

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes: December 2, 2013
Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland
Absent: David Patch

Meeting opened at 03:30 PM.

Carroll County Sheriff Domenic Richardi and Deputy Rich Young met with the Selectmen. Richardi stated that they support Chief Connifey and they did have an issue in the past involving an accident but that is all set now. Chairman Chandler mentioned that we are having some scheduling problems and was wondering if the Sheriffs department would think about maybe a shift once a week up here in the north that would be coordinated with Jackson for the evening hours. Richardi stated that his people are scheduled until 11PM and then are on call, but in a pinch perhaps something could be arranged either with the Sheriffs department or the State Police. Richardi explained that some of the smaller towns don't have police departments so they cover those towns. Chairman Chandler stated then you don't have the capability to do this. Richardi stated that they would do what they can as it is doable. Young stated that the deputies work 7AM – 11PM seven days a week so perhaps they could do a shift from time to time. They do cover Chatham, Harts Location, Albany and Eaton and Albany does subcontract the department. Selectman Garland inquired from Chief Connifey if we cover Harts Location. Connifey stated that we only cover them if we are called to secure the scene until either the Sheriffs Department or the State Police arrive. Chairman Chandler also questioned the protocol on the call out for example a motor vehicle accident as it appears that the fire department is being toned out before the police department. It used to be that the police department was toned out and after they arrive at the scene they make the determination if there are fluids leaking that the fire department should be called. Young stated that the ambulance is called as they quite often need to obtain a sign off from the persons involved. Chairman Chandler stated he understands the ambulance being called but not the fire department before the police department. Richardi will check into this further. Young thanked the Selectmen for their letter of support for them to try to obtain a grant in connection with improvements for their dispatch. Richardi stated that they no longer have use of the tower on Tyrol and they need to look into other alternatives. Selectman Garland replied that he knew they changed over to use wind for the backup but neither Selectman was aware that Tyrol wasn't being used anymore. Chairman Chandler stated that he will find out more about this.

David Shedd stopped in as a follow up of a conversation he had had with Chairman Chandler concerning the spending of \$1000.00 for Headwaters Hydrology for the Morrell Land. Chairman Chandler stated that if we are only building playing fields that he didn't understand why we need this study done. Shedd explained that it doesn't mean we have to move ahead but we will know what we can do.

Police Chief Timothy Connifey met with the Selectmen and requested to enter nonpublic session to discuss a personnel issue. Selectman Garland made a motion at 04:30 PM to enter nonpublic session with Chief Connifey per RSA 91-A-II (a). Chairman Chandler

seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chairman Chandler made a motion at 04:50 PM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Chief L. Patrick Roberts met with the Selectmen to discuss the grant money for a ladder truck. Roberts explained that the town now has to put up more than 5% which will be between \$100,000.00 and \$150,000.00. We have \$50,000.00 so we would need a warrant article for \$100,000.00 which would be contingent upon receiving the grant money. Selectman Garland stated that he is not in favor of getting a ladder truck unless we coordinated with Jackson and purchased it with them. Roberts stated that the grant people don't look favorable in doing that. Chairman Chandler questioned about perhaps thinking of paying something to North Conway to respond. Roberts stated that the town needs a ladder truck. Roberts inquired if he had support for this. Chairman Chandler stated that he wouldn't say until they have had a chance to talk it over with Selectman Patch. Roberts stated that he has to submit the grant by Friday and he has to be able to say what amount the town would be willing to pay. Chairman Chandler and Selectman Garland agreed that they would support \$120,000.00 total which would be the \$50,000.00 that they have and put a warrant article on for \$70,000.00. Roberts is also looking to purchase a new computer and power point projector as the projector isn't working and his computer is running slow. Chairman Chandler stated that he wants to see where we stand with the budget this year before we purchase anything. Roberts would also like to look at an apparatus replacement program. Selectman Garland believes that we need to pool our resources with Jackson for large purchases. He would like to see a Bartlett Jackson Fire Department and when Roberts is off the Jackson fire chief would cover and vice versa. He would like to see the burdens shared and it would help with man power issues. Roberts stated that if one town or the other wasn't toned out and one of the volunteers was hurt that the insurance wouldn't cover them.

The Selectmen will meet with the fire department officers on January 7th at 6 PM to discuss their wish list.

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

Meeting adjourned at 05:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.