

Town of Bartlett
Office of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Attendees: Chairman Gene Chandler, Selectman Vicki Garland, August Vincent

Meeting opened at 3:28 p.m.

Chairman Chandler led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town appointed auditor, Becky Jefferson, attended the meeting to present her results of the audit she conducted for the year 2021. Mrs. Jefferson recommends that the town fully automate financial records. Otherwise she found all funds between the various departments matched and balanced with no irregularities. Chairman Chandler thanked Mrs. Jefferson and reminded her the filing period to run for town auditor is in January.

Selectman Garland made a motion to accept the audit report completed by Mrs. Jefferson. Selectman Vincent seconded the motion. Roll call vote GGC – yes, VLG – yes, ADV - yes

Jason Thibodeau from 271 US Route 302 (2RT302-133-LOO) attended the meeting to discuss the issue regarding the height of the house currently under construction. Mr. Thibodeau received a letter from the town letting him know the structure appeared to exceed the zoning limit of 38' in height. Mr. Thibodeau engaged Burke York of York Land Services LLC to measure the building. Mr. Thibodeau shared those results with the selectmen. Chairman Chandler stated the information would be given to Burr Phillips, Civil Solutions, to verify the information on behalf of the town. Mr. Thibodeau asked for clarification regarding reference to the floodplain in one of the letters received from the town. Administrative Assistant Lynn Jones said she would have to review the letter to let him know what he needed to do. There was conversation regarding the difficulties Mr. Thibodeau has encountered since purchasing the lot. He has had people upset with him for closing access to a swimming spot on the Saco River. Selectman Garland let Mr. Thibodeau know that we have received complaints also and that they have continued to support his rights to limit access to his property. There was conversation regarding Mr. Thibodeau's continued work on the property after being given written notice to cease work due to the height issue. Mr. Thibodeau will have crews stop working until the height issue is resolved, other than the closing of the vent hole on the roof which he can do to prevent damage.

Dan Lucchetti and Julia Silvia from HEB Engineers attended the meeting to discuss permitted uses as he works with his client at 1RT016-203-LOO. The current plan is a family entertainment center to consist of golf simulators, arcade, bowling alley, driving range and bar) Chairman Chandler told Mr. Lucchetti that the selectmen would review the request and send him a formal letter letting him know which items would be allowed and which would be denied so he could apply to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) for a variance or Appeal from Administrative Decision, if his client wants to, since the ordinance does not specifically list "Family Entertainment Center" as a permitted use.

Chairman Chandler announced there will be a meeting of the Bartlett Jackson Ambulance committee on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 4:30pm at the Jackson Town Offices in Jackson. Immediately following the ambulance meeting there will be a meeting of the Bartlett Jackson Transfer Station committee in the same location.

Selectman Vincent has been reviewing the expenses of the facility in Glen housing the Bartlett Fire Dept and the Bartlett Jackson Ambulance. He is suggesting that it might be time to review the expenses solely covered by the Town of Bartlett. He is suggesting that some of these expenses may need to be shared by the Bartlett Jackson Ambulance now that the ambulance is utilizing the facility

more due to the increase in demand of services. This will be discussed next month at the Bartlett Jackson Ambulance meeting.

Sheila Duane of AMSCO came to discuss the denial from the ZBA for a waiver regarding the retaining wall that was built in the setback of lot 3 on Vale Way (3ATTDV-UND-oD3). The homeowner is going to remove the area wall that is nonconforming. This work is scheduled to be completed in the next few days. Ms. Duane is looking to get the as built septic plan test pit signed off on by the town so the homeowner may get their inspection scheduled and then be able to backfill the septic system so it won't be damaged any further. Ms. Duane left payment in the amount of \$5000.00 as surety that the work is completed so the test pit can be approved and will send pictures as soon as the work is complete. As soon as the pictures are received confirming the compliance of the setback requirements, the septic plans will be signed so they can be submitted to the NH DES. Chairman Chandler asked about what they were doing on Lot 2 where the retaining wall continues from Lot 3 that is also in violation. Ms. Duane state she has not been able to make contact with that lot's owner yet, but will get back to us.

