

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: Monday, August 13, 2018

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chairman, David Patch, Vicki Garland

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

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:35 PM.

Angela Huertas, Patsy Rogerson Brenda Dissanayake, Ajith Dissanayake of the Saco River Ad Hoc Committee met with the Selectmen. Huertas inquired if there was anything new from FEMA. Chairman Chandler stated that there is a meeting on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 to take another look at the River Street Bridge. Huertas inquired if this was to look at the bridge wings. Chairman Chandler replied that is correct. Chairman Chandler commented that he is aware of how discouraging this all is but he has spoken to Perry Plummer of NH DES and he is going to try to get DES to change their minds. Plummer is also in hopes to do other projects. Huertas inquired if the Selectman had any suggestions that they could do. They did not. Huertas stated that when the gauge at the River Street Bridge is moved could it be set up with an alarm on it. Rogerson inquired if there is any way to check the gauge. Selectman Garland suggested that she may be able to check it on line. Selectman Patch stated that he thought the alarm is a good idea. A. Dissanayake stated that he would be happy to go through all our paper work to see if we have missed something and that is why it is being held up. Chairman Chandler replied that we have asked if they need anything else from us and they have said no. Rogerson commented that she would hate to have the State just put it in a box on the floor. A. Dissanayake stated that he would go down the "rabbit hole" if need be and talk to other people to make sure all the information is there. Chairman Chandler commented that Chuck Henderson of Senator Jeanne Shaheens office can be helpful. Chairman Chandler also reminded them that we are at the top of the list. Rogerson commented that we are just trying to fill the gap to see what we can do. A. Dissanayake stated that he would be willing to call around, but not as the town. Selectman Garland asked as to how he would go about this. A. Dissanayake stated that he would talk to Perry Plummer as there is 1001 ways to say no that sounds like yes. Selectman Garland commented that is like tree sap that when it gets blocked you need to find a way to keep it flowing. Chairman Chandler replied let me speak to Plummer and see how he feels about it. A. Dissanayake stated that this is not an easy road but they would like to know what their intentions are. Rogerson commented that if nothing is done then the next storm the flooding will happen again.

Chairman Chandler informed the other Selectmen that on August 10th that someone left 15-20 bags of trash at the entrance to the Bartlett Jackson Transfer Station gate. The transfer station was closed that day due to paving which was well publicized. He was unable to reach Don Miller, Transfer Station Manager. He called Earl Medeiros, transfer employee, to go up to the transfer station. He graciously did it and met Deputy Sheriff Brian Argue there who will be prosecuting whoever did it.

Kevin McEnaney inquired if the Selectmen had sent a letter to Granite Backcountry Alliance yet about their concerns of glade skiing. Chairman Chandler replied, not yet. B. Trudeau stated that the Backcountry Alliance is having a meeting on Sept 15th. K. McEnaney commented that the two concerns that the town has is liability and the parking lot but can't people hike on the land now. Chairman Chandler replied yes but now you are improving the lot and inviting people which changes things. K. McEnaney stated that doesn't the town have insurance to cover this? Chairman Chandler replied yes but people like to sue and even if we won it would cost money to defend the case. Chairman Chandler also said that we are waiting to hear from our attorney to clarify things and to check on the fact that the land is in current use and does putting in a parking lot take it out of current use.

K. McEnaney also inquired about the zoning ordinance that states if a house is destroyed by fire that it has to be torn down within a year. It will be a year in October since the flood and nothing has been done to the house at 98 US Route 302 (2RT302-50-R00) so will the town take it and tear it down. Chairman Chandler remarked that he doesn't think it will qualify and the house was redone once before after Tropical Storm Irene. This is a difficult situation and we have sent the homeowner a letter as to what his intentions are.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 04:10 PM to enter into nonpublic session with legal counsel (by telephone) per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (I). Selectman Patch seconded the motion Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Garland made a motion at 04:25 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Chairman Chandler inquired if the other two Selectmen were on board to have the water sampling done at the old Bartlett Landfill (former Garland property off Route 302) as required by NH DES to be in compliance with the terms and conditions of Groundwater Management. The Selectmen are all in favor of doing this.

Police Chief Christopher Keaton popped into the meeting to let the Selectmen know that he has two Officers who will be graduating from the NH Police Standards and Training Academy on Friday the August 17th at 02:00 PM. Selectman Patch inquired if there was a limit on the number of people who could attend. Chief Keaton said he is not aware of any limitations.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 04:45 PM to enter nonpublic session for personnel matters per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) with Chief Keaton. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Garland made a motion at 05:00 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 05:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Secretary