

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: 06-08-12

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland

Absent: David Patch

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:45 AM.

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 08:50 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a request for aid under NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Selectman Garland made a motion at 09:00 AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Chairman Chandler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Selectmen placed a call to the town attorney to discuss legal issues.

Alexander Kobilansky of 25 Rocky Hollow Lane (2ALLEN-15-0) met with the Selectmen in reference to the Rocky Branch River severely eroding several yards into the bank upstream from his house. This had been a wooded elevated ground that protected the house last fall, however, with any heavy rain now it is likely to cause the river to fork and wipe out his house. Selectman Garland stated that Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has spoken to his neighbor E. Limmer, who lives just above him, about river issues and doing small projects there as his banking is also of concern. NRCS has looked at the river and are very familiar with the area. Chairman Chandler suggested that he contact NRCS and gave him their telephone number as well as the numbers for a couple of engineers that may be able to assist him. Selectman Garland explained that these river projects are very expensive and if he could go through NRCS that perhaps he could obtain 75% funding from them which would leave him with 25% to pay out of pocket. Kobilansky inquired as to how much money are we talking about. Selectman Garland explained that he couldn't guess but it is always a lot. Chairman Chandler reminded him that he has to have state permits and that NRCS would look at the project and guide him as to what has to be done and if they can assist. Selectman Garland placed a call to Debra Eddison, Soil Conservationist for NRCS, and explained to her the situation. They agreed to meet with Kobilansky on Monday and look at the area of concern and to check to see if there was any more funding available. Selectman Garland requested that the Selectmen be kept informed of what is going on.

Fire Chief, L. Patrick Roberts came in to discuss the following:

- 1.) He would like to purchase a couple of new portable radios. One of the radios was damaged beyond repair when it fell out of one of the firemen's pockets and was run over by the fire truck. Roberts stated that the cost of the radio is \$2040.00 and we have a \$1,000.00 insurance deductible. He would like to purchase a replacement radio for that one. He would also like to purchase a newer style radio that has more wattage which would enable him to better communicate with places like Attitash and Storyland, and it would help with the dead spots that we have in town. Roberts would put his portable in stock and take the newer radio. The

newer radio will cost around \$3800.00. The Selectmen had concerns with the price and why we needed this type of radio, but in the end they gave Roberts permission to buy the two radios.

- 1.) The second item Roberts discussed is water rescue and the need for flotation's/helmets/training, etc. Chairman Chandler explained that the Selectmen have briefly discussed this and they aren't sure they want to go down this road as it leads to purchasing boats, etc. and right now we do have neighboring towns that are already equipped for this and could lend us mutual aid if necessary. Roberts would like to get his people trained in case we have another tropical storm Irene. Lynn Jones, AA, reminded Roberts that it would be impossible to be prepared for every emergency. The Selectmen will discuss the issue further when they have a full board.
- 2.) Selectman Garland has concerns of Roberts taking on this new responsibility of notifying people every time it rains that the river may rise. There are organizations such as USGS that notify people who are in low lying areas if they want to sign up to be notified.
- 3.) Roberts stated that there is an employment fair standards act class in Concord on Thursday and he would be interested in attending. The Selectmen informed Roberts that they have already spoken to the attorney about Roberts's questions about employment and have an answer for him so he really doesn't need to attend this class. Jones will provide the attorneys answers to Roberts.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.