

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes: February 15, 2013
Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, David Patch
Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:40 AM.

The Selectmen opened the meeting for the budget review hearing. There was no one in attendance.

The Selectmen worked on finalizing the town report.

James McEwan dropped by the meeting in reference to problems he sees at the school. McEwan mentioned that Mr. H. Villaume got “beat up” when he spoke the truth at the school hearing. McEwan is not as concerned about the money but the education of the students. We used to be ranked 3rd in the world and now we are 30th. Selectman Garland commented that so far he hadn’t heard anything that is a Selectmen issue and he happens to be very proud of our school. McEwan stated again that he is concerned with the education of students. We have some good teachers that have been there for 30 – 40 years and have an exceptional background but they need some younger teachers that have fresh ideas and that don’t cost as much money. McEwan also remarked that the No Child Left Behind isn’t working as the teacher basically teaches to the middle of the class and if a child is at the top of a class the teachers aren’t equipped to teach them and they are totally neglected. The same is true if they are at the low end of the class. McEwan doesn’t feel that a child with autism is being handled properly. He feels that some sort of trust should be set up until they are age 30 which is the age they even out at.

Josh McAllister, P.E., H. E. Bergeron Engineers, Inc. informed the Selectmen that he would be calling Mike Poirier of the NH Department of Safety Homeland Security and Emergency Management today and that he has been working on the close out documents for the River Street Berm project. McAllister stated that he had to have a letter from the Department of Transportation and one from the Selectmen concerning the 1987 River Street Bridge flood and the costs associated with it. He now has the two letters and hopes to obtain approval for the project worksheet. McAllister will meet with the Selectmen next week to further discuss the River Street Bridge project.

The town’s attorney telephoned and discussed legal matters with the Selectmen.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.