

**TOWN OF BARTLETT, NH – SELECTMEN’S OFFICE**  
**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN’S MEETING – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2008**  
**ATTENDANCE: Selectmen Gene G. Chandler, Douglas A. Garland and Jon Tanguay**  
**REPORTERS: None**

Meeting opened at 8:35AM.

Selectmen briefly called Town Counsel for clarification of a legal matter concerning use of public land.

Motion was made by Garland, seconded by Tanguay to enter Non-Public Session under NH RSA 91-A-II (b) for a personnel matter involving the Recreation Department. Vote = unanimous to enter NPS at 8:55AM. Motion was made by Garland and seconded by Tanguay to end NPS. Vote = unanimous to end NPS at 9:05AM. Selectmen met with Annette Libby, Recreation Director, and agreed to hire Catherine Tilton as the Assistant Recreation Director. Tilton will be working about 20 hrs. per week and will start at \$11.30 per hour, with a review in January at which time she may go to \$11.75/hr. She will not be doing Kids Kaleidoscope and Libby will be looking for a person to handle that program separately. Selectmen met Tilton and welcomed her to the program.

Libby continued discussion with the Selectmen concerning 1) she just wanted to explain the purchase order presented for a used flat screen monitor which we got at a reduced price that includes a warranty and that her 2009 budget will include a new desktop computer but less the monitor; and 2) she presented two quotes from Double T Fence for the placement of split rail fence as the Precinct ball field. One was for two rails and the other for three rails. Selectmen will review them.

Libby remained at the meeting.

Police Chief Tim Connifey came in to report to the Selectmen that the department had two duo cone radars donated to them from the Bow and Lee Police Departments as they no longer needed them. They are in good working order and will be used by the department.

Connifey remained at the meeting.

Ed Furlong, Lil Man Snowmachine Rentals (5RT302-23L00), met with the Selectmen to discuss the issue of the location of the new recreation dept. shed on the Precinct ball field. Furlong asked why the shack was placed so as to block the access trail to the White Mt. National Forest. Furlong went on to state that it all started when a former employee left on not so good terms and caused the State to take the

snowmobile trail there off the map. Chandler stated that Furlong’s problem was not with us but he needs to talk to the White Mt. National Forest as they are the ones that control access. Furlong stated that the map was fudged and blocked out his business, that he runs his business straight up, his business supports other businesses in Bartlett, his ad campaign promotes the area, he oversees the ball field to make sure people aren’t damaging it, and he does a lot to support Bartlett including \$500 donations to the recreation department. Chandler repeated that we can’t give him anything, that the problem is with the White Mt. National Forest and he needs to go to them. Furlong stated that Terry Miller (WMNF Saco District Ranger) says the Selectmen are the problem. Tanguay stated that the Precinct ball field has no access to the White Mt. National Forest for snowmobile trails. Chandler stated that there is no snowmobile access in that area. Furlong stated that he makes annual donations to the rec. dept. and willing to put up bleachers, lights, or whatever is needed and he will do whatever it takes to make it work over there. Tanguay asked whether Furlong thought that because he makes these donations does he feel this gives him permission to conduct his business on the Precinct ball field. Furlong answered no. Furlong went on to state that he has thought about fuel tanks on his property to make it easy to refuel off the trail. Chandler stated again that the trail there will not be open. Garland stated that the trail that used to go through the McManus property was abandoned but there is a trail that goes past Rick Garland’s house and past the WMNF Experimental Forest buildings. Chandler stated that Furlong needed to get a letter from WMNF that you can access the trail system from the Precinct ball field. Furlong stated that he wants to hear from the Bartlett Village Water Precinct on the authority of the rec. dept. to build the shack there. Annette Libby, Rec. Dir., stated that the commissioners were aware of the building and placement of the shed as they signed the building permit application which had a plan attached. Tanguay asked if we were done with this issue. Furlong stated he was not and wanted to know why they put the shack where they did. Libby stated it was the best location for the shed. Furlong stated that he has a right-of way there and it has been there for a long time to allow access to his property. Garland stated that we have researched it and as far as we can tell there is no right-of-way there for his use. Furlong went on to accuse Garland of violating his civil rights by making false personal statements about him. Garland stated he never made such statements. Chandler stated that he needs to get a letter from WMNF and prove to us he has the right-of-way he claims. Furlong stated he was being singled out because of the article in the paper last year about him being a former homeless person and it is a civil rights matter. He stated he will show us he had a grandfathered right to go there and wants the building of the shack to be put on hold until he gets the info together. Selectmen indicated that they would not do that as they felt from the research that they had done that there was no proof of any right-of-way.

Furlong, Libby, and Connifey left the meeting.

Fire Chief Pat Roberts attended the meeting to review with the Selectmen:

- 1) Ladder testing quotes – Roberts indicated that he was very impressed last year with the work done by Underwriter Laboratories and he wanted to test the ladders that they use the most. Selectmen agreed to go with Underwriter Laboratories and do 4 ladders.
- 2) 2009 Budget and Apparatus purchasing – Roberts stated the Officers would like to meet with the Selectmen again as they did last year to discuss apparatus replacement. