

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: May 24, 2013

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, David Patch

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 08:50 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a request for aid under NH RSA 91-A 3 II (c). Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Garland made a motion at 09:07 AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dawn and Marc DiGeronimo of Glen Ledge Corner Store met with the Selectmen in reference to enclosing the front porch at the store and making it an ice cream shop. The Board of Health will sign off once a dip well and sink are installed. There will be no additional signage and in the winter the space will be used for storage. Selectman Garland inquired if everything would be under the existing eave. D. DiGeronimo replied that it would be. Selectman Garland inquired about the electrical outlets. D. DiGeronimo stated that there are already electrical outlets on one side of the wall and they will just connect into those. Selectman Garland also inquired about the present seating. D. DiGeronimo stated that they have 8-10 seats now and it will remain the same. Selectman Garland reminded them that in the future that if they should decide to change the signage that they need to come back to the Selectmen with the sign permit application. The building permit was approved and signed.

Steve Dean from the Good Harvest Inn met with the Selectmen in reference to a letter he had received from the Selectmen about his cutting trees in the green area at his business. Dean presented to the Selectmen before and after pictures to show the trees that he had removed. He explained that he is putting a fence around the pool and the trees were in the way. He is planning on replacing them with shrubbery. Selectman Garland explained to him that he should have come to the Selectmen before he cut the trees. Chairman Chandler stated that they will have to go look at what he has done and in the meantime don't cut anymore trees. Dean also discussed that his building permit had expired. Selectman Garland explained to him that he needs to make out another building permit for the extension and the cost for the renewal would be \$10.00. Dean also inquired if he could get occupancy permits in stages as he gets each section done. Chairman Chandler stated that he could, but he does need to have the commercial building inspector (Bergeron) look at what he is doing. Dean would also like to put decks on the backs of each unit. Lynn Jones, AA, reminded him that he is going to need permits and he needs the dimensions and setbacks. Dean inquired if he removed the fence around his pool and replaced it with one that is less than 6'6": is he ok. Selectman Garland stated that he would be ok for the Town but that the State has rules about fences around commercial pools and he needs to check what them. Selectman Patch commented that insurance companies have certain requirements as well and he should check with his insurance company to find out what those are.

Sue and James Tuttle of Town Hall Road (1TOWNH-134-R02) met with the Selectmen in reference to FEMA flood map clarification. S. Tuttle explained that there are a lot of issues with the new FEMA maps as they had put them in the flood plain and their mortgage holder required them to have flood insurance and only gave them 45 days to get this done. S. Tuttle stated that they hired a surveyor and established that they are not in the flood plain but because of the time restriction they had to pay for insurance that is not needed. They sent in a letter of map amendment (LOMA) that certified that their property wasn't within the special flood hazard area. Selectman Garland agreed that the flood maps are awful and he also stated that the base elevation of the East Branch River has changed which isn't shown on the maps. Lynn Jones, AA, inquired if they could appeal paying for the flood insurance. S. Tuttle replied that they had called the insurance company but they didn't care. Selectman Patch commented that it isn't right that the maps are crappy and it becomes a burden to the homeowners to prove them different... S. Tuttle stated that the biggest problem is that they needed more time as surveyors are hard to book in that short a time period. Chairman Chandler inquired as to how many people received letters from FEMA. S. Tuttle stated that all neighbors received them or at least everyone who has a mortgage. Selectman Garland commented that he didn't understand why a study wasn't done before the maps were digitized as rivers like the Saco have moved. Chairman Chandler mentioned that letters have previously been written to FEMA and others about the maps. He also commented that he is surprised that we haven't heard from more people on these issues as so far the residents at Bartlett Place are the only ones we have heard from. S. Tuttle stated that they need to have a reasonable time other than 45 days to prove that they aren't in the flood plain. FEMA takes LOMA information and they have 60 days to do the work, piece by piece. S. Tuttle inquired if anyone knew what zone "AE" is. Selectman Garland replied he didn't know but there are different levels and some can be built in and others can't... S. Tuttle inquired as to what they can do. Chairman Chandler suggested that they write letters to Congressional people and get their neighbors to do the same. S. Tuttle inquired as to why the Selectmen signed off on the new maps. Selectman Garland explained that they were signed under protest but they had to sign off or lose our flood plain insurance. Chairman Chandler stated that the Selectmen would write letters to the Governor, Councilors, etc. and will send a copy of the letter to the Tuttle's.

Police Chief Timothy Connifey introduced the new part time police officer, Richard McClure. He is a retired lieutenant. Has 23 years experience, is certified, and is a firearms instructor. At the present time he is working part time for Berlin Police Department. He will be put into the regular rotation in the near future.

Chairman Chandler mentioned that the Selectmen have concerns about the four wheel drive cruiser being taken to Brownfield on a regular basis. Selectman Patch stated that

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with the economy, gas, wear, and tear on the vehicle it isn't a good practice. Chairman Chandler stated that they don't want the cruiser taken to either Brownfield or Berlin. Chief Connifey will address the situation.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.