

Town of Bartlett
Office of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 6, 2021
Meeting via Zoom

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

Meeting opened at 2:30 p.m.

Chairman Chandler and Selectmen Vincent attended the meeting in person. Selectman Garland attended via Zoom due to COVID concerns.

Selectman Garland came to Town Hall on Tuesday, 1/5/2021 to sign checks, letters and building permits. Chairman Chandler and Selectmen Vincent signed items throughout the meeting.

Chairman Chandler reported the minutes of 12/30/2020 had been approved.

Chairman Chandler spoke about the article in the Conway Daily Sun regarding the county taxes being submitted late. The taxes were due on 12/17/2020. We were not able to mail tax bills until 12/15/2020 and therefore had to delay the county payment until we collected it from the taxpayers. The check was not as late as reported in the paper. The town will respond accordingly once information is received from the county.

Chairman Chandler reported that a decision has not been made regarding Town Meeting or voting for this year. There was a new bill introduced this week regarding this and we will need to wait until we receive guidance from the Governor and the state. Kevin McEnaney asked if the meeting and voting is scheduled later, would the filing date for special articles be later too? Chairman Chandler replied that we won't know until we hear from the Governor and the state.

Mr. McEnaney asked about his request to receive a copy of the recording of the Selectmen's meeting of 12/30/2020. Chairman Chandler responded that we just found out that we can provide that. Secretary Mary Miller will reach out with that information.

There was conversation regarding budgeting and line items for audio/visual equipment. Selectman Garland reported that there have been no budget conversations yet. Mr. McEnaney asked if Selectman Garland had contacted Computer Port for more information about the OWL device he has recommended. Selectman Garland replied that she had not because the website for this equipment clearly states that it would not be suitable for our meeting space. Selectman Garland had reached out to the Jackson select board and learned that they do not use any special equipment for their meetings. All board members use their personal devices to attend the meetings virtually. Mr. McEnaney reported that there are sound issues with the Planning Board meetings. Selectman Garland reported that the Chair of the Planning Board, Scott Grant, had reached out to the select board with these concerns. There is a plan for the next meeting on 1/19/2021 to address these issues.

Mr. McEnaney asked several questions regarding salary scales, job descriptions, graded positions. Chairman Chandler replied we do not have these. There was general conversation regarding the desire for the town's people to see these in place.

Bartlett Recreation Director, Annette Libby addressed the board regarding the denial of her request to have the highway department plow the Morrell Family Community Complex. She explained that she wanted the trails and land accessible during the winter months for families to be able to ski and snow shoe there. She did not think it was reasonable to ask local plow contractors to volunteer to plow the property. She would like to request that Road Agent, Travis Chick, be asked again to add this to the plowing of the roads. It would not need to be done quickly, but later after all the roads had been addressed. It was decided that the board would discuss the request again with Mr. Chick and also investigate the cost to have Rogersons plow the complex in addition to the plowing of Town Hall and the Fire Stations that they already do. The board will let Ms. Libby know as soon as they have an answer.

There was conversation amongst Zoom attendees regarding the timeliness of meeting minutes and posting of agendas.

Tony Simone inquired who to address regarding an issue with a town road. Chairman Chandler told him he should send his concerns to the Board of Selectman in writing via letter or email in order to have a public record.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Miller
Secretary

Building Permits Issued:

01/06/2021	2RT302/99/CL1	Renew Building Permit/New construction
01/06/2021	2RT302/17/R00	Change of Use