

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: June 8, 2015

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Jonathan Hebert

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:30 PM.

Norman Head, Bert George and Phil Franklin of the Bartlett Historical Society met with the Selectmen and gave them a binder with a chronological synopsis of the restoration of the snow roller that was donated to the Bartlett Historical Society by Francis Savard of The Intervale Farm. Norman Head stated that they are hoping to put the snow roller in the July 4th parade and they have arranged for a police escort as the roller frame is 12' x 7' and with the tongue it is 15' long. Chairman Chandler inquired as to where they were considering placing the snow roller. Norman Head replied that the most visible location would be between the Sawyer Rock and the gazebo in the town square. Norman Head stated that the Historical Society would like to consider this a gift to the town and they would like the town to supply an appropriate plaque to recognize this important piece of history. There are two companies that do the testimonial plaque. He was also wondering if Chairman Chandler knew if the State historical had any funds available for a plaque or if they could obtain a State sign such as the one at the Lady Blanche house. Chairman Chandler didn't know but would check into it. Chairman Chandler's only concern was finding the appropriate place for the roller as he wants to make sure that it is in the spot where it is going to go and won't have to keep moving it around. Chairman Chandler inquired if they could place it in the park on boards temporarily to see how everyone felt about it. Phil Franklin stated that they would be concerned about the grass growing around and under it. Norman Head stated that it weighs around 9 thousand pounds and Allen Eastman has offered to move it for them. Selectman Patch inquired if they were going to be able to roll it onto the flat bed truck. Norman Head replied no as the axle is seized. Phil Franklin stated that they would like to find a permanent location for it so they don't have to move it again. Selectman Hebert inquired if they could leave it at the park and ask for suggestions from town's people. Bert George stated that they will have to remove the lawn area, place a weed barrier fabric down, put a layer of ¾" crushed stone, place a number of granite blocks on the gravel situated so the roller rests on them, leaving an adequate air space for ventilation to prevent wood rot. Norman Head inquired if the Selectmen would like them to stake out a spot. Chairman Chandler stated that if they put the flags out again that the Selectmen will each look at the area and get back to them. Norman Head mentioned that the Town of Jackson has a plaque on their snow roller and the plaques cost about \$1000.00. Chairman Chandler stated that we need to find out who makes the historical markers. Bert George inquired if the granite stones were still at the town park. Chairman Chandler replied that he assumed the ones from the hotel were still there. Bert George stated that some were sold. The Selectmen will check it out when they go up to look at the area that is staked out. Phil Franklin stated that the Bartlett Historical Society will commit to maintaining the roller as well as the landing pad keeping the roller in good repair and its place in the park neat and weed free. Norman Head mentioned that David Shedd and Mike Chandler deserve a lot of credit for the restoration of the roller as they really had

some very smart ideas. The Selectmen will get back to the committee after they have checked out the proposed location for the roller.

Selectman Hebert inquired from the other Selectmen if they wanted to discuss the signing of the recreation checks with the Director when she came in. The other two Selectmen were not in favor of it.

Recreation Director, Annette Libby, met with the Selectmen to address a couple of concerns. Libby has been checking out the bouncy tents and the best price for them is in Littleton and that is too far to go. She has telephoned Lucy Hardware three times and hasn’t heard back from them. Libby believes that the number of people who attend the parade this year is going to be down with the parade being an hour earlier than usual (10.00 AM) and people will be attending the Conway bicentennial parade. She is planning on advertising the change in time on face book, in the local paper as well as sending notices home with the school children. What she would like to do is to not have the bouncy tent this year but have two plastic pools filled with shredded paper in them. Each pool will have candy, coins, and other items in them that the children have to reach in and find. She would also like to have someone doing face painting as well as someone making balloon animals. She would also like to have a clown that would greet people and hand out things like a small flag, etc. Chairman Chandler still thinks that the bouncy house is the way to go but as long as she has something for kids to do he is ok with whatever she wants to do. Libby also had checked with other towns and had come up with ten parade rules. The Selectmen reviewed the guideline rules she had come up with. Libby stated she was not in favor of having the rules. Chairman Chandler stated he wasn’t either. Selectman Hebert stated he didn’t ask for any. Selectman Patch remarked that there is no need to make things more difficult. It was decided that at the present time Libby is to just file and hold the rules.

Road Agent, Travis Chick, had notified the Selectmen that as of June 15th that his department would be doing work on Alpstrausse Road and Alpstrausse Loop road. This will consist of changing a culvert and doing some ditch work at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Alpstrausse roads which would require the road to be closed from 7 AM to 3 PM. Traffic will have to use Alpstrausse that comes out across from Perry’s Motel on Route 16A. The Selectmen requested that this information be posted in public places and to be put in the local paper.

The Selectmen also discussed sending a letter to the homeowners on Graz Place notifying them that this summer the Lower Bartlett Water Precinct and the Town of Bartlett would be participating in a joint project to do road improvements in the Linderhof development as part of the Precinct’s water line project. Their driveways will need a culvert and they can either have the town install the 15” culvert for \$400.00 which includes the cost of the culvert and installation or they can hire their own contractor at their expense.

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Brenda Medeiros, Sec. informed the Selectmen that she had received notification that the New Hampshire Retirement has been increased for the employer portion as of July 1st. Not sure of just how much at this time.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 05:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.