

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: February 25, 2019

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Vicki Garland

Visitors: Darlene and Kevin McEnaney, Barry Trudeau

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:35 PM.

Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, Michael Cass and Assistant Director of Operations, Michael Servetas met with the Selectmen in reference to a letter they had received from the Selectmen concerning the flood repairs to the Rocky Branch River. Cass inquired as to what is the plan. Chairman Chandler explained that Rick had came up and looked at the flood damaged rivers. We have been working with FEMA and although everyone has been very nice it has been very frustrating. There are four projects that are being looked at for the Rocky Branch River. There is a lot of stuff upstream that needs to be taken care of so that we don't lose the bridge and are hopeful that the State will pay something since it is their bridge and road (US Route 302) that is affected. FEMA is questioning if all the cobble came as a result of this storm. Cass questioned as to how you would know that. Chairman Chandler replied that we can't tell and are working with our engineer to see what he can determine. We don't agree with FEMA as to the extent of work that we need done but we are working with them and have sent them more information. We would like to get these river repairs done as soon as possible. Cass stated that we need damage repair. Chairman Chandler stated the river repairs are our #1 priority. Chairman Chandler stated that we are slowly making progress and have been approved for mitigation at the River Street Bridge. Cass mentioned that more work needs to be done on the Rocky Branch River that extends to the bridge. The State will pay for two thirds and the town's obligation would be one third. Chairman Chandler remarked that he would like to remove more than what FEMA has approved. Cass inquired if we had cost estimates of what needs to be done. A copy of the estimates was handed out to Cass and Servetas. Cass requested to be kept in the loop and asked if permits had been acquired. Chairman Chandler replied that DES has told us that shouldn't be an issue. Selectmen thanked Cass and Servetas for meeting with them.

Angela Huertas and Patricia Rogerson of the Saco River Ad Hoc Committee inquired if there were any updates. Chairman Chandler advised there was nothing except that Vanessa Urango of DOS is putting the final touches on the berm above the Saco River Bridge as well as on other things. Rogerson inquired about contacts from the engineer. Chairman Chandler replied no as the engineer is on vacation and we will let you know when we have something. Chairman Chandler stated that the one thing we did have was pictures that Fire Chief Roberts had found of equipment actually working in the river after tropical storm Irene which we have forwarded to Vanessa Urango. We also have an easement agreement.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 05:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.