

Town of Bartlett Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes: September 14, 2007
Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, Jon Tanguay
Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

Scott Grant (2JENKS-56-R01) inquired about the pros and cons of putting his parcel of land into current use. Chairman Chandler stated that he would have to determine how much land he needed for his house and driveway as that portion couldn't be in current use. Grant replied that he would basically be using two acres and he wanted to know what his taxes would be if he doesn't put the land in current use versus if he does. Chairman Chandler stated the excess land wouldn't be as much as the front land but current use would have fewer taxes. Selectman Garland cautioned Grant that to take land out of current use is expensive and he suggested that Grant see what his tax bill is and go from there to see if you want to put it in current use. Selectman Tanguay inquired about a corner lot Grant has. Grant stated that he considers that a non lot. Chairman Chandler suggested that he may want to do a boundary line adjustment for that parcel.

Fire Chief Pat Roberts informed the Selectmen that he had made contact with Rowan Electric of Center Sandwich, NH and they would be here on Tuesday to do up the bid for the generator grant. Roberts also stated that he had ordered a set of binoculars and that the check for the computer would be going out this week. Roberts inquired about the purchase order for the GPS tracking system. Chairman Chandler inquired as to why Roberts wanted the GPS. Roberts explained that it helps with landing helicopters, determining the quickest way to get to a forest fire, etc. Chairman Chandler stated that he had purchased one for half the cost and he inquired where Roberts was purchasing it from. Roberts stated that one of the firemen had found one on the internet. Selectman Garland inquired if the ambulance department has one. Selectman Tanguay replied that it is the responsibility of the fire department to set up the landing zone. Chairman Chandler believes that Roberts should look around some more to see about getting a less expensive unit. Selectman Garland inquired if training was needed to be able to operate the unit. Roberts stated that the Fish and Game Department was holding a training class next week. Selectman Tanguay stated that he doesn't think that the software was absolutely necessary. Roberts will do more research and look further. Roberts also stated that he made a calculation

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error when he submitted his purchase order for the property ID labels as the price is per 100 and would be \$127.00 per hundred. Selectman Garland inquired if this was associated with the bar code scanner. Roberts replied yes and he would really like to get all fire department items labeled. The Selectmen agreed that this new price was ok. Roberts inquired about why Selectmen had said no to the purchase order he had submitted for one fire department member to go to dive school. Chairman Chandler responded that he couldn't justify as to why we needed a dive person as there was no place in the Saco River that was deep enough to require a dive person. Selectman Tanguay inquired if this person who wants to take this course might be willing to pay for half the course and the Fire Association pay for the other half. Roberts doesn't believe that the Association has funds available for that. Chairman Chandler stated that there are a number of questions that needed to be answered like what the liability to the town would be and who purchases the equipment. Selectman Garland inquired as to who supports this dive team. Roberts stated that Ray Leavitt was in charge of the dive team and believes it is an independent team. Selectman Garland stated that it is nice to have but of little value as the State Police and Fish and Game already have dive teams. Roberts stated that at the last officers meeting that the officers had requested to meet with the Selectmen to go over items like the budget, etc. but as it is difficult for them to meet during the day and they would like to request a night meeting. It was decided that the Selectmen would meet with the officers at their regular officers meeting on November 6th at 6:30 PM at the Glen fire station. Chairman Chandler inquired as to how the maintenance on the fire department vehicles was coming. Roberts stated that it is about one third done and that he hasn't heard from Don Ryder on doing the rest of it. Roberts inquired about the pay raises for the members. Selectman Tanguay inquired if he was referring to hourly or reconstruction where he plans to dissolve the officer stipend and training stipend. Roberts stated the new reconstruction plan. Chairman Chandler stated that it would not be instituted for this year. Selectman Tanguay requested that each month the hourly paper work be submitted to the Selectmen. Selectman Garland supported a \$1.00 an hour raise for the firemen. Selectman Tanguay seconded this. All Selectmen agreed to the hourly raise of \$1.00 per hr.. Roberts inquired about his purchase order for the EMT class. Chairman Chandler stated that we were not going to pay for the class. Roberts stated that he can't afford to pay for it. Chairman Chandler reminded

Roberts that part of the requirement when Roberts was hired was to be able to drive the ambulance. Roberts stated that he has a tractor trailer license so he can drive the ambulance. Selectman Tanguay stated that he would have to have two EMT's on board. Selectman Garland stated that when Roberts was hired they were going to increase his salary after completion of the EMT class as an incentive to finish the class. Selectman Garland inquired as to who paid for the class when he took it before. Roberts stated that the ambulance department had paid for it. Selectman Tanguay stated that there is a refresher course coming up but because of the time lapse that Roberts needs to take the whole class.

