

Town of Bartlett
Office of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 21 , 2021
Meeting via Zoom

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

Meeting opened at 2:30 p.m.

Chairman Chandler and Selectman Vincent (arrived at 2:44) attended the meeting in person. Selectman Garland attended via Zoom due to COVID concerns.

Selectman Garland came to Town Hall during the week to sign checks, letters and building permits. Chairman Chandler and Selectman Vincent signed items throughout the meeting.

Chairman Chandler asked if everyone was ok with approving the minutes of 4/13/21. GGC – yes, VLG – yes, ADV – not present

Chairman Chandler asked Cindy Conde if she had any questions. Ms. Conde responded that she was just listening and observing.

Kevin McEnaney asked if there was any follow up regarding the letters the Planning Board received about the property on Covered Bridge Lane. Chairman Chandler told him a letter is being worked on.

Mr. McEnaney reported that the Planning Board met on 4/20/21 and voted to consider the meeting on 4/5/21 a valid meeting. Mr. McEnaney questioned why the selectmen sent a letter recommending that the meeting be held again and then Selectman Vincent voted in favor of it being a valid meeting. Selectman Vincent was not present to respond. Mr. McEnaney also reported that the Planning Board voted to eliminate the Zoom reference on all notices and agendas. Only members would have the link to attend the meetings for now. He said that this type of thing could happen in Russia or China, but didn't think it would here. Selectman Garland reminded Mr. McEnaney that the Planning Board can make this decision, but if they are unable to follow the rules of the building regarding mask wearing and social distancing in the meeting room, then the meeting would need to be stopped. Also, other boards locally have set that precedent by allowing members to participate remotely as long as the meeting is open to the public.

Bill Ballou asked if the selectmen have considered issuing a mask mandate for the Town of Bartlett since Governor Sununu's mandate has expired. He noted that 20 plus towns have their own mandates. Selectman Garland responded that it hadn't been discussed, but she would not be inclined to support one. She doesn't feel there is any way to enforce it, it is very time consuming and they would no longer have the support of the state for enforcement. She also reminded everyone that we went all spring, summer and fall last year without a mandate. The mandate only started on November 20, 2020. There was much discussion regarding the pros and cons of a town mandate.

Mr. McEnaney asked if the selectmen intended to enact the items submitted via warrant

article if they pass at town meeting. Chairman Chandler replied that we will cross that bridge when we get to it. Mr. McEnaney asked if that meant they would go against the voters. Chairman Chandler said it means a decision will be made after town meeting. Mr. Ballou asked why. Selectman Garland told them that the warrant articles are very narrow and have a cost associated with them not included in the article. They need to see if they can be acted on as written if they pass. The articles require Zoom and that is not necessarily the best option for large meetings.

John Smallcomb spoke of his concerns about the elimination of the mask mandate and the rising number of COVID cases. Selectman Garland replied that she is not sure a mandate would help. We need to continue to remind everyone about what is safest for themselves and our community. Chairman Chandler was not sure we could have a mandate without a public hearing. They will look into it more.

Selectman Garland reported that she attended the Emergency Management Webex presentation regarding FEMA funds available for items purchased between 1/21/2021 and 9/2021 such as cleaning supplies used to fight COVID spread, signage, floor decals, thermometers etc.

Selectman Vincent made a motion at 3:03 p.m. to enter nonpublic session for discussion of a personnel item per NH RSA 91-A:3 II (b). Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Roll call vote GGC – yes, VLG - yes, ADV – yes.

Selectman Vincent made a motion at 3:22 p.m. to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Roll call vote GGC – yes, VLG - yes, ADV – yes.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Miller
Secretary

Building Permits:

Date	Map/Parcel	Type of permit
4/21/2021	5COBRD-45-RWD	Addition – Shed
4/21/2021	2ALLEN-1-A00	Detached Addition – Garage
4/21/2021	2RTO16-181-H16	Construction – enclose deck
4/21/2021	2ALLEN-003-000	Addition – Shed
4/21/2021	2BIRCH-7-00	Detached Addition – Garage
4/22/2021	2ALLEN-19	Detached Addition – Garage
4/8/2021	5VILLG-1MAI-150	New Construction – 3 cabins
4/8/2021	5VILLG-1MAI-150	New Construction – store
4/21/2021	5VILLG-1MAI-150	New Construction - house
4/21/2021	5VILLG-1MAI-150	New Construction – bathhouse
4/21/2021	5VILLG-1MAI-150	New Construction – winery/tasting room