

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: February 9, 2015

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, David Patch

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:30 PM.

Lynn Jones, AA updated the Selectmen on the search for the new Police Chief. Applications closed on Friday, February 6, 2015. We received six applications and they were mailed to our consultant, Chief Ed Nolan (retired) on Friday. He will be reviewing them, preparing copies and scheduling the interviews to be done before the review board. Interviews are planned to be held next week for one or two days depending on how many end up being interviewed and everybody's schedules. Jones reported that the process has been going pretty smoothly so far and Nolan has been good to work with on this process.

A Public Hearing was held for the community Development Block Grant for Ragged Mt. Equipment to give an update on the progress of this grant. Rob Nadler and Cort Hansen from Ragged Mt. Equipment and Jac Cuddy from the MWV Economic Council were present. Chairman Gene Chandler opened the Public Hearing at 04:00 PM by reading the following:

1. Progress with the Town's \$120,000 Economic Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award.

Background: On April 9, 2014, the Governor and Executive Council approved the request of the NH Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) to award the Town of Bartlett \$120,000 for the purpose of sub granting \$102,500 to the Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council (MWVEC). With these funds, MWVEC provided a loan of \$100,000 to Ragged Mountain Equipment Inc. and retained \$2,500 for loan delivery costs. Ragged Mountain Equipment used the loan, in conjunction with a loan of \$120,000 from North Country Council, for equipment purchases and working capital. These funds will allow the company to retain 10 specific jobs and create 4 new ones, with an overall Low Moderate Income (LMI) benefit of 86%. The town will retain \$17,500 for administration.

Status: Ragged Mountain Equipment has retained 10 jobs and hired two new full time employees and two part time employees. When all the promised jobs are created (late spring/early summer 2015), the Town of Bartlett will work to close out the CDBG grant in cooperation with the MWVEC Ragged Mountain Equipment and the NH Community Development Finance Authority (NH CDFA).

Chandler asked for any public comment, Seeing none, he continued by reading the following:

2. The status of the CDBG grant and loan.

The total funding package is \$220,000. The North Country Council provided \$120,000 in match loan funding. CDBG assistance provided the balance of \$100,000. The CDBG funding will allow Ragged Mountain Equipment to retain the 10 jobs and hire four new employees.

Chandler asked for public comment. See none, he continued by reading the following:

3. *Any other matters relating to the Town's CDBG Grant award.*

When the promised jobs are created, the Town will work with the NH Community Development Finance Authority to close out the CDBG grant; Once the CDBG grant is officially closed out, the Town will no longer have any further obligations; and The Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council will service the loan and monitor continued grant compliance.

Chandler asked for public comments. There were no comments.

Motion was made by Garland, seconded by Patch to close the Public Hearing. Vote: Public Hearing was closed at 04:05 PM.

Selectmen received a letter of complaint from tenants regarding the condition of their rental house on Kristin Lane. Apparently the tenants moved in last September with the understanding that the landlord was supposed to fix these items but so far has not. Tenants are looking to withhold rent until the items are fixed and have a court date on Wednesday. They would like an inspection by the Town, however, Selectmen need to contact the property owner for permission to enter the property and perform the inspection. Selectmen hope the landlord will take some initiative to resolve the issues once contact is made with him. A letter will be sent to the landlord.

Selectmen continued to review the budget and warrant articles in preparation for the hearing on Thursday, February 12, 2015.

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

Meeting adjourned at 06:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.