

Town of Bartlett
Office of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Attendees: Chairman Gene Chandler, Selectman Vicki Garland, Selectman Ronald Munro

Meeting opened at 4:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attorney Robert Ducharme and Bill Foss, President of the Grand Summit Condo Owners Association came to discuss possible solutions to the shared issue of some Grand Summit owners not paying their taxes to the town and also not paying their dues to the association. Atty Ducharme and Mr. Foss have identified 28 owners who owe both back taxes and dues. Town Clerk/Tax Collector Cheryl Nealley has identified more than 80 owners who owe back taxes. Atty Ducharme is looking for the selectmen to take the deeds for these 28 properties and sell them at auction. The Grand Summit Owners Association would agree prior to the sale to purchase the units at a minimum cost. If another buyer would like to purchase the unit, then they may do so by bidding on them. Selectman Garland inquired if the town would be liable for the accumulated dues if a unit was taken for tax deed. Atty Ducharme stated the law requires those dues to be cancelled if taken for tax deed. New dues would start accumulating from the date the tax deed is filed. Atty Ducharme recommends the tax deeds be recorded the day prior to a tax auction. It was agreed that TC/TC Nealley will calculate the current balance owed in taxes, interest and penalties for the 28 units identified by the Grand Summit Owners Association once the list is provided to her. Once this information is received, Atty Ducharme will develop a proposal for the selectmen to review with the town's legal counsel.

John Difeo and David Publicover came to the meeting representing the Bartlett Village Station Feasibility Committee to gather information and discuss plans with the selectmen. Mr. Difeo and Mr. Publicover shared areas that have been explored regarding the village station. Mr. Difeo questioned what happens next year if funds are needed. Chairman Chandler explained that the funds for the study of the station were raised through a warrant article and the selectmen can vote to carry those funds over. This has not happened yet, but should at a future meeting. Maintenance of the building was discussed. All parties agree that maintenance is critical, but it has been delayed while the feasibility committee conducted research. Mr. Difeo and Mr. Publicover will continue to gather data and present a request for their next steps to the selectmen in the future.

Selectman Munro made a motion to allow the fire department to donate the items on the list provided to the selectmen to the Bartlett Fire Fighters Association for fundraising except for the 13 street lamps. Selectman Garland seconded the motion.

Roll call vote GGC – yes, VLG – yes, RTM – yes

The town received an email from Peter Glenshaw, VP for Member Engagement for NH Electric Cooperative regarding a letter of support for their application to the Broadband Matching Grants Initiative (BMGI) as established under NH RSA 12-O:61-63 in order to provide funding to expand broadband to under served areas of Bartlett.

Selectman Munro made a motion to support the NH Electric Cooperative in its effort to secure funding to provide under served areas of the Town of Bartlett with high-speed broadband through the Broadband Matching Grants Initiative (BMGI) as established under NH RSA 12-O:61-63.

Selectman Garland seconded the motion.

Roll call vote GGC – yes, VLG – yes, RTM – yes

The Selectmen stated that they feel that the NH Electric Cooperative will take all the necessary steps to insure that the BMGI provider is technically and financially capable of meeting the obligations of the Funds. It was also noted that the Town of Bartlett currently has a board member on the Carroll County Communications District Committee which is also exploring expanding broadband service in Carroll County. However, we have not received any details of the specific project yet.

AA Jones mentioned that the tax rate was set on November 29, 2023. The warrant was signed on December 1, 2023 for the collection of the 2023 property taxes in the total amount of \$11,058,640.00. The overall rate without precincts went from \$4.97 to \$5.16 for an increase of \$0.19. Selectmen noted that

although the town's portion went down \$0.28 and the local school remained the same, the county rate went up \$0.10 and the State education tax went up \$0.37. Precincts also saw an increase. Information can be found on the town's website.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 5:47 p.m. to enter nonpublic session for a legal item per NH RSA 91 – A:3 II (I). Selectman Munro seconded the motion.

Roll call vote GGC – yes, VLG – yes, RTM – yes

Selectman Garland made a motion at 6:07 p.m. to end the nonpublic session and seal the minutes.

Selectman Munro seconded the motion. Roll call vote GGC –yes, VLG – yes, RTM – yes

Selectman Garland made a motion to approve the minutes of 11/15/2023. Selectman Munro seconded the motion. Roll call vote GGC – yes, VLG – yes, RTM – yes

The next meeting of the selectmen will be on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 4:00 pm following the Bartlett Jackson Ambulance Committee meeting starting at 3:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Miller
Secretary

Permits Approved:

Date	Owner Name	Map/Parcel	Type of permit
11/27/2023	Gerald/Elizabeth Hughes	1RT16A-161-H17 17 Farm at NE Inn	Change of use – enclose porch
11/27/2023	Gary Bardsley	5COBRD-35-RWo 77 Cobb Farm Rd	Construction – renew garage
11/28/2023	Steve/Linda Dean 241 Rt 16/302 Hldngs	1RT016-118-Loo 241 NH Route 16/302	Change of use – motel renovation
12/1/2023	AMSCO	5STLNG-A10 Stanton Farm Rd	Driveway Permit
12/5/2023	Diyavansh LLC	3RT302-309-Roo 1126 US Route 302	Construction – renovate motel rooms
12/5/2023	Honu LLC Makai LLC	2RT302-38-Roo NH Route 302	Construction – renew 2 nd home
12/5/2023	Jeff Senecal	2LNDRH-197-000 22 Munchen Place	Construction – Generator

Items signed:

Accounts Payable Checks

Payroll Checks

Letter – Dump Store Response – Whittemore

Letter – Culvert Response – Keogh – 2LNDRH-181-000

Letter – Notice of Deficiency – Believe in Books Literacy Foundation

Letter – Plowing snow across town roads – Buttonwood Inn

Letter – Plowing snow across town roads – Mark Mitchell

Letter – Driveway Permit Denial – JEM Realty Trust

Letters – Lower Bartlett Water Precinct – Keogh Information and Sewer Project Information