

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: April 1, 2019

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Vicki Garland, Selectmen

Visitors: Patsy Rogerson, Angela Huertas, Kevin and Darlene McEnaney, Barry Trudeau, John Smallcomb

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:35 PM.

Fire Chief L. Pat Roberts met with the Selectmen in reference to the draining of the pool at the Grand Summit Hotel. Roberts stated that is one of the fire departments water supplies in case of a fire. Selectman Garland inquired as to what we will do while the pool is empty. Roberts replied that we are not hung out to dry as there is Thorne Pond and two fire hydrants. Roberts would like to use this as a training opportunity for the firemen. Chairman Chandler stated that we would need a letter from the Grand Summit that states this is ok. Roberts replied that he would take care of this as he realizes the liability involved.

Kevin McEnaney spoke to the Selectmen about river issues and having water gauges put in the Rocky Branch River. He would like the gauge to send out notices to people who are in danger when the river reaches a certain height. He has spoken to the Town of Conway and they have one that sends out a notice to people who live on the river when it reaches 7' and a notice for West Side Road at 16'. These figures can't be used for Bartlett as the topography is different. He has contacted USGS and they will do a survey of the river at no cost but it has to be after the snow is gone. He has talked to Emergency Management Director Bob King to get his thoughts. They discussed developing a policy and procedure but before proceeding they need the Selectmen's blessing. McEnaney discussed having two gauges on the Rocky Branch River. One up by the US Forestry Service Bridge and the other one by the US Route 302 Bridge as there is a potential for loss of life. All of this would have to be coordinated with the fire department, highway department and the police department so that an early warning could be done for all on the road. There is a lot to do and McEnaney would like to be involved. Selectman Garland inquired if the scope of work that is being planned for the river would make a difference in their readings. McEnaney stated that he would need to ask but they go by the height of the road and bridge. Selectman Patch commented that they would need to know the base. Chairman Chandler inquired after the gauge is put in how would this all be implemented? McEnaney replied that calls would be made and a system would have to be established. Chairman Chandler replied that people would have to sign up for this notice as most people have cell phones and we have no way to know their numbers. McEnaney replied that it could be on computers and either the fire or police departments could drive by yelling to get the alert out. People need to have a bag ready with their medicines, etc. in case they have to leave in a hurry. Rogerson stated that by signing up for it you can get alerts on your phone as she does concerning the Saco River. McEnaney commented that maybe it could be set up like the school system that automatically calls parents when there is a school closing or delay. Chairman Chandler stated that we need to get in touch with Bob King to meet with him to discuss this further. McEnaney will be in contact with USGS to ask more questions as the service costs nothing. McEnaney stated that he doesn't know about the Ellis River or maybe some other ones in town.

McEnaney inquired about his request to have WIFI at the town hall. Chairman Chandler stated that it has been approved and we will be doing it.

(Selectman Garland abstained from the next discussion as it was her husband, Douglas Garland.)

Doug Garland brought in a map and letters concerning the berm on the Saco River. In 2005 when this map was shot of the berm it was 350' long and not 1200' feet as some have said. He is going to get in touch with FEMA as it is supposed to be replaced with an in kind berm. He believes that 350' should be to replace the berm and the rest to be put down in the Saco. Rogerson didn't agree with what Garland was saying. Garland continued on saying that the erosion is continuing by the Saco River Bridge, that trees are coming down, there is a mitigation problem now and this never happened before the culvert was put in. Rogerson looked at the map that was shown and inquired as to why the map was never recorded. No one was sure of the answer except Chairman Chandler stated we (selectmen) do not record plans for people.

Chairman Chandler informed the others that an e-mail was sent to Engineer Josh McAllister concerning the repairs to the Spruce Avenue bridge/culvert so that he could get started with the project.

The Selectmen signed checks, building permits and correspondence during the course of the meeting. Selectmen agreed they would not meet on April 8, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.