

Town of Bartlett
Office of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 16, 2020
Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Chairman Gene Chandler, Selectman Vicki Garland, Selectman August Vincent

Meeting opened at 2:32 p.m.

Chairman Chandler and Selectmen Vincent attended the meeting in person. Selectman Garland attended via Zoom due to COVID concerns.

Selectman Garland came to Town Hall on Tuesday 12/15/2020 to sign checks, letters and building permits. Chairman Chandler and Selectmen Vincent signed items throughout the meeting.

Mike Morin, Bartlett Conservation Commission Representative spoke on behalf of the commission. He reported that the commission is regrouping after the passing of Chair Daryl Mazzaglia this year. Chris Fithian is the new chair of the new board. Mr. Morin asked for clarification on the budget and how it worked. He also asked about the fund listed on page 38 of the 2019 Annual Report identified as Conservation Commission Account with a balance of \$183,799. Chairman Chandler told him that he would have to look into the account. He is not sure where the funds came from. He also told Mr. Morin that the commission submits a budget for the board to review. That what is there now is relatively self explanatory. Mr. Morin then reported that the commission has been approached by the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust regarding the Dundee Community Forest project. He stated that Trust requested a donation from the Town of Bartlett for this project. Mr. Morin was inquiring how funds could be allocated to this project. Chairman Chandler replied that he is familiar with the project. In their presentation to the selectmen a while ago they had not indicated that the town would be solicited for funds for the project. He has concerns with the town providing funds to remove land from the tax rolls. There is already a large portion of town land preserved. Selectman Garland asked clarifying questions about the removal of land from the tax rolls. Bill Ballou spoke about the land trust making payments in lieu of taxes and takes issue with Chairman Chandler's comment.

Chairman Chandler reported the tax bills were mailed out on 12/15/2020. All 5,278 bills were stuffed in 8 hours by five people. Recently retired Brenda Medeiros made a guest appearance to assist. Payments can be made online, by mail or in person at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's walk up window.

Chairman Chandler reported the town received \$54,799.00 from the Governors Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery.

Kevin McEnaney emailed the selectboard yesterday information about a camera/speaker/microphone that he would like the board to purchase for town meetings. He told the board that the planning board had voted on it the night before (12/15/2020) to purchase the equipment. There was discussion among Kevin McEnaney, Bill Ballou and Peter Gagne regarding purchasing the equipment for the town. Inquiry was made regarding the availability of CARES Act money that was used for purchasing laptops for the planning board and selectmen's office. Those funds have expired. It was mentioned that the selectmen should contact their tech support person.

Chairman Chandler reviewed the directions for getting an article on the warrant for town meeting at the prior request of Peter Gagne. Full directions can be found on the town website at <http://www.townofbartlettnh.org/download/how-do-i-get-an-article-on-the-warrant/> Mr. Gagne asked about an online method of collecting the required signatures. Chairman Chandler replied there are no provisions for this method. We need to follow the state law created for this process and we have not been notified that any other method is acceptable.

Peter Gagne revisited the camera/speaker/microphone for the planning board. He wondered if the income generated by the planning board could be spent on the equipment. Chairman Chandler responded that the planning board budget did not include the purchase of this equipment and any revenues received goes into the general fund.

Mr. Bill Ballou respectfully asked that all selectmen on the call be visible during the meeting. Chairman Chandler replied that the issue was addressed at the 12/9/2020 meeting. Vicki mentioned that even on the state Zoom meetings she attends weekly, they ask you not to use video.

Chairman Chandler asked if there were any other items.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Miller
Secretary

Building Permits Issued:

12/16/2020	5STLNG/A00/063	Building Permit/New Construction
12/16/2020	Coldwell Banker	Annual Sign Permit
12/18/2020	2BIRCH/208/000	Change of Use Permit