

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: April 27, 2015

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Jonathan Hebert

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:30 PM.

Lt. Michael Santuccio of the Carroll County Sheriffs Department who is conducting a background check, for employment purposes, on a prior Bartlett employee presented the Selectmen with a written request and a signed authorization form to look at the personnel file. The Selectmen cooperated with his request.

Chairman Chandler mentioned that he had had a discussion with Ben Brown concerning the roof leaking in the town clerks office. Brown, who is somewhat familiar with the roof since he has done work on the roof before, believes he knows what the problem is. He believes it is in the area of the ridge cap. The Selectmen all agreed to have Brown correct the problem as the town clerk wants to put new carpet in her office and they don't want to put the carpet in until the leak is repaired.

Road Agent Travis Chick had given the Selectmen a list of 15 missing road signs. The Selectmen gave their ok to order the signs.

Electrician Rick Sears met with the Selectmen in reference to the Woodland Pines units that were recently involved in a fire. He has checked out the electrical box in unit 17 which is Ok, unit 18 has little damage, unit 19 a total loss and unit 20 has some serious smoke damage to the panel. He would like to make all the units safer. He is attempting to reenergize the units but there are code violations so he can't reenergize them. He needs to bring them up to code and will have to relocate at least one of the panels as he needs more space. He also mentioned that the correct electrical wire wasn't used in the past and he needs to bring all of that up to code. Selectman Patch inquired as to what he was looking for the Selectmen to do. Sears is concerned about the major code violations. Chairman Chandler stated that you have to do what you have to do to bring the units up to code. Selectman Patch (who also works for NH Electric) stated that just to make him aware that the power is still hot to the sockets. Sears stated that he was aware of this. Selectman Hebert inquired about the rest of the building. Chairman Chandler stated that when the buildings were built (in the late 70's) that they were ok. Selectman Hebert inquired if there were code violation back then. Sears believes that there were. Chairman Chandler commented that there have never been any problems over there. Chairman Chandler inquired if the wiring was what caused the fire. Sears believes that they had a fake fireplace plugged into a receptacle which for some reason didn't trip. Sears inquired if he needed a permit to do his electrical work. Chairman Chandler replied no but when they go to rebuild the unit they will need to obtain a building permit.

Bill Duggan had dropped off a building permit for property at 27 Birch Street (5VILLG-BIR-130) and he wanted to know if it was all set. Chairman Chandler explained that there was some missing information on his application. First the floodplain form hadn't been signed by his engineer. Duggan stated that he had enclosed a copy of the map which shows he isn't in the floodplain and his engineer had looked at the map. Chairman Chandler replied that was fine but we needed the engineer to sign the form. The second issue was that he hadn't signed the form stating he wasn't in the ridgeline. Third is the septic system. Duggan explained that he hadn't installed the septic system as he didn't want to put it in and then find out he didn't meet the building requirements. Duggan inquired if the floodplain maps were done by a satellite in the sky and not by actually leg work on the ground. The Selectmen confirmed that was correct. Chairman Chandler explained that we have to go by all the FEMA regulations as we don't want FEMA to take away the program as a lot of people depend upon the program for their flood insurance. We also want to make sure that we are doing the same for everyone. Duggan inquired as to why the new tax maps that the town had done up weren't available electronically on line. Lynn Jones, AA, stated that these are basic drafts and they do have errors on them. Once the errors are found the maps will be updated and will probably go out on line. Chairman Chandler stated that we were going to sell them but that didn't work out. Duggan was given a letter that explained the items that the Selectmen needed done for him to obtain a building permit.

Chairman Chandler opened the one tax anticipation note bid that was received from Northway bank. The amount requested is \$4,500,000.00 and the interest rate quoted is 1.4%. The Selectmen signed the acceptance of this commitment which will be sent back to the bank.

Chairman Chandler opened the bids for the 2016 police cruiser. The bids were as follows:

- 1.) North Country Ford \$27,356.00
- 2.) MacDonald Motors \$27,839.00
- 3.) Auto Service Group \$27,785.00

Chairman Chandler made a motion to accept the lowest bid of \$27,356.00 from North Country Ford. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Police Chief Janet Champlin met with the Selectmen and went over the following:

- 1.) She and Jackson Police Chief Doug Jette will be hosting an informational meeting on scams and identity theft at the Glen Fire Station this evening at 06:00 PM.
- 2.) She had received a letter from Storyland regarding police escorts to the bank. Storyland is willing to pay \$5,000.00 for this service and she would like to have the offer accepted with the money coming back to the police department. Chairman Chandler stated that can't happen as it has to go into the general fund. Selectman Hebert explained that everything goes into the town fund and is spent on whatever it is needed for. Chairman Chandler stated that we are in an adversary situation with Storyland over taxes and he isn't sure he wants to do them any favors. Selectman Hebert feels that it should be done as it makes it safer

for everyone. Selectman Patch commented that it is more of a help to the local people not the Spanish ones in Texas that own the business. It was decided that they would do the escorts for at least one more year.

- 3.) Champlin has met with Bartlett Principal Joe Voci, Vicki Garland, Victoria Hill concerning the DARE program. They are not for it and they offer another similar program about making good decisions. This program is offered every Thursday and it is evolving and is very productive. It is offered to the sixth grade students and they would be willing to have Officer Shackford help them with the program. Champlin stated that she is willing to do whatever program they want. Chairman Chandler inquired as to why it is offered to the sixth grade. Champlin stated that seems to be the age when they start being influenced by drugs, etc.

The Selectmen are working with the Jackson Selectmen to come up with a date that works for everyone to hold a Bartlett Jackson Ambulance Committee meeting. When a date is confirmed it will be posted for anyone interested in attending.

Chairman Chandler mentioned that they needed to figure out what the rate of pay the volunteer firemen should receive. The Selectmen decided to pay them \$12.00 hourly for the first year and after the completion of the first year the rate would be \$13.00 hourly. They will be discussing further the officer stipends and how they want to handle those.

Selectman Hebert had done follow-up on the Robert and Helene Moschetto (1ALPEN-44-0) drainage complaint on Kristin Lane. Selectman Hebert believes the problem is stemming from the area where the water tank is located. He would like the road agent to check this out. The Selectmen agreed to meet the road agent at that location on May 4<sup>th</sup> to see what kind of a solution they can come up with concerning the drainage issue.

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

Selectmen Hebert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 05:45 PM. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.