

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: April 16, 2019

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Vicki Garland

Visitors: Kevin McEnaney, Barry Trudeau, John Smallcomb

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:45 PM.

Angela Huertas and Patsy Rogerson of the Saco River Ad Hoc Committee met with the Selectmen to see if they had heard any updates from either FEMA or H.E.B Engineers. Chairman Chandler replied that we have had no updates and that Vanessa Urango of DOS has been on vacation. Huertas stated that she monitored the USGS gauge at the Saco River bridge the other day when it rained and it was at 4 ½ feet. Selectman Garland stated that the Saco River in Conway was also being watched by people in Conway. Rogerson is concerned about any heavy rain as it is going to wash the snow that is above us down to us and cause damage. Huertas inquired if the Brady Sullivan fine that Bartlett is getting a portion of to stabilize the Saco River banking down by the former land fill would be something we would be involved in designing. Chairman Chandler stated no as it would be designed by the state. It is not our responsibility but we will participate. Rogerson inquired as to what will be the effect of Doug Garland being at the last meeting as his information he provided wasn't accurate. Chairman Chandler replied that the Selectmen are not changing their position.

Police Chief Keaton met with the Selectmen to inform them of the following:

- 1.) The SUV needs brakes and tires. All the other cruisers are fine.
- 2.) He went to Concord to the State Surplus location and picked up a spare radar unit, a desk chair, and a typewriter for \$50.00. He will need to purchase the connecting wires for the radar unit as when it was removed from the cruiser they were just torn out. The wires will cost around \$200.00 but this radar unit is newer than what they are presently using and they cost around \$2,800 when new.
- 3.) There have been numerous alarms going off at the Attitash Adventure Center and he would like the Selectmen to sign a policy so that they can bill Attitash. Chairman Chandler stated that would be finalizing the policy.

Selectman Garland inquired that since Officer MacLeod left the department is anyone else going to be doing the Project Alert program at the school. Chief Keaton replied that he would be doing it when they give him the time, place, and when to attend. Selectman Garland replied that it will be nice for the students to meet a police officer.

Selectman Garland, at the request of the police chief, made a motion at 04:15 PM to enter nonpublic session per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) for a personnel matter. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Garland made a motion at 04:35 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Chief Keaton in reply to the Selectmen's letter concerning the police discussing police matters in the lobby stated that they have been using the office or back room to speak to people but not everyone wants to go in to the office. Chairman Chandler replied that we can't have them out in the lobby. Customers at the TC/TC window don't need or want to hear these conversations. It makes them feel uncomfortable so they are complaining to the TC/TC and she herself doesn't want to hear them either. The second issue in the letter was concerning the police department employees not notifying the Selectmen's office if they are not coming in and we have no idea whether they are coming to work or not. People come in and ring the bell and we don't know what to tell them. Chief Keaton stated that they either call or text him, so they do notify him. Chairman Chandler stated that someone also needs to let the Selectmen's office know when they are going to be out as we are responsible for employees during work hours and we are the ones at Town Hall that need to know what to tell people. The Chief will address the issue with them.

Chairman Chandler inquired if Officer Laferriere had followed up with the issue at the transfer station involving a resident and a transfer station worker. Chief Keaton didn't know and will check with the officer.

Chief Keaton also mentioned that Officer Washburn was going to be their fire arms instructor and he needs to purchase ammo for him so that he keeps his qualifications in good standards. They will purchase it from the same place as former instructor Officer Gove did.

Chairman Chandler would like to award the Boston Post Cane to an elderly Bartlett citizen and would like suggestions as to whom to award it to. Chairman Chandler requested that this request be put on the town's web site as well as posted in public places.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 05:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.