

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: May 2, 2008

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Doug Garland, Jon Tanguay

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

Chairman Gene Chandler opened the bid for the used 1996 International highway truck. The bid of \$21,101.99 from David Whitney was accepted by the Selectmen.

Fire Chief L. Pat Roberts met with the Selectmen to discuss a proposal for the time off for himself during the year as there are more calls after hours so he is getting less and less time off. The proposal is for Roberts to have every third weekend of the month off. There will be a rotating "Officer on Call" schedule drafted and the officer who signs up for this time period will be expected to respond to any and all calls during that time. Since this is a different approach than what has been done in the past they would like to be compensated for their time being on call. Selectman Tanguay inquired if the officers would be doing the paperwork. Roberts stated that some don't know how to do the paperwork yet. Selectman Tanguay stated that that would mean Roberts could have a stack of paperwork to do on Monday morning. Chairman Chandler inquired if the officer would be getting paid if called out plus for being on call. Roberts replied yes. Chairman Chandler would like to think about that. Selectman Garland mentioned that Roberts could take the time off and have people cover the same as they do now. Selectman Tanguay stated that the new proposal would assure that someone would be covering if Roberts is on a day off. Roberts also mentioned that he has no problem with whoever is on call to use the fire chief truck as the radio in the truck works better than the portables. Chairman Chandler stated that they will look over the proposal.

Selectman Tanguay inquired about the letter that Roberts wrote on April 29th in reference to the Cathedral Trails units and inquired if Roberts gets called to a unit for a problem such as a propane leak does he look around for violations. Roberts stated no, only if it is obvious. Selectman Tanguay inquired if he is in one unit do you look across and check out the other units. Roberts replied only if something is painfully obvious. Selectman Garland reminded Roberts that we don't have jurisdiction over private units and can only inspect rental units.

Roberts stated that smoke detectors are the same if private or rental unit. Chairman Chandler instructed Roberts to not inspect private units as we have no jurisdiction over them.

Roberts gave the Selectmen a list of building inspections and the reasons for the inspections. Roberts stated that some people just seem to push off the work that needs to be done to bring the units into compliance. The Selectmen reviewed the list and agreed to write specific letters to those with on going violations. Selectman Garland also mentioned that the letter needs to have a time frame included otherwise things hang out there and nothing gets done so the list just gets longer.

Roger Clemons, Bartlett attendant, Jon Edgerly, Jackson attendant of the Bartlett Jackson Transfer Station met with the Selectmen. Clemons has concerns as an attendant and a Bartlett tax payer about money being spent for tractor repairs. Clemons stated that while he was working the tractor in the brush pile that a brake fitting that costs \$8.50 broke. Edgerly ordered a protective sleeve for \$900.00 to protect the hoses. Clemons questions with the age of the tractor should we be putting a lot of money into this old tractor. Jon Edgerly stated that they needed to replace the tubes as they are bent and leaking and the hose keeps getting caught up in the brush. Chairman Chandler inquired if in Edgerly's opinion did we need this part. Edgerly replied yes. Selectman Tanguay inquired if the tractor is now fixed. Edgerly stated that it is operational but is still leaking. Selectman Garland inquired if we minimize the use of the tractor. Edgerly stated that it is mostly used for the brush pile. Chairman Chandler mentioned that there is no problem about talking about these concerns, but he believes this may have just been a miscommunication between Clemons and Edgerly in how to keep the tractor operating and that Edgerly is the boss. Clemons inquired if he could make the suggestion to have someone who knows tractors to make a repair list of what is critical or not and try to keep it as cheap as possible. The Selectmen discussed the various options for storage trailers for electronics. Edgerly stated that the cost would be \$1500.00 per trailer and that cost includes delivery to the site. The Selectmen are ok with this as long as it is agreeable with the Jackson Selectmen. Selectman Garland inquired if a 50'x50' building would be a workable space for Edgerly and would he be interested in something like that as Don Ryder has one and the price would be \$6500.00 and they would need a cement pad. They will check into this option further.

Clemons spoke to the Selectmen about being the only Bartlett employee who doesn't receive paid holidays. Chairman Chandler inquired if Edgerly receives holiday pay. Clemons stated that Edgerly receives 12 paid holidays, which he is paid for the day he is working and for the holiday. The Selectmen will look at this further.

Julia King, a committee member representative for the Bartlett Library, inquired if the selectmen had any questions about the sign permit application that she had submitted. The Selectmen reviewed it and it is ok. King inquired if it would be possible for the town road crew to dig the hole for the sign post. Chairman Chandler instructed King to mark the location of where the sign is going on the property and the road agent will call dig safe as well as install the post.

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 10:20 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a request for aid according to RSA 91-A: 3(c). Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Chandler made a motion at 10:30 AM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Tanguay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bartlett Police Chief Timothy Connifey informed the Selectmen that they had some problems with the Tuckerman Inferno race this year. They had problems with traffic as well as they had lost kayakers in the river and the police dept., fire department, Bartlett Jackson ambulance as well as NH Fish and Game were called out for about an hour and a half before the kayakers were found. Connifey is going to request that next year a police officer be put on detail to help with the traffic problems, etc. Connifey and Brian Abrams from the Fish and Game Department will meet with Al Risch the organizer of the Tuckerman Inferno to address the problems they had. Connifey requested that he be reimbursed for a pair of shoes as he lost one in the muddy water when he was rescuing a dog. He will go ahead and purchase new shoes.

Connifey discussed the Harley owner's biker group of estimated 1500 participants that want to hold a special event at the Grand Summit. The Selectmen have concerns about the noise as well as the fireworks, bonfires, etc. that they want to have. Connifey will research this further; he has a

meeting scheduled with the Grand Summit coordinator of the event, and get back to the Selectmen with more specific details.

Connifey also mentioned that all day next Friday they will be having tazer training either here at the town hall or at the Glen fire station and that the Selectmen are welcome to attend.

Connifey informed the Selectmen that the Bartlett police officers have been invited to both Laconia and to Loudon to do detail work again this year.

They will not be taking any Bartlett cruisers to those locations. Chairman Chandler inquired if during those times do we have to hire more Special Officers to cover the town while the details are happening. Connifey stated no that they can only sign up for a detail if it is a day off for the officer.

Chairman Chandler requested that Connifey obtain letters in reference to the officer being covered by insurance for the town they are working in.

Connifey will take care of getting the insurance letters.

Chairman Chandler inquired how the new police officer, Suzanne Scott, was doing. Connifey replied that she is doing well and had her first arrest the other night. Connifey also informed the Selectmen that Scott also works for the Trinity Ambulance Service in Lowell, Ma and is a CPR instructor and would be available to assist with CPR training if she is needed.

Selectman Garland had a previous commitment and left the meeting at 10:45 AM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.