

Town of Bartlett
Office of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 30, 2020
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 Wednesday 12/30/2020 to sign checks, letters and building permits. Chairman Chandler and Selectmen Vincent signed items throughout the meeting.

Chairman Chandler recognized the Slifes attending the meeting regarding their correspondence to the selectmen dated 12/29/2020 regarding water runoff issues at their property at 170 Glen Ledge Rd (2GLENL/22/00). They have not had time yet to review the situation, but will respond in a timely manner.

Selectman Vincent made a motion to carryover any balance of any and all non-lapsing special warrant articles as duly voted at the annual town meeting for up to five years after the year end. Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Roll call vote GGC – yes, VLG - yes, ADV – yes.

Chairman Chandler updated the board on the repairs needed on the highway department vehicle that was believed to need a new transmission. It appears to need a transfer case. A used part can be purchased for \$375.00 or a rebuilt part can be purchased for \$1530.00. The board voted in favor of purchasing the used part.

Chairman Chandler updated the board that the paperwork has been received regarding the lease/purchase of a new Fire Command vehicle. Selectman Garland asked if there would be a lengthy delay in shipment. Chairman Chandler thought the new vehicle could arrive within 2 to 3 months.

Chairman Chandler addressed Kevin McEnaney's email request for the RSAs pertaining to placing articles on the town warrant. The RSAs that are relevant are 669 Town Elections, 32 Municipal Budget Law and 675 Enactment and Adoption Procedures. Mr. McEnaney asked clarifying questions such as if a town policy for administration of the offices can be adopted via an article on the warrant and if they should ask the moderator, Norman Head. Chairman Chandler responded that Moderator Head would not decide and he is unsure if town policy can be set that way. Would need to check with legal or DRA if a petition in that manner is submitted for the warrant.

Petitions for special articles are due Tuesday, February 2, 2021 by 1:00pm at the Selectmen's office.

Mr. McEnaney asked why people attending the meeting via Zoom are not listed as attendees in the meeting minutes like before. This is a public meeting (not a hearing) and attendance is not taken. The new secretary/bookkeeper records minutes in a different format.

Anita Burroughs asked if the state is looking to postpone town meeting. Chairman Chandler replied that they have yet to receive the guidance, but they are leaning toward setting the date for later, possibly in May when it is warmer. Holding a virtual meeting has endless problems mostly involving how to vote.

Bill Ballou inquired about the attendance being listed on the minutes. Chairman Chandler responded that it is not required.

Kim Gardiner, property owner at 320 NH Route 16A expressed concerns about activity at her neighbor's property. There are signs for luxury homes and she believes the activity is non-compliant. She has tried to confront them. She believes there are issues with clear cutting trees, light pollution, and that the land should be conservation land. Chairman Chandler directed Ms. Gardiner to reach out to the planning board and the Lower Bartlett Water Precinct regarding her concern over violations.

Kevin McEnaney asked questions regarding Zoom meetings and the pursuit of the OWL device mentioned at a previous meeting. Selectman Garland reported that her research through several online resources indicated that the OWL device would not be adequate for the meeting room at Town Hall.

Barry Trudeau requested that the Selectmen Meetings be held at a more normal time like 7 pm at least once per month.

There was discussion about a hybrid meeting system including a camera so all participants could be viewed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Miller
Secretary

Building Permits Issued:

None this week