

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: June 4, 2018

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Vicki Garland

Absent: David Patch (Selectman)

Visitors: Barry Trudeau, Bob Ference, Erik Corbett, John Smallcomb, Kevin McEnaney, Darlene McEnaney, Brian Otis

Meeting opened at 03:30 PM.

Charles Macomber and George Cleveland of the Gibson Center for Senior Services, Inc. met with the Selectmen to discuss the AARP Age-Friendly Communities Network. Macomber handed out literature to the Selectmen and visitors. They are requesting that Bartlett join them in submitting an application as a 10-town Mount Washington Valley region for membership to the New Hampshire and Maine AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. Macomber explained that this is an effort to help towns prepare for rapid population aging. It is very much needed in the valley and there is no cost. They have a website, offer seminars, training, help with obtaining grants and provide a framework for assessing the region's present strengths and needs. Chairman Chandler inquired as to what they need from the Selectmen. Cleveland replied that they need a letter of commitment to participate from the Selectmen as well as a representative from the town who would sit on the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee would meet quarterly and make recommendations and facilitate projects that each town approves. Selectman Garland volunteered to be on the Steering Committee. Cleveland also mentioned that there 50 of these in Maine and zero in New Hampshire. Chairman Chandler inquired as to what should be said in the letter. Macomber gave the Selectmen a copy of a draft letter to use as a guideline. Selectman Garland inquired about the time line. Cleveland stated that they expect to submit their application the first of July and the Steering Committee would meet sometime in August. The Selectmen agreed to write the letter.

Chairman Chandler is concerned about the restructuring of the Eastern Slope Airport Committee that controls the Fryeburg airport as Bartlett was one of the first towns to give them money and has done so every year. Barry Trudeau, the town's representative, stated that he did attend their meeting and it sounds like they are trying to do away with town support. McEnaney asked if the Executive Board can do that or is it a power play. Chairman Chandler inquired if Trudeau can get a copy of the bylaws. Trudeau stated that he has asked for a copy and is suppose to get them. Trudeau mentioned that there was a group there from Poland Springs and a group representing the hangars. Selectman Garland inquired if there was any investment from Poland Springs involved. Trudeau stated that if they do what they are trying to do it will interfere with the approach to the airport. Trudeau is going to find out more information and get back to the Selectmen.

Angela Huertas and Patsy Rogerson of the Saco River Ad Hoc Flood Committee met with the Selectmen. Huertas stated that she had sent a memo for the Selectmen to look at concerning suggestions for the Saco River repairs. Rogerson inquired if they had any questions. Chairman Chandler replied that they hadn't read it yet. Rogerson inquired what is next now that we got a report from FEMA. Rogerson stated that in 1969 the Army Corps of Engineers had done work at the berm as we had received record breaking snow that year and they had concerns in anticipation of the snow melt. Rogerson wanted to know what we do now. Chairman Chandler commented that we have identified the problem areas and have let FEMA know what we want to do and have to wait before we do anything to see if we get any funding. Rogerson stated exactly and that is to do nothing. Chairman Chandler replied that she is welcome to take over. Rogerson inquired about at least getting a permit to remove the debris. Chairman Chandler stated that is part of the flooding and we would have to pay someone to do it.

Chairman Chandler commented that he couldn't stress enough that our hands are tied until FEMA lets us know what they will pay for. Selectman Garland asked about the \$400,000.00 raised at town meeting for flood damage. Chairman Chandler stated that was raised for the town's match.

Bob King, Emergency Management Director, brought in the approval form for the Selectmen to sign for the Bartlett & Hart's Location Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2018. He also brought in the Certificate of Adoption that also needed to be signed. He requested that after they are signed that they be sent to June Garneau at Mapping and Planning who has coordinated this project.

Annette Libby, Recreation Director and John Magazzu, Jr. of 100 Christmas Mtn. (2RT016-182-REC) wanted to discuss the recreation department using their pool instead of going to Echo Lake. Libby stated that Echo Lake is crowded as people who can't get into Diana's Bath now come there. It has become a safety issue and the quality of the water isn't very good. She would like to use the Christmas Mtn. Club pool and they have other activities there. She would like to obtain an insurance certificate to give Magazzu. Chairman Chandler stated that she will have to become a paid member of the club as well as have a contract drawn up that the Selectmen would review. McEnaney volunteered to teach the children pickleball if she had any that were interested in it. Libby will work on a contract and see what our insurance company thinks.

Drew Duckworth and Hannah Newman are looking at purchasing a lot of land off of Timberline Drive and wanted to know what the driveway regulations are. Chairman Chandler inquired if he would just be putting in a driveway for his access. Duckworth replied yes but it will be a long one. Chairman Chandler replied that when he gets ready to do his building permit that he will see that he needs a driveway permit. Once he completes that he should be ok as we don't care how long the driveway is. Selectman Garland commented that he may have to ski in to his house. She also inquired if he was going to have a hydro system. He replied that he was. Chairman Chandler reminded him that he would be in the Kearsarge Lighting Precinct and he needs to check in with them as they have an elevation requirement. Duckworth said that he did check with them and they have now removed the elevation requirement. Chairman Chandler also let him know that the town only plows to the ski club.

Kevin McEnaney commented that he had seen the letter in the local paper concerning the employee's raises and wondered if this had been done. Selectman Garland explained that the Selectmen had come to an agreement and she worked on equalizing the money out among the full time employees so as to make it fair to everyone. McEnaney inquired if that is ok to do when the people had voted for specific things. Selectman Garland stated that the law is clear that since we have a bottom line budget that the Selectmen have the right to move the money around. An example being that if we only budgeted \$5000.00 for salt and had a lot of storms and ran out of salt we can take it from someplace else as we couldn't just not take care of the roads. McEnaney stated like a slush fund. Selectman Garland stated that all three Selectmen had agreed to the way she had worked it out and there may be some disappointed employees but the change was not unreasonable. She has looked at similar towns and no position is at the bottom of the pay scale. McEnaney appreciates trying to keep our taxes down. The school who is 70% of our taxes are 2nd or 3rd from the bottom when it comes to wages. McEnaney inquired if wages had ever been a concern at town meeting before. Chairman Chandler replied that in his forty some years this is the first time this has been brought up. Selectman Garland stated that people had an opportunity to come to the budget hearing to voice their concerns about the budget and yet hardly anyone showed up. Smallcomb commented that teachers feel underpaid all across the country. Selectman Garland mentioned that her sister in Massachusetts who has similar education training and job to her makes \$30,000.00 more than she does but people make the decision as to where they want to live.

Chairman Chandler showed the letter and pictures that the Transfer Manager, Don Miller, had left at the office concerning Storyland dumping couches, chairs, paint cans, electrical wire, fuse boxes and other prohibited items in the compactor at the transfer station. Chairman Chandler stated that this is egregiously beyond the scope of the rules of the facility. Chairman Chandler made a motion to not allow them to use the transfer station until they can present a plan as to what they plan to do to correct this problem. Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Selectmen signed checks, reviewed building permits and correspondence throughout the meeting.

The Selectmen adjourned the meeting at 05:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.