

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: July 8, 2019

Attendance: Selectman Patch, Selectman Garland

Absent: Chairman Gene Chandler

Visitors: None

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:45 PM.

Tony and Jenny Simone of 64 Ridge Road (1DNDHI-59-RO4) met with the Selectmen in reference to the letter they had received from the Selectmen which rejected their 2018 abatement request. T. Simone stated that his land assessment increased \$63,000.00 over 2017 to \$303,900 and this was on top of a \$95,600 increase from 2016-2017. His land assessment only has increased \$158,600 and his neighbors land assessment who have the same view only at a different angle have gone down. He has done nothing to his property so he doesn't understand why three neighbors had their land assessment reduced and his was the only one that went up. They would like to meet with the assessor and have him review the land values. Lynn Jones, AA, did mention to them that they may appeal the Selectmen's decision to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA) by obtaining the form "Taxpayer's RSA 76:16-a". There is a charge of \$65.00. The BTLA will review it then suggest a mediation between the Simone's and the Town. If the two parties can't reach an agreement there will be a hearing. They have until September 1st to file with the BTLA. T. Simone stated that he would like to meet with the assessor first if the Selectmen will allow it. Selectman Garland stated that she supports sending the assessor to the residence. Selectman Patch was fine with it also. Jones, AA, stated she could arrange it as long as Selectmen authorized it as it will cost money.

Marianne Jackson and Charles Macomber met with the Selectmen in reference to eleven local towns working together at being age friendly communities. Macomber has been working with Bartlett Recreation Director, Annette Libby who has been great. They have discussed the community garden, walkable trails that people aren't aware of as well as working with Principal Joe Yahna for intercommunication. Macomber will have to get vetted in each school. Selectman Patch inquired why he couldn't do that for all of SAU 9 instead of individually. Macomber will look into that. Selectman Garland inquired about him being a guest of a staff member. Macomber replied that it is program by program. Selectman Garland commented that a substitute teacher has one background check done and can teach in any school in SAU9. Selectman Garland will check to see if this is a rule by the Department of Education or a local policy. She understands that the purpose is to keep children safe.

Macomber touched base on having broadband access. Selectman Garland inquired as to how broadband makes things more livable. Jackson replied that it helps with communication, to receive information, connect to health portal, and do e-mail exchanges. Jackson stated that 15% of the people don't have internet access and children who don't are behind the rest of their class.

Selectman Garland mentioned that we do have people who participate in Project Good Morning. Chief Keaton who just happened to come into the meeting explained that the person has to call into the Conway Police Department each morning and if they don't Conway dispatcher sends the Bartlett Police Department to the residence to do a welfare check. This has been in existence for years.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 04:30 PM to enter nonpublic session per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) to discuss a personnel issue with Town Clerk/Tax Collector Cheryl Nealley. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Garland made a motion at 04:40 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

The Selectmen signed checks, building permits and correspondence during the course of the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 05:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.