Selectmen received a letter from George and Karen Weigold. The Weigolds requested that the letter be read into the minutes. The full letter is attached to these minutes. Chairman Chandler had requested Police Chief Keaton attend the meeting to discuss their concerns, but Chief Keaton was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. Chairman Chandler will discuss the situation with Chief Keaton and respond via letter to the Weigolds.

Selectman Vincent made a motion at 5:10 p.m. to enter nonpublic session for a personnel issue per NH RSA 91 – A:3 II (a). Selectman Garland seconded the motion.
Roll call vote GGC – yes, VLG – yes, ADV – yes

Selectman Vincent made a motion at 5:50 p.m. to end the nonpublic session and seal the minutes. Selectman Garland seconded the motion.
Roll call vote GGC –yes, VLG – yes, ADV – yes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Miller
Secretary

Permits Approved:

Date	Owner Name	Map/Parcel	Type of permit
11/8/2022	Jaxon Properties LLC	1RT16A-195-L02	Special Event
	Ledge Brewing	15 Town Hall Rd	MWV Ice Fest
11/16/2022	Ledge View Lodges LLC	1RT016-145-L00	Construction – house
		US Route 16/302	
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11/16/2022	Bruce Schwartzman	3ROLRG-509-000	Construction – shed
		182 Rolling Ridge Rd	

Items signed:

Accounts Payable Checks
Payroll Checks
One driveway permit follow up letter
Employment application letter
Letter regarding textile recycling at the transfer station

November 14, 2022

Town of Bartlett, Office of Selectmen

56 Town Hall Road

Intervale, NH 03845

Re: Written Complaint

Dear Selectmen:

On Saturday, November 12, 2022, between 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. off the junction of Covered Bridge Lane and Forest Road 369 (formerly Rick's Road) in the National Forest, we were walking along the river bank about 150 feet south and parallel to the road with our daughter's dog. A vehicle entered the road from Covered Bridge Lane heading west. The vehicle stopped parallel to us and we could see that it was a police SUV. After approximately a minute, the vehicle continued west.

We continued walking west through the woods. Ten minutes later we turned to head back and we heard multiple gunshots from the direction the cruiser had just gone. We immediately feared for the police officer's safety and called 911. We explained where we were and we were transferred to, we believe, a Bartlett dispatcher. In a not too serious voice, the dispatcher said that the Bartlett police were just target shooting. It was well after dark when we heard the gunshots.

We were relieved that the officer(s) was not in mortal danger. As we contemplated the situation, we were frustrated. It was a Saturday night of a holiday weekend and the safety of Bartlett citizens, guests and adjoining towns should be of the utmost importance to the department. In our opinion, it was negligent that the officer(s) was that far out in the woods on a road that is barely passable and having target practice. The road is a class 2 Forest Service road, the lowest usable road in the FS inventory and is intended for high axle vehicles only.

On a busy Saturday night, the potential for accidents, fires, domestic disturbances, drunk drivers and other 911 calls is heightened especially since we are a tourist town and our population fluctuates dramatically. We have lived in the immediate vicinity of this road for many years and have rarely seen Bartlett police or any other police department on this road.

Why did this happen? We would like to know the name of the officer or officers involved. Did the officer(s) go out on his own volition or was he directed by the Chief of Police or was the police department directed by some third party? We have a problem believing that anyone would direct officers to go out in the woods in the dark for target practice. This is putting the town at risk by sending officers deep in the woods for an activity that was done elsewhere in the past.

Correspondence by email and signed written letter:

Please address this issue and we request that you enter your response and this email and signed hand delivered letter in the minutes of your next Selectmen's meeting on November 16, 2022.

Very truly yours,

George & Karen Weigold

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Glen, NH 03838