

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: March 7, 2016

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Jonathan Hebert

Visitors: Erik Corbett

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:30 PM.

Lynn Jones, AA, and the Selectmen reviewed septic plans that had been submitted for lots 22 and 24 (1RT16A-218-H22/24) in the Beachwood's development. The plans were a revision and the septic design for lot 23 (1RT16A-218-H23) that was on the original plans seems to have disappeared from the new plans. There was no explanation as to what happened to lot 23. The Selectmen decided Jones should contact the owner of lot 23 for an explanation.

Cheryl Nealley, Town Clerk/Tax Collector met with the Selectmen to let them know she had received an application for employment for a deputy. The applicant has had training in computers and Nealley feels she will do a good job. The Selectmen were ok with hiring her, but she does have to be fingerprinted for a background check to be done first.

Nealley also informed the Selectmen that Gail Paine, Supervisor, and herself had been appointed by Rob Clark, Moderator, to fill in for him on town election day (March 8th) as he is out of the country and wouldn't be back until late afternoon that day.

Chairman Chandler discussed the proposal letter that was received from Bartlett Tree Experts concerning the soil care and fertilization as well as pest management for the 8 crabapple trees that we have in town. Chairman Chandler stated that he is ok with the fertilization but would suggest we hold off on the pest management. Selectman Patch replied that he is fine with doing both. Selectman Hebert inquired if anyone else does this. Chairman Chandler stated that he didn't know. Selectman Hebert would like to get another estimate as he feels the prices are on the up side. If they aren't then we should go ahead and get the work done. Selectman Patch called one company but they don't do it. Brenda Medeiros, Sec. will contact Village Green to see if they do it and what the cost would be.

Chairman Chandler made the proposal to increase the employee's wages by 2% this year. Social Security Administration isn't doing any increases and he believes the cost of living increase is less than 2% this year. Selectman Hebert questioned overall what does that mean for the budget. Chairman Chandler stated that he didn't have that figure but we would be fine. Selectman Patch commented that he would lean towards a little more but at least that much. Selectman Hebert would like a more thorough discussion on each person and not just straight across the board raises. Chairman Chandler stated that we could do that next year but we are running out of time for this year as the raises take effect on April 1st. Selectman Hebert would like to review individual performances and not do straight across the board. Chairman Chandler stated that you are going to create animosity and lose people that way. Selectman Hebert commented that we have had complaints come in. Chairman Chandler stated that he won't change doing across the board increases but he doesn't care if it is done either by an hourly increase or a percentage. He thinks that our employees are fairly paid. We are in line with other towns and we have the wage book if Hebert would like to look at it. Selectman Patch suggested that we look at the wages closer next year but we normally do the % across the board. Chairman Chandler stated that for now we need to figure out if we are doing a percentage or an hourly increase. Chairman Chandler will do up some calculations that can be reviewed at the next meeting.

Police Chief Janet Champlin met with the Selectmen and informed them of the following: 1.) She has three officers that will be working the election polls tomorrow (03-08-16).

2.) They are working on a child endangerment case.

3.) They covered a DWI accident.

4.) There was a domestic violence in the village which Officer MacMillan handled and did a good job.

5.) They have collected \$600.00 in parking ticket fines.

6.) Officer Chapman is on target for graduation from the NH State Police Academy on 04/22/16.

7.) The radars have all been calibrated.

8.) Chief Champlin has spoken to Jake Risch of the Tuckerman's Inferno race which starts in Bartlett and ends at Tuckerman's as they had some issues last year which she went over with him. Chairman Chandler stated that they should be put on notice as last years issues were unacceptable.

9.) She has spoken to John Dionne of Reach the Beach which is held in September concerning them hiring a second officer to correct the crossing issues they encountered last year. Dionne is willing to hire the 2nd officer. Chairman Chandler commented that this is a charitable event and they should give something to the town. Lynn Jones, AA, mentioned that the Town of Madison complained about that and they came up with charities for the MWV area. Selectman Patch mentioned that the vans that follow the runners are also an issue.

Selectman Hebert made a motion at 04:50 PM to enter nonpublic session for a personnel issue per NH RSA 91-A: 3 (b). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Hebert made a motion at 05:10 PM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Selectman Hebert made a motion at 05:15 PM to enter nonpublic session per NH RSA 91-A: 3 (c). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Hebert made a motion at 05:35 PM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

The Selectmen signed checks, reviewed correspondence and building permits throughout the meeting. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 05:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.