Selectman Tanguay inquired about the status of the fire station outside doors. Roberts replied that he has called Kevin at L.A. Drew and is still waiting for a price quote from him. Selectmen Garland will go and take the measurements for the door. Roberts will also get the broken 2x4 replaced at the Bartlett Village Station before they start painting the station. Selectman Tanguay inquired if A. O. Lucy from Believe in Books had contacted Roberts about his sprinkler system. Roberts stated no. Selectman Tanguay stated that Lucy had inquired about setting up a fire truck to use where they would have it set up to go from the tank to the truck to the sprinkler system if they needed to pump water. Roberts stated that he is not in favor of that and they still need water for their sanitary facilities. Chairman Chandler stated that the building is probably the biggest liability for the Town as the building is overfilled with people, the heating system leaves a lot to be desired, and there is not really a good way out of the building. Roberts agreed that the building is way out of compliance. Chairman Chandler stated that it is in the hands of the State Fire Marshal now and he believes that we should leave it in their hands. Roberts stated that they have changed the ceiling propane to indirect heat. Lynn Jones, AA, stated that assessing is also a problem as we don't assess tents. Selectman Garland stated that we do need to discuss further what to do about the "Canadian garages" that are appearing all over town.

Annette Libby, Bartlett Recreation Director, had purchase orders to be signed by the Selectmen. Chairman Chandler inquired about the scoreboard that was purchased and why Libby didn't get someone to sponsor the board so that she could use that amount of money towards something else she needs... Libby explained that she did try to but was unsuccessful so she used part of her \$2500.00 equipment grant money to purchase the board.

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Libby went over the following:

1. Skating rink- the skating rink is going to be put at monument park where it will be near the fire hydrant for easier access to water and that Bob Blake will be taking care of the rink.
2. Shed – She is going to offer a bid of \$1000.00 for the 10x12 shed that the Kennett High School students built. She would like to place the shed at the ball park for storing the golf cart, etc. She is planning on utilizing the golf cart more this year as she would like to use it to drag the field.
3. Christmas Tree Lighting will be the first Saturday in December as she wants it to be its own gala event.
4. Holiday Craft Fair will be on November 24th as she feels they will get more crafters by having it earlier.
5. Debit card – she used it for three field trips this summer and she would like to use it for picking up Christmas shopping gifts for small items up to a total of \$300.00. These gifts are available for children to purchase for their parents for Christmas while the parents are at the craft fair. The Selectmen are ok with this.
6. VFW update- Bob Johnston and other volunteers will be painting the VFW this week. Libby hopes to utilize the building more and has agreed to give them a quarterly check of \$300.00 to help pay for utilities.
7. Libby discussed purchasing a one time tree instead of paying \$100.00 a year. Selectman Garland mentioned that he thought we had dedicated one of the ones planted at the park as a Christmas tree. Libby stated that we could decorate the other trees in white lights and one other one in colored lights as the tree. Chairman Chandler would like to see us get one donated for this year as he doesn't think the one at the park is big enough. Selectman Garland will speak to Don Ryder to see if he would get a tree and Selectman Garland stated that Ryder could cut the tree off the Garlands property. Libby also mentioned that there is a neighbor's tree that is hanging over one of the park trees and requested that the Selectmen take a look at this.
8. Snow fence for the ball field. Chairman Chandler stated that the fence will be going up again. Selectman Tanguay will check with Attitash to see if we can obtain a fence from them to replace the one that was vandalized last year.

9. Web site- Selectman Garland would like Libby to be allowed to post to the web site thru Craig Harrison without going through the Selectmen each time as some schedules, etc. are time sensitive. The Selectmen have no problem with that but if she does surveys, etc they would like it to go thru the Selectmen.
10. Libby also handed out the Bartlett Recreation Departments balance sheet for the Selectmen to review.

Selectman Tanguay made a motion at 11:15AM to enter Non-Public Session under NH RSA 91-A: 3, II –a for a personnel matter. Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Chandler made a motion at 11:35 AM to end the Non-Public Session. Selectman Tanguay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Chandler has concerns that some of the employees are withdrawing money that the town has put into a mutual fund for their retirement. Chairman Chandler instructed Brenda Medeiros, Sec., to call the mutual fund investor to discuss this issue.

Selectmen reviewed correspondence, building permits, discussed that the Conservation Commission needs to sign the letters they send out, agreed to meet with the Jackson Selectmen on October 22nd at 05:30 PM to discuss the transfer station, signed letters and checks prior to and throughout the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.