work done now and pay for it next year. McEnaney inquired as to when the asphalt plant would be closing. Chairman Chandler replied that they usually run through October.

Lynn Jones, AA, came into the meeting as a resident that uses Hurricane Mtn. road on a daily basis to thank Chairman Chandler as our State Representative for what he did to get the road paved. Chairman Chandler stated that Hurricane had been scheduled but Conway Village was not on the plan but DOT found some money to fix it. Jones concurred that Conway Village was much improved.

McEnaney invited the Selectmen to be his guests at an event being held on Saturday at 1:00 PM at the Club at Christmas Mountain.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 05: 30 PM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a legal issue per NH RSA 91-A 3 (e). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Garland made a motion at 05: 45 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch 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 05:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.