

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes: January 23, 2009
Attendance: Gene Chandler, Jon Tanguay
Douglas Garland arrived at 10:10 AM
Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:45 AM

Selectman Tanguay made a motion at 09:00 AM to enter nonpublic session for a request for aid according to RSA 91: A: 3 (c). Chairman Chandler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chairman Chandler made a motion at 09:15 AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Tanguay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Theresa Kennett, Project Manager, of the Carroll County Transit Project, met with the Selectmen to discuss the community transportation planning for Carroll County. An informational letter was distributed to the Selectmen. Kennett is looking for a coordinator either a town official or community member to be on the Carroll County Transportation Advisory Council. Kennett explained that there are 897 households that don't have vehicles, there are 3,706 living below the poverty level, and 1,279 are disabled and 11,013 elderly in the Carroll County. Kennett stated that the Gibson Center (RSVP) does have a vehicle and provides rides as well as Northern Human Services has a vehicle and both of those organizations do get reimbursed for gas. Kennett also stated that an affordable, sustainable program is needed with a coordination of services so we need to get a public route and get local communities involved in the planning process. They need someone from each community. Mike Corerie of White Mountain Transit in Bartlett has shown an interest in working with the transit project. The objective of the project advisory council is to oversee the implementation of a sustainable, comprehensive, coordinated, efficient, and affordable transit system for Carroll County residents and visitors. Kennett also presented a three year estimated budget for the Carroll County Transit project. The estimated capital expense is \$525,000.00 for the year. The Federal government would pay \$420,000 towards this and the State would pay \$10,000. They are looking at trading vehicles when they reach 150,000 miles and the Federal government would reimburse up to 50% but if they only raise 30% the Federal government would match that amount. Kennett is planning on 7 trips a day from Memorial Hospital to Huggins Hospital starting at 6AM to 6:30 PM and that we need to get locals involved as they need to know where

the various stops are. They will have a flex route that if you live within ¼ mile from the stop they will pick you up. They will also have a fixed route from Ossipee to Laconia. Kennett stated that she is asking for involvement support not financial support.

Kennett stated that the next meeting will be Thursday, March 12th at 1:30 PM at the Tri-County CAP building in Tamworth. Chairman Chandler inquired if Bartlett is not on the route then why do we need to send someone down as you don't need to know the stops. Kennett replied that the idea is to phase in other towns like Bartlett and Jackson. Selectman Tanguay inquired if she has the statistic on the breakdown of each town. Kennett stated that there was a Carroll County Feasibility Study done and it is on the website. Kennett stated that the transit is a wave of the future because in rural communities it will be needed more as by 2030 the number of people who are over 60 years of age in Carroll County will swell to 31,337. Selectman Tanguay inquired if the name of the representative from Bartlett should be sent to her. Kennett replied yes.

Fire Chief L. Patrick Roberts met with the Selectmen to go over the following:

- 1.) Informational papers were given out about the new requirement for narrow banding of radio frequencies for compliance by January 1, 2013. We will need to rework our radio systems as anyone who uses UHF will be affected. Roberts also mentioned that our current radio license expires in July 2011 and he doesn't believe they will reissue any wide band licenses after 2010. All radio equipment will be affected for all emergency services. Some equipment can be reprogrammed but if it is 7-9 years old it can't be done. Roberts would like to replace all equipment at once as the narrow band radios won't be able to talk to anyone with a wide band radio. Roberts would like to have a radio committee established to develop a report for the Selectmen to review and he would like to get moving on this as soon as possible. Roberts is concerned about his license expiring in 2011. Chairman Chandler stated that the deadline is 2013 and why would we stockpile 25 radios that we can't use until 2013. Roberts replied that we need to reconfigure the equipment to make them work. Selectman Tanguay inquired if Roberts should contact Harts Location to see if they might want to contribute some money for the new radios since we respond to their town. Selectman Tanguay inquired about

the tower on Tyrol. Roberts doesn't believe that this will be a problem. Roberts also mentioned that David Schurman of Schurman Electronics has volunteered his services to be on the committee. Selectman Tanguay stated that he too would like to be on the committee.

- 2.) Chairman Chandler inquired about whether the overhang over the front of the Bartlett Fire Department building was needed as it doesn't seem to serve any purpose. Roberts will ask Shawn Bergeron of Bergeron Technical Services to take a look at it sometime when he is driving by.
- 3.) Roberts spoke to the Selectmen about installing a monitoring system that monitors any repeater facility as it tells if the battery is low, if a tone went out, to whom toned, high or low voltage and if the door is kicked in. Roberts stated that it will be on the market for \$20,000.00 and right now it can be purchased for \$5000.00 with a five year contract. David Schurman would install this for free and the only other cost would be \$500.00 to Ossipee Mountain Electronics which would bring the total cost to \$5500.00 which would be split between the towns of Bartlett and Jackson. Roberts is also looking at a wind turbine to supplement the tower on Tyrol. This will cost \$905.00 and \$150.00 for a controller and Schurman has offered to install this at no charge but we would need to provide the pole. Selectman Tanguay inquired if the component could be moved down to the grid. Roberts stated that it used to be down but that doesn't work. (Selectman Garland arrived at 10:10 AM) Chairman Chandler inquired monitor what as if the system is down it is down. Roberts explained that it will give more notice as the unit does self tests. Chairman Chandler also stated that too much wind the windmill won't work. Selectman Garland inquired as to why don't we amp up the solar panels. Roberts stated that if the sun doesn't shine the wind will blow. Selectman Garland also inquired about hard wiring the system. Roberts stated that it is cost prohibited to run from the base up. Chairman Chandler stated that he would like to know the answers to Selectman Garland's question. Roberts stated that they are getting busier, using the system more which drains it quicker.
- 4.) Roberts handed out quotes for repairs to the thermal imager. Chairman Chandler inquired as to what this was used for. Roberts explained that it is for finding people and finding hot spots in the

walls, etc. Selectman Garland inquired as to how the battery door was damaged. Roberts replied that it is just wear and tear. The Selectmen agreed it was ok to repair the imager.

- 5.) Roberts presented a new telephone system proposal for the Selectmen to review. This system includes 4 phones with two lines. The total cost for parts and labor is \$2035.00.

Police Chief Timothy Connifey requested to purchase new turtlenecks with BPD on them. The cost will be about \$140.00. The Selectmen agreed to this purchase. The Selectmen and Chief Connifey also touched base on the Officers work schedules and of adding more shifts to the existing schedule.

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

The Selectmen had a budget work session until 02:45 PM when the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.