

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: February 22, 2016

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Jonathan Hebert

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:30 PM.

Selectman Hebert made a motion at 03:50 PM to enter nonpublic session for a personnel issue per NH RSA 91-A: 3 (a). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Hebert made a motion at 04:00 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Hebert made a motion to have the minutes sealed. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Sheila Duane, Attitash Mountain Service Co., met with the Selectmen in reference to a building permit that she submitted for a house at 127 Parker Ridge Road (5STLNG-A00-46). Chairman Chandler inquired if she had a septic plan approval. Duane stated that they are in the process of obtaining the septic approval and she needs to get the town to sign off on the plans. Once this is done the plans will be submitted by the survey company who will forward them electronically to the State. Chairman Chandler stated that we have to hold her building permit application until the septic approval is received. Duane commented that she is looking for a foundation only permit as she is aware that the road bans will be going on pretty soon and they want to be able to keep their workers going. Chairman Chandler stated that we no longer issue a permit without the septic approval as we tried it in the past and nothing good comes out of it. Lynn Jones, AA, commented that it is a quick turn around time now to get a state approval. Lynn Jones, AA, also stated that we also need a better sketch as the one submitted doesn't show where the road or driveway is. We also need the dimension of the house and whether it will have any decks/porches, etc. Duane stated that the house is square with no decks. Duane will get the necessary information to us.

Visitor Ray Mitchell arrived at the meeting.

Fire Chief L. Patrick Roberts and Assistant Chief James Langdon met with the Selectmen in reference to the following: 1.) Maxine Othot's family has requested the use of the fire station for a gathering after her funeral on Friday 02/25/16. All the Selectmen were fine with this. 2.) Roberts would like to make a request to have his cell phone upgraded as it is old; he is having issues with the battery and in receiving text messages. Chairman Chandler instructed Sec. Medeiros to contact Verizon Wireless and obtain information on how we do this and the costs involved. 3.) Roberts stated that they are having issues with the use of the fire station. It is being used as a car wash, laundry, hotel, etc. In addition the doors are being left unlocked and the overhead door left open. Langdon stated that he works at night and notices that the lights are on. He has also driven by to find the bay door left open as he doesn't feel the remote works all the time or they hit it when they are too far away. He stopped and the heat was pouring out of the building. He also feels that there is a morale issue with the ambulance crew. There is no system in place and no one to answer to. There is no leadership. He feels his tax bill money is going for nothing. The fire department is under more scrutiny than the BJ Ambulance and the fire department doesn't misuse the building. There needs to be more fairness between them. Roberts also mentioned that things are stolen as well as he marks his water with BFD and he sees it in the ambulance. Selectman Hebert inquired if he says something. Roberts replied that he tries to but it doesn't work. Selectman Hebert commented that he hasn't seen anyone being held to a different standard. Roberts stated that he doesn't mind taking care of business but people get upset and go off on you or threaten to quit. Roberts believes they should have more respect of the building as they are a guest in the house. Chairman Chandler questioned rules of the building and perhaps there should be a meeting to hash over

them. Chairman Chandler requested Roberts to write up the policies and get them to the Selectmen for review. Langdon stated that we shouldn't have to babysit them. They have terrible leadership and not enough training is done. Selectman Hebert inquired if Roberts falls under their command and if so when. Roberts replied yes he does when he works for them. Selectman Hebert commented that is when you get paid by them. Roberts has no problems working for them. Selectman Hebert stated that from what he understands Roberts is in charge of the facilities and building. Langdon inquired as to who oversees the ambulance department. Chairman Chandler replied that it is all six selectmen (3 from Jackson and 3 from Bartlett). Selectman Hebert commented that Jackson Selectman John Allen is the chairman of the ambulance department.

Chairman Chandler inquired if they had figured out what caused the fire at the Kearsarge Peg Mill. Roberts stated that at this time they believe it was a fan on the second floor that was used for drying the pegs. Chairman Chandler also asked who was responsible for the two excavators that the fire department had to use. Roberts stated that the Peg Mills insurance company should take care of that. Chairman Chandler requested Roberts to stay on top of this as if the contractors don't receive payment from the insurance company that we would have to pay them as we requested them and he doesn't want them to lose out on their money.

Police Chief Janet Champlin sent the Selectmen an e-mail concerning the setting up of a time for the police secretary interviews. It was decided that they would be done on Wednesday, March 2nd. Selectman Hebert questioned if the applicants were aware of the starting pay. (It was determined that the rate had been published in the help wanted ad.)

Chairman Chandler read a request from the road agent in regards to Fred Henry being interested in purchasing a sander from the town. The Selectmen all agreed that if we do have an extra one that it needs to be put out to bid.

The Selectmen reviewed the list of the properties in town that are up to be taken for back taxes. Chairman Chandler mentioned that the attorney had suggested that we remail the tax lien notices to the home owners. Selectman Patch inquired about the quarter shares at the Grand Summit. Selectman Hebert commented that he would like to know what the fees are on them. Ray Mitchell inquired if the Selectmen were going to look at the properties to see if the town wants to take them or not. Selectman Patch stated that we can already tell on some and some we will have to look at. The Selectmen will have the tax collector, Cheryl Nealley, send out the notices.

The Selectmen signed checks, reviewed correspondence and building permits throughout the meeting. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.