

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: February 5, 2010

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, Jon Tanguay

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:35 AM.

Roger Labbe met with the Selectmen in reference to his yearly scrap metal agreement at the Bartlett Jackson Transfer Station. Labbe would like to include aluminum in the contract this year and pay an additional \$250.00 on top of the \$1000.00 he pays for the scrap metal. The aluminum is scrap aluminum not cans. Chairman Chandler stated that he will send this request along to the Town of Jackson.

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 09:05 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a financial resolution for a town resident under NH RSA 91-A 3 II (c). Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Chandler made a motion at 09: 20 AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Tanguay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Timothy Connifey updated the Selectmen with the following information:

- 1.) The purchase price for the new cruiser will be \$21,151.00 and includes everything.
- 2.) He has received 27 applications for the full time police officer position. The applicants will be required to take a physical test and a written test.
- 3.) Connifey would also like to be part of the OHRV Wheeled Vehicle Enforcement Contract Grant Program that would pay overtime for the officers to work OHRV complaints. He would like to obtain a loaner OHRV as the grant pays for the man hours involved not the machine. The Selectmen were okay with him applying for the grant.
- 4.) The second grant Connifey discussed is being requested by SAU 9 is for the Project Succeed program that is held at the Josiah Bartlett School on Friday nights. SAU 9 needs the police department involved to provide the numbers for the federal grant. Connifey explained that the first one held they had a big response to and a smaller but decent response at the second one. This does give the children something to do to help keep them off the streets. The Selectmen are fine with this.
- 5.) There is a grant available for the Project 54 air card which costs approximately \$50.00 a month to use. The air card is used via the cell phones and attaches to the Project 54 equipment in the cruisers which allows the

officer to run plates and do criminal checks, etc. Selectman Tanguay suggested that Connifey may want to check into this further as he uses a similar program and has found they only allow for a certain amount of checking and if you use larger lumps for say documents, etc. they add on additional charges. Connifey will check into this further.

Fire Chief Pat Roberts popped into the meeting to find out if the Selectmen were going to support him getting a new fire chief's truck. Selectman Garland stated that he would support getting a truck it just may not be the one Roberts wants as he would like to look further at the requested lighting and accessories. Hopefully we will be able to get some grant money towards the vehicle. Selectman Tanguay stated that we will put it in as a warrant article but we will be doing some shopping around to negotiate what we get.

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 09:50 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a request for aid under NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Selectman Tanguay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Garland made a motion at 10:00 AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Tanguay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 10:05 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a request for aid under NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Chairman Chandler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Tanguay made a motion at 10:20 AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Chandler requested Fire Chief Pat Roberts return to the meeting. Chairman Chandler inquired if Roberts had any information about the transformer at the school that apparently was blown out when the new generator was installed. Roberts stated that he was vaguely familiar but didn't really have much knowledge about it. Roberts suggested that Steve or Dennis at Rays Electric be called about this issue. Chairman Chandler will take care of this.

Jen McCourt and Peter Phipps of the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative met with the Selectmen in reference to a communicator tower. McCourt explained that this is a federal mandate for a security communication network. They need to put a tower at the Intervale site (NHRT 16/302) so

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that they could have reliable communication in case of a major ice storm or other emergency situation. This would be for the NH Electric Cooperative only but they may consider letting the fire, police and ambulance departments use it. They will need to build a 12'x 24' shelter next to the tower which would be near the center of the site. McCourt showed and went over site plans with the Selectmen. Selectman Garland inquired if this would be an 80' tower. Phipps replied that they did a line of site from the tower at Cranmore Mountain and it appears they can survive with a 60' tower as they do need to clear the tree tops. Lynn Jones, Administrative Assistant, inquired if they would be cutting trees. McCourt replied that they may have to cut 10' off the tops of the trees. Selectman Garland inquired if this location was the best one for the tower. McCourt explained that it has to be on site because of the wiring. Phipps stated that they have to stay away from Verizon, etc. towers because of the security issue and for reliability. They need to have control of the security. Selectman Garland inquired if the pole would be a mono or a lattice tower? Phipps replied mono. Selectman Garland stated that the Bartlett town ordinance does allow mono poles and if they are disguised that is even better. Chairman Chandler is concerned about the fall zone being more than 80'. McCourt looked it up and stated that the fall zone is 80'. Chairman Chandler inquired if the NH Electric Coop. customers would be paying for this. Phipps replied yes but they are applying for a program to help out. Chairman Chandler stated the federal government is requiring you to do this but the customers will be paying for it in their light bills. Phipps stated that the government is paying for 45%. Chairman Chandler inquired as to how many of these towers would be built. Phipps replied that there will be 4 new towers. Chairman Chandler inquired as to how much they will cost. Phipps replied 30 million dollars but the rate won't be going up as this has been programmed into your bills for some years now. Selectman Garland inquired if instead of bouncing off Cranmore Mountain could they bounce off the Lower Bartlett Water Precinct tower and get the tower lower. Phipps didn't know but will check into it. Lynn Jones, AA, stated that if they are going with the 60' tower they can just apply to the Selectmen but if they apply for a taller one they will have to go to the Zoning Board of Adjustment after submitting the building permit application to the Selectmen's office. Selectman Garland inquired as to what they will be storing in the building and if any of it would be hazardous waste materials. Phipps replied that it would be all communication equipment and a generator. Chairman Chandler inquired if they have looked at what trees will

have to be trimmed. McCourt replied that most of the trees on the lot are between 50' to 55'. Selectman Garland stated that if the trees are outside the green area then we have no say as to what they cut and as long as the green area is in tact there shouldn't be a problem. McCourt clarified that they can just apply if it is 60' but have to go to the Zoning Board of Adjustment if it is over. Selectman Garland stated that some poles can be extended at a later time and he doesn't know if they would have to go to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the additional height or not. Selectman Tanguay inquired as to why 60' or 80' and why not perhaps 70'. Phipps replied that they can do any size that is needed. Chairman Chandler is concerned that he wouldn't want to look at Mount Washington and have the tower in the view. Phipps replied that it wouldn't be. They were given the building permit application.

Travis Chick, Road Agent, inquired from the Selectmen if they would be putting in the budget the new truck body he had requested this year. Chairman Chandler replied no, not this year. They would look at purchasing a new truck next year with that type of body. Chick inquired if the Selectmen had had an opportunity to look over the letter he had submitted in reference to wages. The Selectmen replied, "No". They will discuss this later.

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

Meeting adjourned at 01:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.

