

Town of Bartlett Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: August 31, 2007

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, Jon Tanguay

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 08:50 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a request for aid according to RSA 91-A: 3 (c). Selectman Tanguay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Garland made a motion at 09:10 AM to end the nonpublic session. Chairman Chandler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

James and Christina McEwan (2GLENL-14-A00) of Boulder Ledge Road met with the Selectmen to see what options are available for them to build a second home on their 8 acre lot as there are only about 1 ½ acres that is buildable. Their present house is an eight sided glass house and it is structurally sound. If they combined two lots could they build a second house? Chairman Chandler inquired how many existing houses were on the driveway now. J. McEwan stated two. Chairman Chandler explained that a driveway can only have two dwelling units on it and if they have more houses they would have to build a road to town specifications. J. McEwan stated that it would be a major expense to rebuild the crushed stone road to make it drivable for fire trucks, etc. and that the cul-de-sac had been taken out. Selectman Garland stated that it is expensive to do roads. Chairman Chandler inquired if he could even build another house at all. J. McEwan showed the Selectmen a copy of his deed and when reviewing this there were restrictions such as none of the lots could be subdivided and only one house on the lot. Chairman Chandler stated that the deed restrictions would be the biggest hurdle. Selectman Garland suggested that perhaps they could make a painting studio out of the existing house and build a new home. The McEwan's were happy with this idea. Chairman Chandler reminded them that whatever they do they can only have one kitchen.

Nancy and Arthur King of Wildflower Lane (6WSTSD-294-L02) discussed with the Selectmen that the tax bill for their property is incorrect. A. King explained that he has one piece of property that his home is on that is about ½ acre and he purchased an abutting parcel of land that contains 33 acres which he had put in current use. Somehow when he received his tax bill the land was written up as 4 acres and therefore taken out of the current use

status. Chairman Chandler stated that Mary Pinkham-Langer of the NH Department of Revenue/Bureau of Assessments is working on getting all the current use property updated and she is almost done and that should resolve the problem. A. King stated that he is planning on keeping the land in current use. Chairman Chandler replied that we will get back in touch with King. A. King inquired about removing an acre so that he could put an addition onto his house. Selectman Garland stated that he would have to pay 10% of market value of what was taken out of current use for the land use current tax. Lynn Jones, AA, suggested that he take out whatever is necessary to build on as he will have to meet the set back requirements and he would have to do a boundary line adjustment.

Gloria Brennan of the Bartlett Village Park Committee updated the Selectmen that Sawyers Rock had been moved to its new spot in the park. (Pictures shown). The rock was put on 3' of sand in what they call an Alaskan foundation. Chairman Chandler inquired as to who was responsible for paying for the concrete. Brennan stated that it would be coming out of their funds. Brennan mentioned that Judy Ludgate had worked on Wills Park located in front of the Bartlett School and would be willing to work on the Town Park. Chairman Chandler stated that we are having a problem as nothing should be going on that the Selectmen haven't approved. Chairman Chandler further explained that we are running into problems for example the mulching that was done was done over the bulbs that the school children had already planted so there needs to be better communication. Brennan stated that Judy Ludgate would be a good one to work on the park and they would like to have the park and recreation work together. Selectman Garland reminded Brennan that David Shedd is also working on the gazebo so there are other people involved. Brennan suggested that a notebook be kept that lists what items have been done and when. Chairman Chandler stressed that people need to come to the Selectmen and the Selectmen will be the central clearing house. Brennan inquired about sending invoices to the Selectmen. Selectman Garland stated that purchase orders come to the Selectmen first as it helps if they know what is going on.

Brennan mentioned that the park committee will be getting together on Sept. 10, 13, 18, 21, and 24 and invited the Selectmen to stop in at the meetings. Brennan showed a sample sculpture of a possible gateway for the park that would be made up of wood, copper and mosaic tile. Chairman Chandler

