

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: September 24, 2018

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Vicki Garland

Visitors: Kevin McEnaney, Barry Trudeau, Judy Ludgate, Ann

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:30 PM.

Bob King, Bartlett Emergency Manager, met with the Selectmen in reference to getting the updated Bartlett & Harts Location, NH Multi Jurisdictional Emergency Operations Plans adopted and signed by them. This plan is good for five years and a hard copy is at the Selectmen's office. The Selectmen did sign the necessary forms. Mr. King also advised the Selectmen that he is not going to do this in five years and perhaps they should consider giving the next Emergency Manager a stipend.

Mr. King has received a letter from the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management of a funding opportunity for the FEMA FFY2018 Flood Mitigation Assistance Program. He is going to follow up on this to see if Bartlett qualifies and to see what is involved to sign up.

Patsy Rogerson and Angela Huertas of the Saco River Ad Hoc Committee met with the Selectmen to see if there was anything new. Chairman Chandler replied no. Rogerson wanted to know if there is any way to get them to move forward as we need to push ahead and get the channels cleaned out before we get another October rain storm as the whole river has changed. Rogerson would like to have the cobble pulled out and used to fix the berm. Chairman Chandler replied that we are waiting for FEMA to approve so there is nothing else we can do. Rogerson inquired about the berm (dugway) if we can put in a proposal as a package and not individual areas. Chairman Chandler stated that we are waiting for engineers report. Rogerson inquired about the disc that was done by using the drone. Chairman Chandler replied that we sent the disc to FEMA but will call and see if we can obtain another copy. Selectman Garland informed everyone that on 60 Minutes they had a whole production on the flooding issues. Huertas mentioned that FEMA is probably busy with North Carolina. Chairman Chandler replied that we have been and are still reaching out to FEMA to get some assistance.

Sean Lorway and Bill Duggan met with the Selectmen concerning the Kearsarge Peg Mill (5VILLG-KEA-210) that was destroyed by fire. Lorway has been using the lot to park his trucks and to saw/split wood. He is considering purchasing the property and is wondering if it is still considered as zoned as an Industrial site. Selectman Patch thought it was grandfathered. Chairman Chandler replied that if the owners hadn't filed a letter within a year then it isn't grandfathered which would be unfortunate. (The file was checked and no letter was filed and it has been two years) Lorway inquired if he could build on the lot as there is seven acres with frontage on Kearsarge and Mill Street. Selectman Patch stated that he would be allowed three dwellings on a driveway. If he subdivided he would need the frontage and it would now be considered a PUD. Lorway inquired about the taxes as the land is valued at \$150,000.00 and the remaining buildings at \$300,000.00 which seems high.

Duggan mentioned that there is an RSA that states that if there is a fire or flood that there is a readjustment on property taxes. Selectman Garland inquired if he checked to see if it had gone down from previous years. Lorway stated that it is assessed pretty heavily. Lorway also started speaking about the water bill. Chairman Chandler replied that the Town has nothing to do with the water. Selectman Garland inquired if he was thinking of putting houses on the lot or just what was he planning to do. Lorway replied that he would still like to run his business at the lot and start cleaning it up. He would like to build two or three houses which he would sell to help pay for everything. Selectman Garland inquired if he was paying rent for the use of the property now. Lorway stated that he doesn't pay rent as he has a gentlemen's agreement to keep an eye on the property. Lorway inquired if he would need to get the soil tested before he built anything. Selectman Patch replied no. Lorway stated that he is still curious about the value. Chairman Chandler informed him that the cell tower itself is valued at \$265,000.00 so that is most of the value. Lorway replied that he had been told that the cell tower had been deeded out. (A copy of the property card was given to him) Chairman Chandler said that if it has been deeded out we are not aware of it and have not received any documentation on it. Lorway inquired again about if the property changed hands would he have to have the soil tested. Chairman Chandler replied no. Selectman Garland inquired if he bought the property and built a house on it would he want the soil tested? Lorway replied yes. Selectman Patch reminded him that to do fire wood that he would need to get a special exception per the Bartlett Zoning Ordinance. Duggan inquired if that would be doable. Selectman Patch replied yes. Lorway replied that he would mostly just be parking his vehicles there. Lorway inquired if the zoning reverted back to Town Residential A would the value change. Chairman Chandler stated that since the cell tower was most of the value so he doesn't think it would be much different. Chairman Chandler suggested that when he gets ready to write something up and the Selectmen would take a look at it.

Duggan inquired if there was any status on the Rocky Branch River repairs. Selectman Garland replied that there was no status on anything as we are waiting on FEMA.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 04:50 PM to enter nonpublic session for 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 to end the nonpublic session at 05:15 PM. 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 05:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Medeiros, Sec.