

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes: February 10, 2014  
Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland  
Absent: David Patch  
Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:30 PM.

Leslie Mallett, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, requested that the Selectmen draw a number out of a bucket to see who would be listed first on the ballot for the contested race for Town Clerk/Tax Collector and also for the contested race for School Board. (This procedure is a new State law.) Chairman Chandler pulled out the numbers and Jessica Rodowsky will be listed first and then it goes in alphabetical order for the rest of the candidates for Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Andrew Light will be listed first on the School Board ballot.

Sue Carrette stopped by the Selectmen's meeting and requested that the Selectmen verify that the information on wages that is reported in the town reports for M. Murnik is correct for the years of 2011 and 2012. She wants to be sure she is reporting the correct information on the forms she is filling out for financial aid for her daughter to attend college. She also wants it verified that the ambulance bookkeeper reported the gross wages and not the garnished wages after child support was taken out. Selectman Garland inquired from her if she has the correct numbers for this year. Carrette stated that she does and she has copies of the past years town reports. Selectman Garland stated that he believes that those are the correct numbers but he will check to see what he can find out, however, we aren't involved with the ambulance payroll. Chairman Chandler explained that this has nothing to do with the town and the town is audited. He also mentioned that the ambulance department raises money for most of what the ambulance does. Selectman Garland suggested she submit the numbers that she has so as to not hold up the application as she can amend the figures later if she finds out they are not accurate. Selectman Garland will check with the bookkeeper for the ambulance department and get back to Carrette.

Pastor Bill Rose met with the Selectmen in reference to changes to the outside lights at the Glen Community Baptist Church. (Copies of what he would like to do were given to the Selectmen). Rose explained that the present light fixtures are at least 50 years old and the bulbs keep burning out. He would like to have the new LED bulbs installed and they would be on a timer from dusk to around 10:00 PM. He would also like to have a larger light placed on the garage at the parsonage that would shine on the front of the church. Selectman Garland stated that he has to be compliant with the Bartlett Zoning Ordinance as we are trying to avoid light pollution and what he has just shown them doesn't comply at all. Selectman Garland explained that the maximum initial lumens generated by each fixture shall not exceed 2000 lumens which is roughly equivalent to a 150 watt incandescent bulb. Selectman Garland stated that we have made other people stay in compliance. Selectman Garland mentioned that the other option that Rose can do is to go to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) to see if they would do a special exemption for

the church. He would have to be denied by the Selectmen and then go to the ZBA. Chairman Chandler suggested that he look and see what the lights changed to the 2000 lumens would look like before he goes any further. Selectman Garland also mentioned that he could put in more lighting fixtures if he felt they were needed. Selectman Garland stated that as long as he stays within the 2000 lumens he could upgrade the lighting but he has to remember that the lighted area can't leave the property boundary or shine on to anyone else's property.

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 04:20 PM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a request for aid under NH RSA 91-A II (c). Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Garland made a motion at 04:30 PM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Chairman Chandler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Grant, who is a member of the Bartlett School Board, met with the Selectmen in reference to perhaps hiring a joint mechanic to work on buses, highway vehicles, fire department vehicles and police cruisers. Grant stated that the school paid \$19,600.00 in labor only for the buses last year. That didn't include any parts, fuel, tires, etc. Chairman Chandler inquired as to how much of that \$19,600.00 labor could a mechanic do. He also mentioned that we don't have a facility set up for this. Grant suggested that a small facility could be built. Chairman Chandler explained that the highway department does their own changing of oil, filters, etc. and he would have to look at what we spent to see what could be done if we had a mechanic. Grant stated that the buses and highway truck would have to be a priority if one broke down. Selectman Garland stated that we also don't have all the proper tools to do this work. Grant commented that mechanics come with their own tools. Chairman Chandler mentioned that we don't have a lift either. Grant stated that they don't use a lift for buses and each bus when purchased comes with a code reader. Selectman Garland inquired as to why they don't just tap into a small local guy to do the labor. Grant didn't think that would work. Grant inquired if an addition could be added to the town garage. Chairman Chandler replied that it could be enlarged. Grant stated that the school board would be fully behind the town if they decided to hire a mechanic to work on all the equipment which together would help everyone out but they can't do this alone. Chairman Chandler stated that he would be happy to look into the matter further but it would have to be after town meeting. Grant was fine with this. Chairman Chandler mentioned that he was disappointed that he hadn't heard from the School Board in reference to the letter the Selectmen had written concerning the school closing on bad weather. Grant replied that Superintendent Nelson had contacted the School Board and they had authorized him to write the letter to the Selectmen.

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The Selectmen continued to work on the town budget.

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

Meeting adjourned at 05:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.