

Town of Bartlett  
Office of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Attendees: Chairman Gene Chandler, Selectman Vicki Garland, Selectman August Vincent arrived at 5:20 p.m.

Meeting opened at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Chandler led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectman Garland made a motion to hire Patrick Murphy as a new police officer for the Town of Bartlett. He will be attending the NH Police Academy in January 2022. Chairman Chandler seconded. GGC – yes, VLG – yes, ADV – absent

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Cheryl Nealley swore Patrick Murphy in as a Bartlett Police Officer. Police Chief Chris Keaton, Corp Justin Washburn and Officer David Courville were on hand to congratulate Officer Patrick Murphy.

Chairman Chandler asked if everyone was ok with approving the minutes of 9/29/21. GGC – yes, VLG – yes, ADV – absent

Don and Nicole Medeiros attended the meeting to ask for assistance with an issue that they are having at their Old Towle Road property. There is a neighbor that they feel is causing issues and possibly trespassing on their property. There have been hostile encounters. They have attempted to speak with the property owner, but the daughter and boyfriend of the owner intercept them. The selectmen asked clarifying questions. Chairman Chandler told Mr. and Mrs. Medeiros that most of these problems appear to be civil issues. He told them Police Chief Keaton is aware of the issues and they should talk with him. Mr. Medeiros asked for a recommendation for an attorney. Chairman Chandler told him that we cannot recommend anyone and then took them to meet Chief Keaton.

Fire Chief Jeff Currier attended the meeting to discuss department items. His first item was the new fire truck that he has secured the grant of \$385,000.00 from the USDA. He was contacted by the company supplying the truck this week to report that if the town did not sign the contract by Friday, the price would increase above the \$700,000.00 quoted price. There is an option to pay for the truck up front and receive a credit toward additional equipment for the truck. The truck will not arrive for approximately 485 days after signing the contract. The selectmen discussed the pros and cons of paying for the truck early. The pros were the additional equipment and locking in on a low interest rate for the bond. The cons were paying interest prior to receiving the fire truck. The selectmen are committed to buying the truck, they will decide on prepayment before the next meeting. Selectman Garland made a motion to sign the contract for the new truck from Desorcie Emergency Products of St. Albans, VT in the amount of \$700,000.00. GGC – yes, VLG – yes, ADV – absent

Chief Currier and the selectmen reviewed budget items from the fire department.

Selectmen Vincent arrived at the meeting at 5:20 p.m. after successfully rounding up all six of his pigs that escaped from their enclosure. It was unsure if the flies came with him or were here before his arrival.

Chief Currier asked if the selectmen had considered the proposal from Pope Security to convert the lights in the fire station to LED. The conversion would include motion sensors that would turn the lights off when no one is there. The NH Electric Coop is offering to cover half of the costs

of this conversion. Selectmen asked for a copy of the proposal so we can review it. Selectman Garland made a motion to sign a contract with Pope Security and NH Electric Coop to use ARPA funds to retrofit the fire station in Glen with LED lighting. Selectman Vincent seconded the motion. GGC – yes, VLG – yes, ADV – yes

Chief Currier expressed his disappointment in not receiving all the funds he asked for last year. Selectman Garland assured him that all department heads were equally disappointed and that the budget process would be different this year as last year COVID prevented the normal process of meeting with department heads.

The billing for false fire alarms was discussed. The current rate is \$75.00 for each false alarm after two free false alarm responses. It was decided to change the amount to \$250.00 per false alarm after the first two to cover our costs of responding. Billing should occur quarterly so folks are not hit with very large bills at the end of the year and to encourage correcting the issues sooner.

Chief Currier reported that he would like to have the radio programming brought up to date through a program the state offers. He will have Ossipee Mountain Electronics work on them and then submit the bill to the state for reimbursement. The selectmen agreed to this as it will be no cost to the town.

Chief Currier reported that he received a matching grant through the US Forest Service for equipment for the forestry truck. He would need to use \$2000.00 from his budget and then the forest service would provide \$2000.00. Unfortunately there is not \$2000.00 remaining in the fire department budget for this opportunity.

Chief Currier reminded the selectmen that he has only been appointed as the Interim Fire Chief. He was wondering when he would receive the permanent appointment. Staff will check on the status of his appointment.

Selectman Garland reported that Transfer Station Manager, Bob Blake, has requested one additional light be placed facing the metal pile at the Bartlett Jackson Transfer Station for safety. He has been directed to contact Jonathan Taylor Electric for a quote so this can be discussed with Jackson.

Chairman Chandler reported that the siding on the back of Town Hall is almost complete. Logan Eldridge finished all he could without the work around the Town Clerk/Tax Collector window being finished. The siding looks very nice.

The Conway Area Lions Club has a bench to donate to the town. Discussion of the location took place. It was decided to reach out to Principal Joe Yahna, to see if the bench could be placed at Hodgkins/Veterans Park on Albany Ave. The second choice would be Gazebo Park.

It was decided that Selectman Garland will remind Bartlett Recreation Director, Annette Libby, that all new hires that the town will pay must come before the Selectmen prior to their hiring.

Selectman Vincent reported that he had received correspondence from Chris Marchioni of Story Land regarding their proposed lighting project. He will forward that to the town offices. AA Lynn Jones will share the plans with Bergeron Technical Services for their review.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 4:30pm in the Meeting Room at Town Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Miller  
Secretary

Permits Approved:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Owner Name</b>	<b>Map/Parcel</b>	<b>Type of permit</b>
10/8/2021	Marc Chandonnet	1ALPEN-85	Construction – mudroom
10/8/2021	Lisa Horgan	26 Alpendorf Loop	Sign Permit – ground sign
10/8/2021	Attitash Grand Summit	3GRSUM-249MAS	Gift Show
10/8/2021	David/Francine Cronin	1RT16A-132-R00	Construction – shed
10/13/2021	William Clarke	270 NH Route 16A	Construction – deck/stairs
10/13/2021	RSM Bartlett Properties LLC	1SKYVW-KHW-23	Construction – house
		21 Lillian Lane	
		3RT302-53-ROB	
		US Route 302	

**Items signed:**

Accounts Payable Checks

Payroll Checks

One time off request

Letter regarding private bus parked on private property