

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: June 29, 2015

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Jonathan Hebert

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:30 PM.

Charles and Arlene Zaccaria (2RT016-181-G08) met with the Selectmen in reference to their upcoming Board of Tax and Land Appeal hearing that is being held on Tuesday, July 7th. Chairman Chandler remarked that this may be fruitless but they just wanted to go over it again. Chairman Chandler explained that this all started when the Selectmen received a complaint from their neighbors who claimed that their property values were higher than yours and that you had at least as good a view as they did. We did an inspection and discovered that your view was as equal as anyone else's was. C. Zaccaria stated that the view is nice but it is not pristine as they look at the pumping station. There are people on the ridgeline that not only have more acreage but better views and they pay less in taxes. He went on to say that when Cross Country Appraisers appraised his property he didn't agree with the value they put on his property so he notified them and they lowered the value. However, that only lasted one year and the next year his taxes went back up. Chairman Chandler replied that the overall assessment is in the ball park. If they were to sell the property they could get that amount as it is the fair market value. C. Zaccaria stated he wasn't planning on selling and that they are all over valued, either the properties up above are valued too low or theirs is too high. After all it is not appealing to look at the wires to the pump house. Chairman Chandler commented that we do strive to determine the fair market value and that we will look at those above this year. C. Zaccaria stated that he is sticking to his opinions and doesn't really understand the view tax. They enjoy it here and this is where they want to be but his taxes used to run around \$2400 and now they are almost \$6000 so he disagrees with the Selectmen and is going to fight their decision. He is all ready to go to the hearing on Tuesday. Lynn Jones, AA, inquired as to what value he felt was fair. A. Zaccaria stated \$525,000 which is what Cross Country Appraisers said. Once again C. Zaccaria stated that they have a nice view but not pristine.

Police Chief Janet Champlin introduced Michael Chapman who would like to join the Bartlett Police Department. He is a certified part time officer who would like to be considered for the full time position. He is aware that there are two other people that are vying for the position and that the oral boards will be on July 22nd. The starting pay for Chapman will be \$16.50 per hour and he will be working mostly Friday, Saturday and Sundays. It was agreed that he will be sworn in as a part time officer on July 6th at 03:30 PM.

Chief Champlin also had some updated policies and procedures for the Selectmen to review and sign.

Michael Dunn (1EBRAN-41-R00) had submitted a building permit for a log cabin and stopped by to see if the Selectmen had any questions concerning the application. The Selectmen had him fill in a couple of items and he was informed he was all set.

Dennis Egan stopped in to check on a building permit he had submitted for an addition to a residence on Wild View Drive (1RT16A-101-H14A). Chairman Chandler informed him that he needed to complete the ridgeline form which he did. The other item in question was if they had a kitchen now. Egan stated that they did but it was being removed. The Selectmen had him fill out a form as to what was there before and what will be there after. The Selectmen signed the permit after all paperwork was submitted and reviewed.

Chairman Chandler updated the other Selectmen, after meeting with Gary Chandler of LBWP, as to what was going on concerning the road projects on Skyline Drive and Linderhof. Chairman Chandler explained that on Skyline Drive that they were taking up the pavement, digging 8 inches of gravel up and putting down 2" of hot top. The problem is that the gravel that is on the top isn't too bad but underneath is bad. It was suggested that we add to the existing gravel but it would raise everything up too much and cause problems for driveways. Chairman Chandler recommends that we not do that. The other Selectmen agreed with him. There are some questions concerning the overlay on Linderhof but Gary Chandler, Supervisor, of the Lower Bartlett Water Precinct is on vacation so they will have to ask him for clarification when he gets back.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 05:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.