

Town of Bartlett  
Office of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 21, 2022

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

Meeting opened at 3:30 p.m.

Chairman Chandler led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Chandler asked if everyone was ok with approving the minutes of 9/7/2022.

GGC – yes, VLG – yes, ADV – yes

Fire Chief Jeff Currier came to the meeting to update the selectmen on the activity in his department. Deputy Chief Jim Langdon joined Chief Currier. The department has responded to 18 calls so far this month. The department has 26 members with 1 pending application. The department continues to offer monthly training. This month the focus was on hoses. Chief Currier asked if he was supposed to be conducting annual inspections of businesses in town. He and Deputy Chief Langdon indicated that these had been performed in the past by Chief Labbe and Chief Roberts. Chairman Chandler told them they would discuss it and let them know. Chief Currier reported that the air pack grant was not awarded to Bartlett and Jackson. He commends Emily Benson and Jimi Emery on their hard work trying to secure this grant. Chief Currier will get an official copy of the denial letters for the selectmen. Chief Currier reported that Pope Security addressed the lighting issue at the village station with a work around by eliminating one light fixture. Chief Currier mentioned that the current fire station in Glen is now 26 years old and will need maintenance. Chief Currier asked what the selectman's stance was on the village station. Chairman Chandler responded it was to keep the station open, but they would not be building a new station there. Chief Currier replied that people are risking their lives for the town and should have running water and bathrooms. Selectman Garland asked Chief Currier what his number one priority was for the village station and he responded that they were supposed to have made a list and haven't. He will have his officers work on that. Deputy Chief Langdon added that the village is growing. There are lots of new houses there. They need to address the station there. Chief Currier stated he is working on his budget for next year and not trying to spend money but it has been neglected for years and the taxpayers deserve it. Selectman Garland told Chief Currier that when he receives a request from Administrative Assistant Lynn Jones or Secretary Mary Miller he can assume they have received permission from the selectmen and process the request. Chairman Chandler assured Chief Currier that the selectmen would address it if AA Jones or Secretary Miller make an error.

Margaret Brophy and James Brophy came to the meeting to discuss their property on Dundee Road and request an update on the filing issue. Chairman Chandler told the Brophys that they are well aware of the issue and that the selectmen's office is unable to access the assessing system at this time due to the assessment review. Once the assessment review is complete and the assessors and the state allow the office access to the software again, their problem will be addressed. Selectman Garland reiterated that due to auditing there is no access to the assessing system. When asked for an estimated time, AA Jones guessed maybe another month. Mrs.

Brophy asked if the next tax bill will be correct. Chairman Chandler said yes. Mrs. Brophy expressed concerns that she was not told previously that they could have filed for an abatement. Selectman Garland told Mrs. Brophy that the information about abatements appears on the tax bills. AA Jones reminded Mrs. Brophy that the land was subdivided in 2010 and for 10 years only one tax bill was issued when there should have been two bills each year.

Joe Berry and Sheila Duane came to the meeting to discuss the Vale Way subdivision. Unpermitted retaining walls that crossed boundaries were noted on a recent septic plan submitted to the selectmen's office. Mr. Berry explained that there were retaining walls on the lots in order to allow the three lots to be accessed by one driveway. Chairman Chandler reminded Mr. Berry that according to the Bartlett Zoning a retaining wall is a structure and must meet setbacks. Mr. Berry said the retaining walls are the only way to have a common driveway. Chairman Chandler reminded Mr. Berry that the zoning is there and they need to build houses according to the zoning rules. Ms. Duane reported that the retaining walls were on the plans given to the planning board for the approval of the subdivision. AA Jones suggested a letter of denial so the homeowners could go to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mr. Berry has letters from the three property owners giving him permission to work on their behalf. Mr. Berry thought that selectmen would be happy to have the common driveway. Selectmen Garland replied their happiness does not supersede the zoning rules. Ms. Duane asked if the septic plans could be approved and Chairman Chandler replied that approving the septic plans with these walls on the plans would complicate the matter. Chairman Chandler also said that no building permits could be issued. AA Jones reported that there have been multiple septic plans submitted for various parts of the projects that indicated different numbers of retaining walls, so accurate plans would be helpful. Mr. Berry indicated he did not want to tie up the boards unnecessarily.

Police Chief Chris Keaton, Town Clerk Cheryl Nealley and many family and friends attended the meeting to witness the swearing in of Bartlett's newest police officer, Cameron Emmett. Officer Emmett will be attending the police academy in January 2023. Until his departure for the academy, Officer Emmett will conduct field training with the Chief and other Bartlett officers. Everyone was joyful despite the lack of cake for the event.

Chief Keaton asked about selling five obsolete light bars stored in the basement of Town Hall. The selectmen will post these items for bid and let the Chief know who the highest bidder is.

Tax Collector Nealley brought the tax deed waivers in for the selectmen to sign. The selectmen will review the waivers and get them back to her.

Town Clerk Nealley also asked to discuss the location of voting in November. Parking was tight at the Glen Fire Station last week for the primary. Several locations were discussed. The selectmen will work on a solution and report back to TC Nealley soon.

Due to a conflict on October 5, 2022, the next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Miller  
Secretary

**Permits Approved:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Owner Name</b>	<b>Map/Parcel</b>	<b>Type of permit</b>
9/14/2022	LBO Holdings NE Attitash Ski Resort	3RT302-249-L00 49 Grand Summit Rd	Construction – Patio
9/14/2022	The Tarberry Co. II LLC	3RT302-67-L03 11 Cow Hill Rd	Construction – roof on motel
9/14/2022	Steve/Linda Dean	1RT016-118-L00 241 NH Route 16	Tent Permit
9/21/2022	Marc Domsy	6WSTSD-100-L00 638 West Side Rd	Construction – addition
9/21/2022	Attitash Dev. Corp	3RT302-249-L00 49 Grand Summit Rd	Construction – timing bldg
9/21/2022	Ramona Hodgkins	5VILLG-ALB-80 18 Albany Ave	Construction – generator
9/21/2022	Gale Mender	5STLNG-E00-54 198 Stanton Farm Rd	Construction – new house
9/21/2022	Rt 112 Realty	1RT016-85-L00 179 Rt 16/302	Sign Permit –new signs
9/21/2022	Daniel Huntoon	5VILLG-MAI-900 1396 US Route 302	Construction – deck/roof replacement

**Items signed:**

Accounts Payable Checks  
Payroll Checks  
Transfer Station Violation Letter  
Letter – assessment inquiry  
Letter – Driveway permit denial  
Two Letters – building permit denials