stated that his position was that he wouldn't vote for anything that is out front as when the poll was taken by the park committee at town meeting the Town residents voted overwhelmingly that they wanted nothing in the front. Chairman Chandler also stated that we are crowding and losing space and the openness to be able to look at the gazebo, flowers, etc. was the most desired. Selectman Garland stated that the seating could be a safety issue and his personal taste would be to keep it as simple as possible with flower beds and perhaps some tiles on the inside. Selectman Tanguay also agreed that flowers and tiles on the street side would be ok. Selectman Tanguay inquired if the copper on the gateway model that was being shown would be plain copper or have any etchings in it. Brennan stated that it would be plain and that she would like to connect the rock, gazebo, and gateway. Chairman Chandler reminded Brennan that there are still three more benches coming for the park. Brennan mentioned that she is still working on the lighting for the park and would like to have a light at the park entrance, River Street entrance and one in the middle of the park. Brennan reminded the Selectmen that she would like to see them at the meeting on the 13th at 3:30 PM at the school. At least one Selectman will try to attend. Chairman Chandler mentioned that some of these ideas may be premature as there are still a lot of other things like landscaping that needs to be finished first. Brennan will bring up at the September meeting that perhaps we could do the flower bench with the mosaic tile. Selectman Tanguay inquired if the tiles were already made. Brennan replied that only the ones for Sawyer Rock were done. Brennan would also like to put tiles along the edge of the gazebo. Selectman Garland suggested she speak to the builders of the gazebo about that. Brennan informed the Selectmen that they have relocated two plants and they would like to designate where the property line is. Selectman Garland replied that there may be a problem with the location of the property line. Selectman Garland also stated that he thinks someone should be in charge of maintenance. Brennan thinks that the notebook at the town office would be a good idea. Selectman Garland suggests that Brennan draft a letter for direction at the park for the September meeting and get the Selectmen's approval on the letter before it is presented at the meeting.

Julia King, Trustee of the Library, is putting together a committee and would like the Selectmen to participate (at least one) to look at possible sites for the Library such as ones that are town owned, a good parcel to purchase, or

someone who is land rich that would like to donate the land to the Library. King stated that most people feel that the library should stay in the Village. King mentioned that another issue is zoning. Selectman Garland mentioned that Mike Bannon (5Villg-MAI-200) had inquired about trading land with the Garlands and his land could be an access point to the Wards property. Selectman Tanguay inquired as to what the purpose of the committee was. King stated to explore viable options for the library. Selectman Tanguay inquired that since Jackson also is looking to build a new library why not look into having a two town library as we already have a joint transfer station, joint ambulance service, etc. King stated that they would like to talk to Jackson but they aren't talking to us. Selectman Garland would like to have the committee look at putting a second floor over the K-wing at the school. King replied that the library has to be completely handicap accessible and there is an issue with the school security. Selectman Garland asked why the K-wing couldn't be upstairs and the library downstairs. King stated that the school committee said no. Selectman Tanguay inquired if they had gone to the school board or just the school committee. King stated the school committee. King explained that they need additional books, that by 2020 they are projecting 4000 more people in town, that they need an area that be closed off for young children to be read to, they need more computer space, they need a quiet space for serious researchers, they need a separate young adult area, they would like a local history room and the Historical Society would like to go in with the library, they need a larger office for the staff and they need tutoring space..

Chairman Chandler replied that it is not a question of need but of the direction they were going in. King stated that they need a multi-purpose room for the library programs. Chairman Chandler replied to use the school. King stated that it is a security issue. Selectman Tanguay mentioned that the school rooms are open until 11:00 PM so why not use the school. Chairman Chandler inquired about the Catholic Church area being used for a library. King stated that sharing space with students and they run into problems with children staying after in the library and causing problems. King went on to explain that the school has to have a library and the public library won't duplicate it. Chairman Chandler stated that we can't afford to spend millions for a library. King stated that the Library can be done at a minimum impact as they are going for grants as there is money out there, but the biggest obstacle is the land. King also stated that there are some costs that they don't know what they would be such as electricity, heat, etc. as right now the

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school pays all that. Selectman Garland inquired as to when the next meeting concerning the Library was going to be held. King stated that it would probably be the end of October. Selectman Garland requested that King let him know when this meeting was and he would plan on attending it.

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 11:15 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss two personnel issues (one highway department and the other police department) according to RSA 91-A:3 (b). Selectman Tanguay seconded the motion. Selectman Tanguay made a motion at 12:15 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Selectmen reviewed correspondence, discussed a septic plan design, the new web site design for Bartlett, making an offer on a 10'x12' shed for the Bartlett Recreation Department, building permits, signed letters and checks prior to and throughout the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.