

Town of Bartlett – Office of the Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes – Monday, January 30, 2017

Attendance: Selectmen Gene G. Chandler (Chair), David A. Patch, Jonathan Hebert

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 3:35PM.

Lynn Jones, Admin. Asst., stated that the hearing before the Board of Tax and Land Appeals regarding the assessment update was rescheduled to Wed. Feb. 1, 2017 at 1:00PM. AA Jones asked who was going to attend for the Selectmen. Chandler stated he would be there. Hebert stated he could come with him if he needed support but deferred to Chandler's knowledge and experience as the Board's representative. It was agreed Chandler would go and a packet of info was provided to him.

Steven Steiner, Realtor from Whitehill Estates & Homes, attended the meeting to discuss obtaining an Excel spreadsheet of the town's tax rolls as the pdf format already provided by the town on their website did not work for him. He indicated that he wasn't trying to be adversarial but all other towns in Carroll and Belknap counties provide this to him and other realtors have indicated to him that they would like the info also. Hebert stated that a pdf does convert for what he wants to do. Steiner disagreed. Hebert stated that he does this for work and it can be easily done, explaining in detail the process. Hebert asked what specifically is the info he is looking for as his use of the term "tax rolls" is very broad. Steiner indicated he would like all the information in the assessment card including such things as number of bedrooms, owner name/address, square footage, etc. AA Jones stated that she has never produced an excel spreadsheet from the Avitar system as it is probably in the advanced users section. Steiner stated he spoke with the president of Avitar and they say that it is in the system. Hebert stated that we will look into it but asked Steiner to provide a request in writing of exactly the information he is looking for in this spreadsheet and we will get back to him. AA Jones did point out to Steiner that since the Town only sends one tax bill out in the fall, that the data is only updated once a year just before taxes are sent out.

Police Chief Janet Champlin attended the meeting to go over the following police matters: 1) The swearing in ceremony of new officer Tyler Eldridge will be held on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 4:00PM. Chief just wanted to confirm that we agreed to pay him \$39,000 and he will sign a three year contract. Selectmen agreed. Chief will work draft the contract and get figures from bookkeeper B. Medeiros; 2) Chief has reviewed the info on the Tuckerman's Inferno race to be held in April. She will be in touch with the organizer about the details needed especially on highway crossings but otherwise is OK with it; 3) Chief stated that they have a major drug arrest in the works and warrants are being prepared but no other details are available at this time; 4) Chandler asked the Chief about the 22 hrs of overtime for Officer Chapman for last week. She explained that he had to cover for an officer on vacation, a cruiser maintenance issue, and covered for her while she was in a court all day. Chandler expressed concern about too much overtime being used and Champlin understood; 5) Chief stated that she attended the recent swearing in ceremony of Jackson Police Chief Chris Perley and that she looks forward to working with him.

Jackson Selectmen Bob Thompson, Dick Bennett and John Allen came into the meeting in preparation for the scheduled Bartlett Jackson Ambulance meeting. While waiting for others to arrive, the Selectmen discussed two items that pertained to the Bartlett Jackson Transfer Station. Jackson Road Agent Pat Kelley was also in attendance and discussion ensued about the proposed backhoe purchase for the transfer station. Allen asked about whether this backhoe would also be available if either town had an issue with broken down equipment, could they borrow this backhoe.

All Selectmen agreed that this is already done between departments and towns now, and no one had an issue with this informal arrangement continuing for short term use of borrowed equipment. Discussion ensued on whether to buy or lease, and if lease, how long. All agreed to doing a five year lease agreement. AA Jones will send the appropriate wording to Jackson as it has to have an escape clause in it and Bartlett did this same thing last year and DRA approved it.

Selectmen then continued with Transfer Station issues by reviewing the email just received today from Burr Phillips of Civil Solutions about getting a bid package out on the proposed canopy. All agreed that we need to have hard figures for town meeting and authorized Civil Solutions to go ahead with getting the design and bids together.

Bartlett Selectmen agreed to have a work session on Sat. Feb. 4, 2017 at 9am to continue discussion on the budget and warrant.

Motion was made by Patch, seconded by Hebert to adjourn the Selectmen's meeting. Vote = PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM. Selectmen then went into the Bartlett Jackson Ambulance Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn P. Jones, Admin. Asst. to the Selectmen
(for the sick Brenda Medeiros, Secretary)