

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes: October 11, 2013
Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland
Absent: David Patch
Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

Susan Kenny-Welch of Glen Sand and Gravel (2RT302-73 & 99R00) met with the Selectmen to see how she could reduce their real estate tax bill as it has tripled in the last few years. The Selectmen reviewed her property cards and maps of the property. Chairman Chandler stated that he was surprised to see that all the lots are assessed at the residential rate instead of commercial rate. Chairman Chandler mentioned that they might want to consider combining some of the lots. Welch stated that it would make sense to her that the front portion be commercial and kept separate as the parcel out back is not touched. Welch inquired how they got changed to residential. Chairman Chandler stated that he didn't think it ever was as anything purchased since 1983 was not commercial and you need 200' frontage to create a commercial lot. Welch stated that in 2011-2012 that the value on the property went up \$47,000.00 and she wondered why. Chairman Chandler stated that the Selectmen will look their assessment over as the revaluation occurred in 2011. He also reminded her that she can file for an abatement in the spring. Welch stated that the 2010 to 2011 bill was when they noticed the big change. Selectman Garland stated that was when the town revaluation was done and some people's property went up while others went down as they did try to get everyone equal. A copy of the 2010 property card and the current card was given to Welch for her to compare. Welch stated that her bill went from \$3000.00 to \$9000.00. The Selectmen will check with the tax collector to verify what the bills were for 2010 and 2011. The Selectmen will get back to Welch after everything has been reviewed.

Chairman Chandler mentioned to Welch that in the past the town had been interested in purchasing a piece of their land so that the Glen cemetery could be extended. They had been unable to get too far but would like to be kept in mind as we do need more land. Welch stated that was good to know so that if they decide to sell that they would keep out a section. Welch inquired as to how much land were they interested in. Chairman Chandler stated an acre of two, whatever they could get for a good price. They would also like to keep the trees as a buffer between the two properties. Welch will get back to the Selectmen in the spring.

Road Agent Travis Chick met with the Selectmen to discuss replacing the two wheel drive, 13 year old truck that is rusting quite badly to a smaller size new truck. This truck is mainly used to plow Bartlett Village so he doesn't need a full size truck. The cost would be around \$50,000.00 for the truck and they would need to purchase a smaller version of a sander which is not included in that price. Selectman Garland inquired if this would be two wheel or four wheel drive. Chick replied four wheel drive. Chairman Chandler inquired as to who makes these vehicles. Chick replied Dodge and Ford but he hasn't heard good things about the Fords. Chairman Chandler inquired if International

makes one. Chick replied that they did. The Selectmen requested that Chick get prices and more information about the vehicle and get back to them for further discussion.

Fire Chief, L. Patrick Roberts, dropped in to discuss the issue of the apparatus door at the fire station being left open. Roberts stated that when the ambulance department uses the overhead remote control that they are in a hurry and the door is sometimes left open for a couple of hours at a time. Roberts stated that with the heat on that it is a waste of fuel oil. Lynn Jones, AA, mentioned that perhaps a timer could be placed on the door so that it automatically shuts after a few minutes. Chairman Chandler stated that the Selectmen are having a meeting with the ambulance committee on the 28th of October and will discuss it with them at that time.

Roberts is also concerned about the usage of the fire station for the washing of personal vehicles as the water bill comes out of his budget. Selectman Garland inquired if the scan card keys would show who was there and doing that. Roberts will check this further. Roberts also complained about someone using the fire departments laundry detergent. Roberts stated the use of the washing machines should apply to everyone and if it is used for duty clothes this isn't a problem but it should not be used for hockey equipment. The Selectmen will check into these issues further.

Police Chief Timothy Connifey met with the Selectmen and requested to enter nonpublic session to discuss a personnel issue. Selectman Garland made a motion at 10:10 AM to enter nonpublic session with Chief Connifey per RSA 91-A II (a). Chairman Chandler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chairman Chandler made a motion at 10:20 AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Selectmen placed a call to the town's attorney.

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.