

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: July 9, 2010

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, Jon Tanguay

Reporters: none

Meeting opened at 08:35 AM.

Carl Hydren Unit 8 Emery Lane (1HOLRG-70-0) and Fire Chief L. Patrick Roberts met with the Selectmen in reference to Life Safety Code Issues that became apparent during a recent fire call at the apartment building at 8 Emery Lane. Hydren stated that there is nothing wrong with the unit now as he has closed off the fireplace. Chairman Chandler inquired if the smoke detectors were hard wired since this is a rental unit. Hydren stated that he has smoke detectors with a battery backup. The problem he has is that his tenants rip them down on him and they won't change the batteries. Fire Chief Roberts stated that it is the owner's responsibility to see that the batteries are updated. Chairman Chandler explained that since the report had been placed by the Fire Chief that now the town's commercial building inspector would have to do an inspection of the property as once the violations have been reported they have to do something to get them corrected. Hydren stated that he had hard wire detectors long before they were required with battery backup and that he had changed the entrance door to open out. He has had problems with tenants leaving the door open so he has provided a bucket of sand to use when they need to keep the door open as he tries to be a good landlord. Selectman Garland explained that the concerns are life safety issues. Hydren stated that it is \$75.00 out of his pocket. Chairman Chandler replied that it could be more than \$75.00 as that is just the deposit fee to get Bergeron to look at the property and any additional fees would be billed to Hydren. Roberts mentioned that around the thimble going out the wall it shows that there was a prior fire to the one they were called to and he could have lost the building from it. Chairman Chandler inquired if other units had wood stoves. Hydren replied no that he has taken them out. Roberts explained that if issues are found that they can work together and do up a plan that Hydren can work with over a period of time. We are not trying to shut you down or single you out it is just that when the deficiencies were found that now they need to be addressed. Hydren stated that he has had the chimney cleaned. Selectman Garland replied that the Chimney Sweeps report indicates that clean out doors need to be installed, however, if he has removed the stoves he no longer needs the clean out door. Chairman Chandler stated that he needs to have Shawn

Bergeron Technical Services do an inspection of the unit. Hydren inquired as to why him as he would like to compare prices with other companies. Chairman Chandler stated that he is the town inspector and does them all and he isn’t sure if anyone else in the valley is certified to do this type of inspection. Selectman Garland stated that if all is safe there will be little for the inspector to do and it would seem like the landlord would want to comply for liability issues. Bergeron won’t be unreasonable and he would certify that the apartment is in compliance with the law. Hydren replied that he didn’t have much choice and would fill out the form and send a check, but he does want to be around when the inspection is done. Roberts stated that that is not an unreasonable request. Chairman Chandler placed a telephone call to Bergeron to see if he could do the inspection on the rental unit on Monday as Hydren has plans for the rest of the week. Bergeron agreed to do the inspection at 08:30 AM Monday, July 12, 2010.

Jackson Selectman Beatrice Davis stopped by to let the Selectmen know that there was a shooting accident at the target range at the Bartlett Jackson Transfer Station. Pat Kelley was target shooting with Jackson Police Officer Sean Cowland and shot himself down the leg. Chairman Chandler stated that people shouldn’t be target shooting there as it shouldn’t be open to the public. Chairman Chandler stated that we should have a policy on this as the only ones at the target range should be police officers. Davis agreed.

Brian Fram, Dunkin Donuts (1RT016-263-L00) met with the Selectmen. Chairman Chandler reminded Fram that they didn’t have any paperwork to review so it makes it hard to discuss something they haven’t seen. Fram stated that he gave the site plan review to the Planning Board. Chairman Chandler stated that the site plan review goes to the Planning Board but the building permit application needs to come to the Selectmen. Fram stated that the buildings are less than 5000 square feet. Selectman Garland stated he didn’t know why he had submitted the paper work to the Planning Board. Fram stated that they had created a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and that the existing building is 2200 square feet and the new building will be 1800 square feet. Selectman Garland stated that he didn’t know why the surveyor had sent them for site plan review if it is less than 5000 square feet. Fram inquired as to what trips it into site plan review. Selectman Garland stated that the intensity of the project trips it as they won’t review if it is under

5000 square feet. Fram inquired as to how he proceeds. Chairman Chandler stated that we have to wait as since it was submitted to the Planning Board that now they have to act on it. Lynn Jones mentioned that the next work session is July 20<sup>th</sup> and the next hearing date would be August 2, 2010. Fram inquired if he could call the Planning Board Chairman and explain the situation and get his paperwork back. Chairman Chandler replied that the fact that it is there they have to do something with it. Fram stated that it is clearly an accident and he would like to call the chairman of the board and explain what happened. Selectman Garland stated that he could do that but it makes it difficult for one person on a seven person board to make that decision. Selectman Garland suggested that he start the building permit process by making out the application as there are still things that he needs to comply with such as green area, etc. Selectman Garland informed him that he needed to follow the check list and do everything on the list so that he won’t lose too much time. Lynn Jones, AA, repeated that every item has to be addressed. Chairman Chandler informed Fram that one thing that he will need is a certified letter from the engineer stating the sizes of the buildings.

Chairman Chandler wanted to thank the Garland family for cleaning up the trash that was left at the town beach at Big Rock Beach on River Street in Bartlett.

Part time Bartlett Police Officer Jessica Hollenkamp was sworn in by the town clerk.

Police Chief Timothy Connifey requested the purchase of tires for one of the cruisers. The cost will be around \$485.00. The Selectmen were ok with this purchase. Connifey also informed the Selectmen that he has received parking and speeding complaints on Town Hall Road and he is planning on increasing the patrol in the area. The Selectmen informed Connifey of the trash issues at the town beach and Connifey will do more patrolling in that area as well.

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 10:50 AM to enter nonpublic session under NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) to have a discussion with Jackson Police

Officer Sean Cowland. Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 11:00 AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Tanguay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The rules for the Big Rock town beach were discussed and it was decided that signs would be posted stating the following:

1. Bartlett Residents Only
2. Carry Out All Trash
3. No Glass
4. No Alcohol

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.