

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: January 27, 2014

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, David Patch

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:30 PM.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 4:00 PM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a request for aid under RSA 91-A II (c). Chairman Chandler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Patch made a motion at 04:15 PM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Timothy Connifey met with the Selectmen and discussed that snowmobilers, dog sleds, and cross country skiers are using the multi-use trail on Bear Notch Road and there is one location where they are getting bottle necked. Connifey inquired about vehicles being able to park on the unplowed portion on Albany Avenue by the Bear Notch gate so as to eliminate the choke point. Chairman Chandler stated that they can park past where the town stops plowing but he isn't sure how they would do that without getting stuck. The Selectmen also spoke about the gate being left open, but that belongs to the State and it would probably be a problem as someone would attempt to drive their four wheel vehicle on the closed road. No one is sure how to solve the problem, but will think further about it.

Annette Libby, Bartlett Recreation director inquired from the Selectmen if they had any questions concerning the recreation department summer program. Selectman Garland inquired if there was anything she wanted to tell them about it. Libby stated that the 7th graders will not be participating in the program this year. She finds that when they get to that age they no longer want to come to the program and they end up being a distraction as well as being disruptive for the others since they are only there because their parents make them attend. Libby has given this a lot of thought and did discuss it with school principal Voci. Libby explained that she has 70 children in the summer program with 7 councilors who are all 18 and above, otherwise you have children watching children. Selectman Garland inquired if she wasn't offering summer camp to the 7th graders is she offering an alternative. Libby replied that she will open the gym for three days a week and she has investigated and made up packets for other area camps. There are several camps available such as basketball and theater camps. North Conway recreation program is also available and children do attend that when Bartlett is full. She also stated that North Conway is cheaper than Bartlett as she is the most expensive summer camp around. Selectman Garland stated then they do have the option to go to North Conway and it would be more economical. Libby replied that they do but their programs are not as structured as hers are. Libby also mentioned that Camp Cody is also an option and there are scholarships available. Selectman Garland inquired about Hoop Camp. Libby stated that she offers three scholarships for Hoop Camp and it is being held July 14th – 18th for grades four – eight. Libby stated that she heard that an upset parent had called the

Selectmen but she is trying to work out an alternative and is giving out packets. She has to consider the safety of the other children in the program.

Ed Furlong, (5RT302-26-L00) brought in a set of plans drawn up by Ammonoosuc Survey of his property that he loaned the Selectmen to review. Furlong stated that Atty. Hilson (town counsel) was not answering his e-mails as quickly as he would like him to. Furlong stated that his court motion has been ruled on and now he plans to take it to Supreme Court. Furlong submitted a proposal that he would like the Selectmen to take a look at and take to heart and act on. Even this will be a financial burden for him and he will have to sell property to meet his obligation. He hopes to get some kind of closure. Furlong would like to get rid of the dirt pile in front of the property and plant some grass and shrubbery. He only has 30 days to do his notice of appeal and once his brief is filed everything is off the table. Chairman Chandler stated that we would get the plans to the attorney. Selectman Garland commented that the plans are not to scale as there is no lean to shown that is on the garage. Furlong stated that was always there and is rotting. Furlong commented that he is willing to talk as Lil'Man Snow Machines isn't operating because a certain road was closed down. Furlong inquired as to why do we want to waste money on attorneys. Chairman Chandler commented this matter is already in the hands of the attorney and that we will have to consult with him and get the plans he had requested down to him. Furlong suggested that we put the attorney aside and help him out. Don't they have any sympathy for him, after all, his house burnt down and he has had to have heart surgery. Chairman Chandler stated that it is out of our hands at the moment and we will ask our attorney if we can talk to him.

The Selectmen started discussing and preparing the 2014 budget. Further discussion to follow.

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

Meeting adjourned at 06:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.