

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: July 20, 2012

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, David Patch

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

Jackson Selectman John Allen dropped in to set up a joint Bartlett Jackson transfer committee meeting with the Bartlett and Jackson Selectmen. The date of July 31st at 04:30 PM at the Bartlett town hall was chosen. Selectman Allen will check with the rest of the Jackson Selectmen and confirm that date as being acceptable to them. Selectman Allen also informed the Bartlett Selectmen that Jackson is close to finalizing the numbers with the transfer station manager, Jon Edgerly.

Dan Gibson, E.I.T. and Josh McAllister, P.E. of H. E. Bergeron Engineers, Inc. met to let the Selectmen know that we are in pretty good shape to move forward on the River Street Berm project. FEMA has completed an updated project worksheet for the River Street Berm project. The funds for this project have been obligated. The total for this project worksheet is \$192,795.00 with \$32,775 being related to the previously completed stabilization that happened immediately after tropical storm Irene. The additional \$160,020 is for the complete reconstruction of a rip rap bank in the place of the existing berm at the same dimensions of the previous berm. The town needs to submit to DES an application fee of \$1765.00 and once they receive that the project can be bid out. A check was delivered to McAllister and he will forward it to DES with the necessary paper work. Chairman Chandler placed a call to DES to let them know that the check was in the mail.

The second item McAllister spoke to the Selectmen about is the River Street Bridge. McAllister has had multiple conversations with Mike Poirier, Section Chief, of NH Department of Safety-Homeland Security and Emergency Management about FEMA's review status for this project. The last communication was from Frank Evola of FEMA on June 15, 2012 where he indicated that the project has been revised and that he is reviewing it with the environmental staff. He indicated that he did not believe that there were any environmental issues holding up the project. McAllister spoke to Mike Poirier on July 13, 2012 and he has not heard any news as to the project status. McAllister pointed out that the delays in the project have created a concerning situation with respect to the schedule originally submitted by HEB. The latest schedule includes winter construction for project completion prior to spring runoff. McAllister is concerned that they will not be able to complete the construction of the bridge hydraulic upgrades in that timeline.

The third item for discussion is that Cow Hill Road has reached a point where we are coming down to the end of the construction activities. McAllister has a couple of issues with the road. One being that after the shoulders were paved that due to the warm temperatures the pavement now has rubber tire track ridges in it and he and Travis Chick, RA, are concerned that the plow blades will catch on them and cause damage. McAllister has brought this to L. A. Drew's attention. McAllister is also not happy with the culvert at the top as it had to be bigger than originally thought and it has created an unsafe

condition as now when you come around the curve in the road there is a big drop off to the culvert. He would like to see some kind of protection rail installed. McAllister recommends that before the town closes out on the project with FEMA that they walk the project with McAllister and L. A. Drew to see what needs to be done. It was agreed that the Selectmen will meet McAllister and Drew on Friday, July 27th at 08:00 AM at Cow Hill Road to walk the project.

McAllister has received an invoice from L. A. Drew which he will review and let the town know if it is ok to pay this invoice.

James McEwan of 60 Boulder Ledge Road (2GLENL-14-A00) was confused as to what the town has for the assessed value on his property. Chairman Chandler informed him that it was assessed for \$155,000. Selectman Garland went on to explain that the whole town was reassessed in 2011 and that is the value that they put on his property.

Audrey Carver of Cobb Farm Road (5COBRD-195-RW1) had received an abatement check and questioned whether she should cash the check as she hasn’t paid her property taxes yet. Lynn Jones, AA, instructed her to go ahead and cash the check but she would have to pay the tax collector the whole amount that is on her bill.

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 10:20 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a request for aid under NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Garland made a motion at 10:30 AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Selectmen reviewed correspondence, building permits, signed letters and checks prior to and throughout the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.