

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes: March 5, 2010
Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland
Absent: Jon Tanguay
Reporters: Jamie Gemmiti (Conway Daily Sun)
Audience: Frank Pingree

L. Patrick Roberts, Fire Chief, presented a quote to replace the tower at the Tyrol radio site to the Selectmen. The present tower had blown over in the strong winds and has been put back up on a temporary basis. Roberts is concerned since this is a temporary fix that it could blow over again as it is in a weakened condition now. Selectman Garland inquired if the guy wires were tight on it. Roberts stated that it is bolted to the side of the building and there are no guy wires. Selectman Garland inquired if the new one would be put up in the same location. Roberts stated not exact but it would only be off by 2 inches or so. The Selectmen okayed the presented quote of \$2088.50 which is one half of the cost of the installation of the tower. (The Town of Jackson would be responsible for the other half). Roberts also presented a purchase order for two batteries for the viper thermal imager as the present batteries need to be replaced. The cost of the batteries is \$280.00 each. Chairman Chandler inquired as to how long the batteries last. Roberts stated that the current ones are about five years old. The Selectmen signed the purchase order. Roberts inquired if the Selectmen had worked on the pay scale for the fire members. Chairman Chandler replied that they hadn't gotten to it yet but whatever they do will work within the budget. Chairman Chandler informed Roberts that the Selectmen were ok with the Bartlett Village Water Precinct using the Glen fire station for their meeting.

Frank Pingree gave the Selectmen a copy of an e-mail that he had sent to Representative Tom Bucu requesting him to develop legislation to require extensive background checks by State agencies into candidates running for the first time for public office at any level. The results of these background checks should be made available to the public through the media or posting at the Town (or City) Hall where voting takes place. Also as an add-on that conviction of a crime at any level by an elected official while in office would result in a mandatory jail term added to the term prescribed for the crime.

Linda Karlin Hayes telephoned the Selectmen in reference to the snowmobiles on Albany Avenue. (Selectman Garland stepped down and left
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the room for this discussion). Hayes inquired if any decision had been made in reference to the snowmobiles using Albany Avenue. Chairman Chandler replied, "No". Hayes informed Chandler that they had moved the trail from the right side of the road to the left side and wanted to know who had authorized them to do so. Chairman Chandler replied that nobody had authorized it. Chairman Chandler also informed her that the State of NH Trails Bureau was notifying them that they can't go on that side of the road. Hayes inquired if the signage they are using is legal. Chairman Chandler stated that they are not permitted. Hayes inquired if the catch basins were why one side of the road was chosen over the other. Chairman Chandler replied no that was the side chosen so they wouldn't cross the road too many times. (Selectman Garland stepped back up).

David Ainsworth Trail Administrator of the White Mountain Trail Club stopped in to the meeting as he had received a call from the State of NH Trails Bureau that informed them that they must move back to using the right hand side of Albany Avenue. (Selectman Garland stepped down from the meeting). Ainsworth explained that they had moved to the left side of the road to avoid the 90 degree angle that the machines were making across Route 302. Chairman Chandler explained that the town's position is that the trail was to remain in the same place as it originally was 13 or so years ago. Ainsworth inquired if anyone had complained. Chairman Chandler stated that it only takes one to make the decision to stay the way it was and we are not interested in switching problems from one side of the road to the other. Ainsworth inquired if there was a problem with the catch basins. Chairman Chandler stated that he hadn't spoken to Travis Chick, Bartlett Road Agent, but the apparent problem would be that they can't put snow on them to freeze over. Ainsworth inquired if the trail club has done anything to upset the Selectmen. Chairman Chandler responded, "No". Chairman Chandler stated that no new decision has been made on the Albany Avenue trail and we are operating under the original decision.

Selectman Garland returned to the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Medeiros, Sec.