

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: September 10, 2018

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Vicki Garland

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

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:35 PM.

Bartlett Recreation Director, Annette Libby, met with the Selectmen to introduce her new assistant, Janice Nichipor. She has worked for a couple of weeks now and enjoys it. Nichipor stated that in Pre K- grade 6 they have 60 children signed up for soccer. Libby commented that right now they are going through a learning curve with the school server to learn what Google does.

Libby discussed the incident at White Lake State Park on August 6, 2018 when a bystander's eyeglasses were damaged when a Bartlett Recreation participant threw a football which struck the man in the face. Libby stated it was not a regular football but a nerf football and the man walked through the grassy area where they were playing. One child hollered "heads up" when the ball was over thrown. Chairman Chandler inquired if the nerf ball was soft. Libby replied that it is a heavy styrofoam and not as hard as a football. Libby stated that she hasn't received any receipts and she never pays without them as well as she doesn't believe he suffered much financial or emotional stress as he indicated in his letter. She is also upset that he and his wife swore at the kids. She has contacted White Lake State Park to see if the incident was reported to the office. She is waiting to hear from them to see if the reports are the same. Chairman Chandler advised her to let them know what she finds out. Nichipor mentioned that maybe the gentleman has insurance and his deductible may be less than what ours is. Chairman Chandler stated that we will see if we get all the information and then make a decision.

Chief Keaton had the Conway Daily Sun take a photo of the new full time police officers with the Selectmen.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 04:10 PM to enter nonpublic session per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (I) to discuss legal counsel advice. 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.

Patsy Rogerson and Ajith Dissanayake of the Saco River Ad Hoc Committee wanted to know if there was any FEMA updates since last week. Chairman Chandler stated that reports were submitted and H.E. Bergeron Engineers has been asked to do a new mitigation for the River Street Bridge. Engineer Chris Fournier will be doing the research study of the river. Dissanayake mentioned that photos are needed as to what repairs and what mitigation work needs to be done. Chairman Chandler explained that we paid to have a drone take pictures which consisted of two or three year flights and the disk has been sent to FEMA. Rogerson stated that she also has taken some pictures which she showed to the Selectmen. Rogerson inquired if we knew what the timeline was. Chairman Chandler replied that he didn't know but we do have to get the engineers estimate. Dissanayake remarked that he went down the rabbit hole and there are 30 people and 5 organizations involved with this grant request. He is now trying to find out who has the power to make a decision. Selectman Garland inquired if we knew who communicates with whom. Dissanayake replied not yet. Chairman Chandler informed them that we had received from Dan Dachroeden a Site Inspection Report which was signed and returned to him. A note of a correction concerning Route 302 has flooded twice now and not just that it could as the report had indicated. Chairman Chandler commented that after Dachroeden's visit he was a little more encouraged.

Dissanayake requested a copy of this site report. It was decided to forward a copy to Angela Huertas of the Saco Ad Hoc Committee and she would see that the other members receive a copy. A hard copy was also provided William Abbott, Executive Director and Rick Jenkinson of the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust met with the Selectmen concerning the change of use permit for a logging yard that was submitted to the Selectmen for the former Ware property off of East Branch Road. Chairman Chandler informed them they were all set. However, for a parking lot they will need to know what the dimensions are, how many parking spaces, an estimate of how many cars and what the setbacks are. Jenkinson showed a plan but there were no dimensions on it. Chairman Chandler also stated that the Road Agent, Travis Chick, will need to take a look at the driveway to see if it meets the town's driveway requirements. Chairman Chandler requested that they get the requested information back to them and the Selectmen would take a look at it next week. Lynn Jones, AA, also reminded them that they needed to check with the Lower Bartlett Water Precinct as they have their own regulations and we don't enforce those, we just let you know you have to also get their approval.

Chester Hooper (1RTE-16A-160-R00) came to see about a building permit application he had submitted to build three more cabins. Chairman Chandler let him know that he was all set. Hooper brought up that he needs to get a tree cut at the request of the fire chief as they are going to be burning the old building. Chairman Chandler reminded him that he has to maintain the green area. Hooper stated that he isn't changing anything and will be putting in shrubs. Hooper also mentioned that his sign seems to be an issue with the Selectmen and he checked the Bartlett Zoning Ordinance and he doesn't need a building permit to maintain the sign. He doesn't know why the Selectmen don't go after all the political signs. Selectman Patch explained that we can't do anything about them as they are governed by the State.

Chairman Chandler inquired if we had received anything in writing from the Planning Board in reference to the decision on the Verizon Wireless cell tower placement at the Allen gravel pit (2RT302-60-R00). We have not. McEnaney (Planning Board member) stated that it was approved. Chairman Chandler stated that he can't speak for anyone else but he is going to appeal the decision. McEnaney said that they took into consideration the letters the Planning Board had received from the Selectmen. McEnaney explained that they were trying to obtain the best signal and they did consider the Glen Fire Station which would make it shorter but more visible. They also considered putting it on the ridge but that created an environmental issue if it fell over. This tower will be more like a pine tree, has a safe fall line, photos were taken and it was only slightly visible. Cpl. MacMillan mentioned to the Planning Board that there are dead spaces in town. Chairman Chandler stated that the biggest dead space was on Stanley's Hill and here and this tower isn't going to help this area at all.

Selectman Garland informed McEnaney that she recently received a complaint concerning the Planning Board. McEnaney requested that she put it in writing to the Chairman of the Board.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 05:10 PM to enter nonpublic session per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) for a personnel issue. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. (Sec. Medeiros was requested to leave the meeting and Lynn Jones, AA took over taking the minutes.)

The Selectmen signed checks, building permits, and correspondence during the course of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 05:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.