

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: August 7, 2009

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, Jon Tanguay

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:35 AM

Bill Edmunds of Valley Vision and Mark DiGregorio, Conway Selectman, met with the Selectmen to discuss the possibility of Bartlett to have channel 3, the local TV channel, turned back on. DiGregorio stated that there has been some confusion in the past and he would like to meet with Selectmen from all interested towns. Chairman Chandler inquired as to what other towns. DiGregorio replied Conway, Eaton, and Lovell, Maine as Madison has its own channel. DiGregorio stated that people think that Conway owns channel 3 and that is not true. DiGregorio mentioned that any town can call Time Warner and request its own channel. Selectman Garland replied that we are aware of that but that takes a lot of work and it makes more sense to get everyone involved. DiGregorio replied that financially it makes more sense for everyone to work together. He also mentioned that the High School is doing more productions of their events. They would like to do live feeds of games, political people, plays, etc. Chairman Chandler inquired if they sold ads. Edmunds replied "no". Chairman Chandler inquired what about sponsors. Edmunds replied yes as sponsorship states facts not an ad for the selling of items. Chairman Chandler stated that if you look at the town's history you will find that we used to pay and then were told we would have to pay 40,000+ or be shut off. Jeff Flint came up and started discussing with the Town about getting air time on a limited basis as we weren't getting enough coverage for \$40,000.00. Flint called Earl Sires, Conway Town Manager, and he was instructed to not to talk to Bartlett. DiGregorio replied that Sires is not his boss. DiGregorio would like to see everyone involved. Chairman Chandler remarked that he believes Bartlett would support some money. DiGregorio stated that if the town is involved with Valley Vision they would have a town representative to have what you want. Chairman Chandler inquired as to how much they would expect from Bartlett. DiGregorio replied that would depend on how much participation there was. He would prefer that we get involved all the way as this would reduce costs for everyone. The productions at the High School are a good investment from the PEG money. Selectman Tanguay inquired if they have any control over channel 21. Edmunds replied "no". Chairman Chandler stated that this is the absolute worst year for the town as the state money is not there and

NH Retirement has just gone up and we hadn't been planning on that so it has not been budgeted for but we do support getting the ball rolling. DiGregorio is planning on meeting with Selectmen from other towns and would like to show some government activities and some school activities. Chairman Chandler stated that say we picked a figure of \$5000.00 to get the signal turned on and \$5000.00 for filming then that would reduce Conway's amount to a point. Edmunds replied that \$5000.00 would go towards Conway and \$5000.00 towards Valley Vision. Selectman Garland inquired if the High School would tape football, etc. Edmunds replied that they do about 30 hours which includes plays, concerts, etc. Selectman Garland replied if they do an event at High School do you tape it. Edmunds replied that they do at the school as every child is learning. Chairman Chandler stated that we are interested in participating. Edmunds replied that that is a starting point. DiGregorio stated that there would be some costs involved to just turn it on but he will get back to the Selectmen as he would be looking at percentages. Selectman Garland remarked that he looks at channel 3 as a growing experience and he would like to see the school meeting, town meeting, budget hearings, etc. put on TV. Selectman Garland inquired if they put in more would they get a better rate. Edmunds replied that it is a flat rate. DiGregorio mentioned that they should keep in mind that some costs in participating would not be high as Conway owns 75% of the equipment. Chairman Chandler requested them to let us know what is next. DiGregorio wants to get people together. Selectman Garland inquired if we submitted a tape would it be played. DiGregorio replied "no", however, Time Warner has to air if submitted on own channel. Selectman Garland inquired as to who is in charge of when a program is aired. Edmunds replied that the town would sign a contract with regular hours and Bartlett would air at that time even if it was a repeat.

L. Patrick Roberts, Bartlett Fire Chief, met with the Selectmen concerning the following items: 1.) The roof is done at the Bartlett fire station and Roberts inquired if Selectman Garland had had an opportunity to take a look at the ridge cap. Selectman Garland replied that he hasn't had an opportunity to do that yet. 2.) Status of the work to be done for the rot at the Glen fire station. David Shedd will be doing the flashing at the fire station next week. 3.) North Conway is holding a fireworks training for \$25.00 per person on August 22nd from 9 AM- 5 PM. Roberts and some of his officers would like

