

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: January 9, 2017

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Jonathan Hebert

Visitors: None

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:15 PM.

Motion was made by Chandler, seconded by Patch to enter Non Public Session under NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) for a personnel matter. Roll Call Vote = Unanimous. NPS ended at 03:20 PM. Motion was made by Hebert, seconded by Patch to end NPS and to seal the minutes. Roll Call Vote = Unanimous. NPS ended at 03:30 PM.

Selectmen reviewed a request from Alison Bickford to hold a fund raising dinner for the Kennett High School French Club at the Club at Christmas Mountain. Selectmen agreed that they could not approve this request due to the restriction on the Club per a court ruling that it cannot be open to the public whether it is for a non-profit or for-profit organization. Letter will be sent to Bickford.

Selectmen discussed when they will get together to discuss the budget, warrant and other town meeting items. Since the books will not close until tomorrow (1-10-17), Chandler asked Bookkeeper Brenda Medeiros if she could have a draft budget summary of expenditures by the end of the week. AA Jones explained that employees are looking for their W-2's which Medeiros hoped to do this week, but she will try to have something for them. Selectmen may meet over the weekend depending on the information available.

Arthur and Nancy King of Wildflower Lane (6WSTSD-294-L02) had brought in an elevation certificate for their property but after reviewing the certificate Lynn Jones, AA, would like to check with the survey company. It appears they submitted a certificate for someone else's property or have the elevations wrong. The Selectmen reviewed the certificate and agreed with the same conclusion that Jones, AA came up with.

Lynn Jones, AA, mentioned that we need to replace or get something done for the town hall telephone system as it isn't working properly now and it is outdated. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector also needs a working fax for her office. Selectman Hebert suggested that we may want to look at changing telephone companies. Chairman Chandler inquired if it should be put out to bid. Lynn Jones, AA, would like to check with the school to see what system they are now using and if they are satisfied with it. The Selectmen gave Jones the ok to start the search to obtain information with prices.

Gail Paine, Supervisor, met with the Selectmen in reference to a letter she had received from them concerning her time sheet she had submitted. Paine apologized for her error and stated she would keep better records from now on. Paine also mentioned that Supervisor Sheila Glines will be doing work on entering information into the computer concerning the voter checklist. Glines will need to attend computer training which will involve attending a class in Concord and Paine would like Glines to receive \$13.00 an hour plus mileage reimbursement.

Lynn Jones, AA, inquired if anyone had problems with changing the deliberation portion of the town meeting from Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>. It is difficult for Chairman Chandler to get back from Concord in time for the meeting on Thursdays since house sessions were moved from Wednesday to Thursday. All Selectmen agreed that the change was fine.

Selectman Hebert inquired about obtaining more speed signs for the Alpstrasse and Cobb Farm road area. Chairman Chandler will have the road agent check to see where and how many signs are on these roads. He will have the road agent order some of the signs after we figure out what is needed. A letter from resident, David Betz, was received re: speeding. Police Chief Champlin was given a copy of the letter also.

Lynn Jones, AA, mentioned that the contract for our assessing firm, Avitar Associates of New England, Inc., needs to be signed. There have been no big changes. The Selectmen signed the contract.

Bill Walsh (2RT302-99-L00) met with the Selectmen in reference to questions concerning zoning ordinance requirements for the White Mountain Cider Mill. He is an abutter. Chairman Chandler assured him that they can't violate the setback requirements. Chairman Chandler did explain that the Cider Mill owner had requested to temporarily be able to park closer to the house so they could accommodate more cars while they are in the process of cleaning up from the fire they had. Selectman Hebert explained that the owner will be submitting a building permit application which will give the Selectmen a better idea of their plans to rebuild. Walsh mentioned that the snow in the back of the property is being pushed onto his property and actually broke a patio table he had left out. Selectman Hebert commented that they can't push snow onto his lot. Chairman mentioned that they can only violate the setbacks during the construction phase. Lynn Jones, AA, did remind them that the property is grandfathered as it was in existence prior to 1985. Walsh is worried about the parking as the business is growing. Chairman Chandler reminded him that there is a set number of parking spaces that they are allowed. Walsh stated he is concerned for the following issues: well water, parking/expansion as it is a quality of life issue. He also has an issue with the light they put on their building as it is very bright and shines into his house. The Selectmen will look at the light and if it is in violation they will send them a letter concerning this issue. The Selectmen will be asking for a new sketch of the property showing the replaced building, setbacks as well as a building permit. Walsh stated that the burnt building and debris are gone now but he has concerns for the parking and lighting.

Jim Innes ,U S. Forest Service District Ranger, and Nathan Fry, Deputy District Ranger met with the Selectmen to see if they had any questions or concerns. Innes informed the Selectmen that they are working on the Diana's Bath parking issue as that problem does spill over into Bartlett. The parking on the road is a public safety issue. Chairman Chandler replied that most of the parking problem is in Conway. No Parking signs may be put up but the State can take them down since it is a State road. Innes also informed them that they are working on the clearing out of trees by the Bartlett Experimental Forest lodge. Innes also stated that Fry has been appointed to the training for veterans in transition. Fry stated that Fort Drum in New York is the closest location and they are working on programs so that they can partner with them. They would like to recruit 6 soldiers and have them based out of Bartlett where they will work in land management such as forestry, recreation and law enforcement. Chairman Chandler inquired if they would be paid by the military. Fry stated that it would be an in-kind service for four months. Selectman Patch commented that it sounds like a neat program. Selectman Hebert mentioned that he is a member of the VFW which has a meeting this evening and he would bring this program up to them. Selectman Hebert also mentioned that there are organizations that do grants and community outreach and he would be happy to assist them in getting the proper contact information.

Chairman Chandler stated that philosophically speaking he isn't happy with the track the forest service is taking as they are trying to increasingly make the area more like a national park. He feels that the Bear Notch Road view turn outs are important. He doesn't go for the guard rail aspect as it ruins the natural beauty as the National Forest belongs to all. He also feels that what they have done at Big Iron parking lot is an attractive nuisance. . Fourth Iron was all natural with tent usage and now it is over used and the Forest Service is degrading in not improving it. Innes stated that he believes that in the incident at Diana's Bath that it is being overly advertised especially by the Chamber of Commerce. Selectman Hebert inquired as to where you find the rules for foraging. He has a license and would like to follow the rules but doesn't know where to find them. He would like to know where the rules are posted. Innes commented that the person who was doing that posting on the web site has left so he will have to follow up and see what he can find out. Innes also mentioned that at the present time there are no timber sales available and they can't make money the way it is set up now. The Federal regulations are a long process and they have to operate under the policy that he has been given. He is trying to encourage them to do more small sales for standard logging procedures. Chairman Chandler commented that no roads are good.

The Selectmen signed checks, reviewed correspondence and building permits throughout the meeting. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 04:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.