

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: April 13, 2012

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, David Patch

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

Gary Chandler of Lower Bartlett Water Precinct met with the Selectmen in reference to the building permit application they had submitted for an office at 2 RT302-17-R00 (Fernandez property). Chairman Chandler went over with Chandler the information that was needed, such as parking spaces, etc. Gary Chandler provided the necessary information and the Selectmen approved the building permit.

The Selectmen placed a call at 08:50 AM to the town's attorney to discuss a legal issue.

Josh McAllister, P.E. of H. E. Bergeron Engineers, Inc. discussed with the Selectmen the issues at the Saco River berm. Chairman Chandler inquired if FEMA was going to help with the berm. McAllister stated that he is waiting for the project worksheets for these projects to be completed as we have to wait to see what it says before we can ask for a hearing. Selectman Garland commented that this is very discouraging news as when the berm was first worked on they knew that it was temporary work with the permanent work to be done later. McAllister stated that part of the problem is that they are seeing this as two projects when it isn't. Chairman Chandler has a concern that we have been paying money for McAllister's engineering of the project as we were under the perception that everything is all set and we presented that to the voters that way and now it appears that is not the case. Selectman Garland stated that we budgeted this thru a warrant article and the berm has to be fixed. McAllister will be reviewing everything this week as the project can be built but the issue is if there is any funding available. McAllister also stated that Mike Poirier of DOS had suggested that we wait until the project worksheet is completed as he doesn't believe that FEMA understands the magnitude of this project. Selectman Garland commented that people living on River Street are under the illusion that this is a done deal so if McAllister thinks it will help to have the Selectmen write a letter to whomever can help get this project approved they would be more than willing to do so. McAllister stated that they also thought it was all set but if the project worksheet comes back at zero then we have to get everyone together to fight this. McAllister stated that he may drive to Boston next week to see if they have any questions he can answer and perhaps get an answer quicker. Chairman Chandler stated that we can get the congressional people involved if we need to. Selectman Garland stated that the berm needs to be done first and the bridge second. McAllister stated that it is really all one project. Chairman Chandler inquired if the bridge would be closed to one lane or would a temporary bridge be put in. McAllister replied that they will review the contract as soon as funding comes thru and they will need to get the information to DOT. Chairman Chandler stated that we need to make sure that at least one lane is open in case of an emergency. Selectman Garland mentioned that there are two scored abutments on the bridge. McAllister stated that they need to at least put the bridge back to the original condition if there is no funding. McAllister went on to explain that there were some

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questions on the benefit cost analysis which he hopes that when he goes to Boston he can answer to get this expedited. McAllister also mentioned that the dates for completion of the project will be pushed back now; however, they may get better competitive prices if the work is done during the winter. McAllister gave the bridge proposal work to the Selectmen for them to review.

McAllister informed the Selectmen that he would be walking Cow Hill Road today with Road Agent, Travis Chick, to see how the road weathered the winter and where we are to go from here. He is only aware of one ground water issue and he is trying to figure out how to correct this. He believes that there is about 1000' of road left to do.

Road Agent, Travis Chick, met with the Selectmen to discuss the following:

- 1.) There is about 300' of Jinks Hill Road that needs to be dug out and have gravel put in. Chick had done up some cost estimates on having the gravel (that was taken from the Saco, that we have stock piled) screened to be used for these repairs and these were given to the Selectmen to review. Selectman Garland inquired if it would be about a one day project for the screening and a two day trucking project. Chick replied that they should be able to do that. Chairman Chandler inquired if they could pick out what is over 6". Chick replied no not very well. Chairman Chandler stated that the Selectmen would look at this further.
- 2.) Chick informed the Selectmen that he is having Coleman work up a price for the gravel. Chairman Chandler inquired how many yards of the gravel would we get for free if we did an exchange with Coleman. Chick didn't know.
- 3.) Chick stated that the hot water heater in the garage is leaking. The Selectmen agreed that Selectman Patch would look into getting prices for an on demand heater.
- 4.) Chick informed the Selectmen that there are two culverts on Allen Road that have failed and on Tuesday he is planning on replacing them. He will have to rent a backhoe as ours is still at the shop being repaired.
- 5.) Chairman Chandler requested that Chick take a look at a culvert on Rolling Ridge Road that he believes needs some attention.
- 6.) Selectman Garland requested that Chick take a look at the large pile of tar that is in the bamboos on River Street and see if he can clean it up. Chick will take a look at this with Selectman Garland.

Lynn Roberts met with the Selectmen to put his resignation in as a member of the Bartlett Zoning Board of Adjustment and as Treasurer of the Glen Cemetery Association due to his failing health. Roberts informed the Selectmen that Trevor and Lucas Limmer of Limbs to Lawn had bought Dennis Wiggin of Dennis Lawn Care out who was doing the upkeep at the cemetery. The Limmer boys had been doing the work for Wiggin and are very familiar with what needs to be done at the cemetery. The Selectmen were fine with them continuing to do the work. Roberts also stated that he lost all the cemetery records when his house got flooded by tropical storm Irene, but he did go to the bank and get some of the records back. He stated that there are a total of three accounts. He will get the records together and call when they are ready so that someone can pick them up.

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Selectman Patch made a motion at 10:20 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a request for aid under NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Chairman Chandler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Garland made a motion at 10:30 AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Selectmen telephoned their legal counsel and discussed a legal matter.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.