to attend the training. Selectman Tanguay inquired as to what they do now. Roberts replied that they make sure an officer is there in case they need to radio in a problem. Selectman Garland stated that they are there for overseers. Roberts replied to make sure people stay their distance from the fireworks. Chairman Chandler inquired if the firemen that attend the class would be getting paid to go. Roberts replied "yes". Chairman Chandler stated that he didn't think we should go to this as we don't have many fireworks in Bartlett and when we do they are in the winter. Selectman Garland made a motion to take up to three people and go to the training. Selectman Tanguay seconded the motion. Chairman Chandler opposed. Motion carried. 4.) Roberts inquired from the Selectmen about the Bartlett fire department holding a formal extrication class to give the firemen better training. Fireman Peter Villaume has a friend that would be willing to come to the Glen fire station to do the course. The class could take up to 22 people and there would be 8-10 from Bartlett and he would check to see if other towns would be interested in participating. He would do it at a cost of \$3800.00 which is approximately \$200.00 per student. Selectman Garland replied that he does feel that extrication is important. Chairman Chandler inquired as to what Roberts expected the Town to pay as we don't have the money for it as this was not budgeted for. Selectman Garland inquired as to how much this type of course would normally cost. Roberts replied that he didn't know, but he didn't think it would be a problem getting other towns to participate. Chairman Chandler stated that he is not opposed to the idea, there is just no money. Roberts replied that he basically came to get the Selectmen's support and now that he knows he will include the cost of the class in next year's budget. 5.) Roberts informed the Selectmen that the Carroll County Forest Wardens would like to hold their annual business meeting at the Glen fire station. There would be a supper type meeting followed by a speaker for the business meeting. The firemen's association already has spaghetti and meatballs frozen and there would be about 30 people. The firemen's association would be providing the meal and the fire department would host the meeting. The Selectmen have no problems with this. 6.) Roberts mentioned that after the fire that destroyed one of the cabins at Perry's Motel (1RT16A-98-L00) he discovered that the hot water heaters are outside of the buildings and need to have repairs to the pipe lines, etc. He has spoken to Mrs. Patel, the owner, about the problems as he just wants to make sure there isn't another fire with possible loss of life. 7.) Roberts inquired from Selectman Tanguay as to what precipitated the e-mail he had

received from Tanguay concerning the locks at the fire station. Selectman Tanguay stated that he has been receiving reports that people are not using the new door but are entering by way of the side door. Roberts explained that the side lock was left in place in case there was a problem with the new system and there have been a couple of issues so far. Selectman Garland inquired if people were using the side door on a regular basis. Roberts replied that he didn't know but to the best of his knowledge the fire department uses the new lock and once there are no further problems with the door, the side door lock will be removed.

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 10:35 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a request for aid under NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Selectman Tanguay seconded the motion. 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.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 11:10 AM to enter nonpublic session under NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) to discuss a personnel issue with Bartlett Police Chief Timothy Connifey. Chairman Chandler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chairman Chandler made a motion at 11:35 AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Police Chief Timothy Connifey requested to purchase new polo shirts for his officers. He had gotten prices from MWV Screen Print and from NE Embroidery. Chairman Chandler made a motion to use NE Embroidery as they didn't require a 12 shirt minimum and MWV Screen Print did. Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Harvey Hayden (2 LNDRH-17-0) wrote a letter of complaint and stopped in to the Selectmen's meeting about the drainage ditch in front of his house on Graz Place in Linderhof. Hayden stated that the ditch fills with water each summer and does not drain which attracts the mosquitoes. The highway department has cleaned out the ditch with a backhoe but the problem still exists. Chairman Chandler replied that he will speak to the road agent, Travis Chick, and get back to Hayden.

The Selectmen reviewed a letter that they had received from the Jackson Selectmen in reference to concerns about the agreement between the two towns for the joint Bartlett Jackson Transfer Station. Chairman Chandler who is also the chairman of the Solid waste District Committee will set up a meeting between the two towns.

Chairman Chandler will not be available to meet on August 14th and the Selectmen decided to cancel the meeting for that date. The next regular meeting will be held on August 21st.

The Selectmen reviewed correspondence, building permits, signed letters and checks prior to and throughout the meeting. The Selectmen also discussed the payment to NH Retirement for our police officers and fire chief as a new HB 2 bill passed and became effective as of 07/01/09 which states that the State isn't paying the 5.85 % for police officers and 7.41% for firemen and the town has to pick up this additional amount. The Selectmen agreed to pay the new rates under protest.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.