

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: May 7, 2018

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Vicki Garland

Visitors: Kevin McEnaney, Brian Otis, Barry Trudeau, Jody Ludgate, Anita Burroughs, Darlene Ference, Bob Ference

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:35 PM.

Police Chief Christopher Keaton introduced Richard Laferriere as the newest full time police officer for the department. He has worked for the past five years at the Wakefield Police Department as both an Officer and a detective. Selectman Garland inquired if he was familiar with the schools project alert program. Laferriere replied no but they had a similar program in the Wakefield school that taught resistance skills. Chairman Chandler inquired as to when he would be available to start work. Laferriere could start May 14<sup>th</sup>. The Selectmen agreed to have the Town Clerk swear him in on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. Selectman Garland inquired when he would be able to be on his own. Chief Keaton replied as soon as he has learned the area. McEnaney inquired about the type of crimes there are in Wakefield. Laferriere replied the same as every town but the opioid crisis isn't as bad as other places due to the population. McEnaney inquired if he was trained in the use of narcans. Laferriere replied not thru the police department but he is thru the ambulance department and even then it is not a guarantee. Selectman Garland inquired if he has a place to live in the area. Laferriere replied that he does own a house in Effingham. Selectman Patch inquired if he is planning on moving closer to Bartlett. Laferriere replied that he was.

Chief Keaton informed the Selectmen that he had been given 84 cases of water and that he had distributed it to the fire, highway, police, town clerk and the Selectmen's office.

Angela Huertas and Val Rothen of the Saco River Flood Ad Hoc Committee met with the Selectmen to see how the walk of the rivers that had flooded went. Chairman Chandler let them know that it went well. Huertas inquired as to what the next step is. Chairman Chandler stated that we have to see what FEMA will provide funds for. Rothen thinks that if the culverts on Cobb Farm road and River Street were given some attention that it would help when we get rain. Selectman Patch explained that the highway department tries to clean out as many as they can. Huertas inquired if they could get bigger culverts put in. Selectman Patch explained that ditches and the road determine the size of the culvert. Rothen inquired if the Selectmen would post the written report that the town will receive from FEMA. Chairman Chandler replied that it would be posted on the web site as well as in the post offices.

Kevin McEnaney inquired about the status of the change of use permit for Christmas Mountain Rec. Club (2RT016-182-REC) and if anything else needed to be done. Selectman Garland stated that he doesn't need to do anything as it is all approved. McEnaney stated that he had been approached by the Bartlett Recreation Director, Annette Libby, about the children using it as a donation in kind.

Chairman Chandler mentioned that the Town Clerk/Tax Collector needs an updated letter authorizing her to take prepayments for taxes. Selectman Patch commented that he is fine with taking money. The Selectmen signed the authorization.

Jim Innes, District Ranger, (US Forest Service-Saco Ranger District) met with the Selectmen to discuss the following: 1.) Ski project 2.) Roads 3.) General updates. Innes stated that he is aware that Chairman Chandler has concern about rescues involved with back country skiing but that falls under the Fish & Game department. Chairman Chandler replied you know we will be responding as Fish & Game are very busy.

Chairman Chandler is concerned about where cars are going to be parking and the size of any proposed parking lot. After all look at the issues they had at the parking lot at Doublehead and that wasn't even an advertised area. He would like to receive a detailed map that shows this as cars can't park along the road during the winter parking ban months. Innes said that the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust is working on the parking. Selectman Garland inquired about the plowing of the lot. Chairman Chandler replied that the lot would be on private property so they would be responsible for that. He is however concerned about the East Branch Road not being equipped to handle this additional traffic. Innes doesn't feel this is a big concern as skiers would only be using the trails on fluffy snow days which is not many in a winter season. Chairman Chandler feels the public should have been notified. Innes stated that they did meet with the abutters; they have done a streamland analysis as well as trail construction has been done. Chairman Chandler commented "and a lot of illegal cutting done". Chairman Chandler again requested a detailed map.

Innes moved on to discuss the roads: Jericho Road (Rocky Branch Road), East Branch and Sawyer River Road. The Rocky Branch River is changing very much. The road sustained numerous road washouts and flanking of both abutments on the bridge crossing the river. Numerous slope failures have occurred providing a huge sediment supply to the river. Selectman Patch commented that because of sediment that the October 30<sup>th</sup> storm wasn't as bad as tropical storm Irene had been but it did as much damage. Innes explained that since the added sediment that the river can gain access to the banks and root systems easier than in normal conditions. Per the geomorphologist study they are looking at two options: 1.) reconstruct the road way and bridge or 2.) (Preferred option) remove the bridge and all culvert drainage structure and construction dips. Place large wood on the floodplain and decommissioned roadway. Chairman Chandler suggested that since the State will be doing work on the Rocky Branch that the geomorphologists might want to get together to figure the best solutions out. Innes will mention it.

Innes stated that the East Branch road is still closed.

The Sawyer River will be the first place they work on as they need to replace the culvert and raise the road so they are doing an emergency expedite form.

Chairman Chandler inquired if they are still keeping the Sawyer River picnic area opened. Innes replied that they were.

Chairman Chandler inquired if they were doing anything to Allen Road as it is in rough shape. Innes wasn't aware of it but will check it out.

Innes informed the Selectmen that they have done work on the inside of the house in Bartlett village that belongs to the experimental forest and now they are planning on working on the outside of it. They have soldiers that live there from time to time as they do their 180 day internship there. They are taught everything the forest service does in hopes they might like to work for them. Chairman Chandler inquired if they could be taught search and rescue. Innes replied that is a possibility.

Chairman Chandler inquired if they were doing work on the overlooks on Bear Notch Road. Innes replied that they were planning on burning them this year.

Chairman Chandler announced that on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 02:00 PM there is a meeting scheduled at New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services in Concord concerning the old dump located on the Iovino property (5VILLG-MAI-380). Selectman Garland inquired if Chairman Chandler was going to be attending. Chairman Chandler replied that he is planning to.

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

There being no further items to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 05:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.