

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: October 27, 2014

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, David Patch

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:35 PM.

James McEwan (2GLENL-14-A) who resides on Boulder Ledge Road met with the Selectmen in reference to his property. He doesn't understand the legal talk that is in his deed and is planning on speaking to the original owner as his original intent when he purchased the property was to have enough lots for his children to build on. Chairman Chandler reminded him that he has one lot. McEwan wanted to know if there would be any problem if he conveyed the whole lot to his daughter. He doesn't have a full house as he doesn't have a full kitchen and isn't sure what it is classified as. Selectman Garland replied that it is called a dwelling unit. McEwan inquired if he sold it to his daughter is it buildable. Chairman Chandler stated that we don't know. Selectman Garland explained that an engineer would have to determine that. McEwan has some concerns about a new driveway that is going in in his area. Selectman Patch inquired if he was speaking about the driveway across from his road. McEwan replied that he was and coming out of that driveway is going to be dangerous with the way the traffic goes by that area and this needs to be looked at. Chairman Chandler stated that they will have to obtain a driveway permit and this hasn't been applied for yet. (A copy of the driveway regulations was given to McEwan). McEwan also commented that we should consider the education level that is coming out of Bartlett school. Selectman Garland stated that Bartlett school produces excellent students. He personally has two children that received a good education at the school. McEwan believes that we should solicit and offer an industry of some kind tax free land if they would build in Bartlett and bring employment to Bartlett as well as children into the school.

Rick Murnik and Tom Greig of the Bartlett Jackson Ambulance Department met with the Selectmen in reference to the standards of EMS have changed. Webinars and other training are being done because of the concerns of infectious diseases such as Ebola. They have been talking to the insurance company and it is recommended that they should have gear available to them. Greig stated that in the past that they were told that what we had was good enough but now it is putting our people at risk. The State of NH has upgraded the level of caution. Murnik mentioned that Dartmouth Hitchcock will come and transport the patient but they still have to secure the house and they need to figure out what needs to be protected. Greig stated that they are looking at possible grants that might assist them as there is potentially money out there. He went through this ten years ago with the anthrax. Chairman Chandler stated that he is uncomfortable talking without Jackson being here. Murnik replied that they have a safety meeting with Jackson tomorrow. Greig mentioned that the probability is not high but the possibility is there. Selectman Garland inquired if they would be sharing a suit. Chairman Chandler inquired as to how many suits would be in the valley. Greig stated that they would have to work that out but when he worked for the State in Rhode Island they had two suits on each truck. Selectman Garland inquired other than Ebola, what would the suits be used for.

Murnik replied that they had a subject today that was from France and could have been a potential issue. Selectman Garland stated that in the realm of reality what are the odds of getting Ebola as it is transmitted by bodily fluids and the chances of getting the flu are much higher. A subject in the same room could sneeze and you catch the flu and a lot of people die from the flu each year. Murnik replied that there is a vaccine for the flu but not for Ebola and they are going on the information that they have. Ebola is highly infectious. Chairman Chandler suggested that they talk to Jackson to see what their thoughts are. Greig stated that they are trying to find out if other towns are interested and to see if there is any money out there as they would like to stay ahead of this not be hindsight. Chairman Chandler requested that they keep the Selectmen posted. Selectman Garland stated he is not opposed to the suits he just doesn't want this to run rampant.

The Selectmen reviewed and discussed the purchase order for the new ladder truck. It was agreed that Chairman Chandler would sign the necessary paperwork. However, there will be further discussion on when the truck will be used as it doesn't need to be taken to certain calls like auto accidents, etc.

Chairman Chandler had received a telephone call from the Transfer Station Manager, Jon Edgerly as a load of construction debris had been dumped at the transfer station and in the debris were fluorescent light bulbs. The bulbs were broken and caused a hazard for the workers. Edgerly was instructed to keep track of anything extra in cleaning up the mess and the contractor would be billed for this.

Chairman Chandler also mentioned that he had been approached by the contractor who is doing the replacement shingles at the town hall concerning the lack of a ridge line vent. It was decided that he should go ahead and do what is necessary to correct the vent issue.

Part time Police Chief, Timothy Connifey, met with the Selectmen and the following issues were discussed.

- 1.) Now that he is part time he needs to submit his time cards on a weekly basis.
- 2.) Former full time Officer Sutton needs to submit the proper paperwork to the office to change his full time status to part time.
- 3.) The Sheriffs Department has been filling in shifts for the Bartlett Police Department and this weekend should be the last one that they are needed since Officer Cheryl Harris is back from military duty.
- 4.) There have been some thefts from vehicles in Bartlett Village.
- 5.) A press release will be submitted to the paper in connection with Connifey now being a part time chief.
- 6.) Some drug forfeiture money will be coming to the Town and the Selectmen aren't sure if it has to go into the Drug Forfeiture Fund or the Towns general fund but marked for the police departments use. The Selectmen will check with the Attorney Generals office to see what the proper procedure is and exactly what the money can be used for.

Connifey requested that the Selectmen go into nonpublic session to discuss a personnel issue. Chairman Chandler made a motion at 05:30 PM to enter nonpublic session per RSA 91-A II-c to discuss the personnel matter. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Garland made a motion at 05:40 PM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Chairman Chandler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Selectmen reviewed the draft press release regarding the part-time status of Police Chief Tim Connifey and had the Chief also review it. It was agreed to send this to the press for immediate release to let the public know that the town has the same coverage as before but it may be different officers working it.

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

Meeting adjourned at 06:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.