

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: July 7, 2014

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, David Patch

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:30 PM.

Eileen McDonald (2Ellis-1-0) owns a duplex at 30 Rivers Bend which is located on the curve of the Ellis River. McDonald stated that she started losing the banking by her property when tropical storm Irene struck. Every time since then when it rains the undercut is taking out more and more of her yard. She has contacted FEMA but because she has no water in her basement, etc. they don't consider that she is in imminent danger and will not assist her. McDonald showed the Selectmen photos of her property. Selectman Garland inquired how far had she originally been from the drop off. McDonald stated that she used to be about 8 or 9 feet but now she is down to about 3 feet and she is concerned about any more storms. McDonald stated that she has spoken to Sandy of DES and she advised her to start with the town. She has spoken to the Army Corp of Engineers and everyone keeps passing her off to another agency. McDonald stated that she would like to at least put boulders or rip rap around the corner. Selectman Garland stated that there is another agency she should contact but she will need money and permits. This agency works on a cost sharing basis. They will not pay 100% but they will help especially if they feel that the house is in imminent danger. The name of the organization is NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) and Debra Eddison is the Soil Conservationist who she should make contact with. Her telephone number is 447-2771 ext 101. Selectman Garland placed a call to Eddison and left her a message. Selectman Garland also touched base on doing a one time investment in having a LOMR (Letter of Map Revision) done which would determine if she is out of the floodplain as this could affect her insurance rates and may be worth checking out. Chairman Chandler suggested that she check with her neighbors to see if they are being affected and if so perhaps they could get 4 or 5 of them together to help with the costs. Lynn Jones, AA, also suggested that she might want to check with the Ellis River Advisory Committee in Jackson to see if they had any advise. McDonald commented that she just keeps hitting stumbling blocks. Selectman Garland explained that NRCS has different classifications for properties and he isn't sure what hers would fall under but they will access the property and advise her what should and can be done. They will also assist her in filling out the necessary permit applications. Chairman Chandler requested that she keep us posted.

Jean Mallett, Treasurer, met with the Selectmen in reference to the proposed changes that the newly elected town clerk/tax collector had inquired about when she met with the Selectmen on June 2nd. The town clerk/tax collector feels it would make more sense to have the money she collects directly deposited to the towns general fund instead of putting it in her account and then issuing the Treasurer a check once a week as is done now. Mallett stated that she only works one day a week and doesn't see what would be accomplished by changing things. Jones, AA, mentioned that the town clerk deposits the State money for motor vehicles on a daily basis at the Citizens bank but the towns money

is deposited once a week. Mallett stated that bad checks are an issue as she has no place to account for them and she would need a way to do that. Jones, AA, commented that the town clerk/tax collector deals with a lot more checks than the Treasurer does and therefore there is a bigger chance of getting a bad check. Jones, AA, doesn't know why we would want to change the way things are handled now as we certainly wouldn't be gaining any interest with it being so low right now. Selectman Garland believes it is the town clerk/tax collector's job to handle making the deposits and to handle the bad check issues. Jones, A, mentioned that one of the town clerks/tax collectors concerns is having money at the office. (We did clean off a shelf for her to use in the vault.) Jones suggested that after the town clerk/tax collector has been in the position for a year that we could revisit the issue. Selectman Garland agreed that we should stick to what we are doing. Selectman Patch would like to see the deposits done more often. It was agreed that all would remain status quo for now but with more frequent deposits done. A letter will be written to the town clerk/tax collector.

Police Chief Timothy Connifey reported the following:

- 1.) That with the high winds on Saturday that there were a few power outages, in the vicinity of Town Hall road.
- 2.) The 4th of July parade went well.
- 3.) He has made some adjustments to the work schedule for the police department for the month of July and gave the Selectmen a revised copy.
- 4.) Officer Torosian (who is on military leave) should be back to work on October 1st.
- 5.) The new cruiser has been shipped and once received, detailed, etc. should be ready in two – three weeks.
- 6.) The rear tires on the Ford Explorer need to be replaced as well as an alignment needs to be done. It may also need wheel bearings and if so it will probable cost around \$900.00. The vehicle is at Frechette Tire.

Selectman Patch inquired about the old cruisers. There are two cruisers that need to be disposed of and Selectman Patch was wondering if we could offer a package deal for them. Connifey felt this was a good idea. This will be discussed further.

David Shedd met with the Selectmen in reference to questions concerning the Intervale cemetery. Shedd had an inquiry from a person who resides in West Virginia but has family connections here in the valley and wishes to have a burial lot at the cemetery. Chairman Chandler informed Shedd that people who wish to be buried there can't do that without permission from the Selectmen. Shedd inquired if the funeral director, Charles Sutton was aware of this. Chairman Chandler replied that he should but the Selectmen will write to him to confirm this. Selectman Garland inquired if the 20-30 people who lived in the area wouldn't want to be buried there. Chairman Chandler stated that we need to take care of our residents first. Chairman Chandler explained that we have had issues at the Glen cemetery where people bought up large lots and now there isn't room for the residents. There are no formal policies but if a spouse passes then they can get two lots. We need to work on doing up a formal policy. Selectman Garland suggested that we

check with the Bartlett Village Cemetery Association and obtain a copy of their policies to perhaps be used as a guideline for the other cemeteries.

The Glen Cemetery Land Public Hearing – Property Acquisition (RSA 41:14-a)
Meeting opened at 05:30 PM.
Attendance: David Shedd, Junior Zepp

Chairman Chandler read that the Bartlett Board of Selectmen has the opportunity to purchase property located at 152 US RT 302 for the purpose of adding land to the Glen Cemetery. Chairman Chandler explained that this is a golden opportunity for the town cemetery as we need extra grave sites. The plan is to build a one way road which would open up more lots on the top as the space wouldn't have to be used for the hearse and other vehicles to park. Everyone could park in the roadway. Both Junior Zepp and David Shedd felt this would be a good and wise investment for the town. Chairman Chandler also mentioned that they are in hopes of at least mowing the lawn and tearing off the deck so as to make the property look better. Chairman Chandler inquired if there was any questions. No one had any. Chairman Chandler closed the hearing at 05:40 PM. Another hearing will be held 07/21/14 as required by law.

Chairman Chandler inquired about renting an excavator for the highway department to use to start doing their road projects as they are behind because of the extra work the rain has caused. The Selectmen agreed that they would rent the excavator from Haley Excavation for \$300.00 per day which is a ten hour day.

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

Meeting adjourned at 05:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.