

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes: August 30, 2013
Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch
Absent: Douglas Garland
Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

Bryan Stovall, manager of Seasons at Attitash met with the Selectmen in reference to a letter he had received from them concerning his newly erected CITGO sign. Stovall stated that he considered the CITGO sign as art work not a sign. Chairman Chandler commented that there is no way you could stretch that CITGO sign as art work. Selectman Patch stated that it would be looked at as an off site sign since they don't sell gas there. Stovall replied that it is just a replica of Fenway Park. Chairman Chandler commented that we have a few issues as 1.) No sign permit was applied for. 2.) They are constructing a parking lot without an application so we don't know if it is affecting the green area. 3.) We were led to believe this wiffle ball park was for the use of the guests and now we see you are holding tournaments, etc. Stovall replied that these are charity events and also for their guests. Selectman Patch inquired if he had included that information on his building permit application. Stovall stated that he had not. Chairman Chandler commented that because you are running a charity event doesn't mean that you can violate the zoning ordinance. Stovall stated that he isn't trying to be difficult only trying to do good for the community and have some fun doing it. Chairman Chandler commented that it was never mentioned that there would be public events and they keep adding new things all the time. Stovall commented that he looked at this as being a positive business for the Town of Bartlett. Chairman Chandler requested that he put together in a letter everything that they are planning on doing. Stovall stated that the field is used every day by 8 or 9 year olds and it is something to do in the positive. There will be an eight team event eventually to raise money for charities two or three times a year. They did add seven trees to the lot and hope to add more to help shield the field even more. Chairman Chandler commented that the sign is an issue and it has to come down. Selectman Patch reminded him that he needs to officially apply for the sign. Stovall questioned whether he should take the sign down, apply to the Selectmen and once denied he would have to go to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Lynn Jones, AA, reminded him that this all takes time. Chairman Chandler reminded him that if the sign isn't removed that he could be issued a land use citation as the Selectmen have to enforce the zoning ordinance. Selectman Patch commented that anything that is designed to draw attention is considered a sign. Chairman Chandler commented that the fence should never have been put up and the Selectmen are somewhat frustrated as we did something we probably shouldn't have done and now we are being blind sided by all these extra things that are happening. Stovall inquired if he has to take the CITGO down as he has tournaments coming up in September. Chairman Chandler stated that they can't give him permission to keep the sign up. Selectman Patch inquired if he could at least cover it up while the permit process is happening. It was agreed that he would cover the sign. Stovall stated that he had applied for another sign permit and wanted to know if it was ok. Lynn Jones, AA, questioned as to what the State right of way was in that area. Stovall stated

that the sign would be 22 feet from the edge of the road. Selectman Patch reminded him that it has to be out of the State right of way. Stovall commented that it wouldn't be any closer than some other signs along Route 302. Chairman Chandler stated that he can't go by other business signs as the State has cited some business and the distance does vary on Route 302. Chairman Chandler placed a telephone call to Ken Crowther, Supervisor, of the local NH State Highway Patrol to inquire about the right of way in that area. Crowther will check and get back to the town. (Crowther telephoned later and informed the Selectmen that the right of way is 66 feet – 33 feet from the center of the road. This information was relayed to Stovall by phone). Stovall commented that they don't sell gas so he considers the CITGO sign as art and would like to keep it. Chairman Chandler suggested that he cover it up until the tournament and do a special events permit and include the CITGO sign as part of the promotion. Stovall was given the necessary applications to be filled out and returned to the Selectmen's office so that the process could be started.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.