

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: December 2, 2019

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

Visitors: John Smallcomb

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:40 PM.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 03:40 PM to enter into nonpublic session per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (e) for a legal matter. Selectman Patch seconded the matter. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Garland made a motion at 03:45 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Dennis Egan who was representing Manuel Santos of lot 20 in Wildview Drive met with the Selectmen in reference to a building permit application for a new house. Egan was given the building permit application with a letter explaining the problems such as accurate setbacks missing from the application as well as the ridgeline form not being properly made out. Egan will make the necessary corrections and get it back to the Selectmen on Santos behalf.

Bill Fabrizio and Angela Huertas of the Saco River Ad Hoc Committee met with the Selectmen looking for any updates on the rivers. Chairman Chandler replied that the status is still pending. We have requested an extension for additional paper work that is now being requested. We have been in contact with NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) and they have granted us a waiver for not filing in 30 days and will at least take a look at the problem areas. No guarantees on funding but they will take a look. Selectman Patch commented they did help out when tropical storm Irene occurred. Fabrizio inquired if we had the necessary permits. Chairman Chandler replied that we have submitted and paid for them but haven't received them and we can't do anything until we receive the permits from DES. Fabrizio inquired if we get our money back if we don't get the permits. Chairman Chandler replied no there are no refunds and that is around \$74,000.00. Fabrizio inquired if home owners could do repairs along the river. Selectman Garland replied that you would still need permits and home owners would have to sign off to have work done on their property. Selectman Patch mentioned that there is also the issue of working in the floodplain. Fabrizio inquired as to what can they do as this is a serious issue. Chairman Chandler stated that people need to get in touch with their Congressman, Representative, Governor, etc.. Selectman Garland stated that Homeland Security has been very helpful but they have all new people who aren't the original people who took the tours of the property. Fabrizio inquired what do we do. Selectman Garland replied to keep calling Senator Shaheen's office and hopefully they will step up and help out. Fabrizio again inquired as to what recourse do we have. Chairman Chandler suggested that they at least get flood insurance. Fabrizio replied that is a waste of money because unless the water comes up over the foundation they won't pay for any damage. Selectman Garland mentioned that since we had the special article for a hydrological study that was done on the Saco River that we are hoping it will help our case. Chairman Chandler stated that we are all very frustrated so we understand where he is coming from.

Fabrizio replied we aren't blaming you, we just can't understand what they are thinking as lots of people's lives are at stake as well as a lot of property could be damaged. Chairman Chandler commented that we will keep Huertas updated so she can let the committee know what is happening.

Jackson Selectmen had requested to have an Ambulance meeting following the transfer station meeting being held in Jackson on December 10<sup>th</sup>. All Selectmen were fine with that. We will notify Jackson.

Due to being short a Selectman there will not be a Selectmen's meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> or the 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meeting on Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> and on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 04:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.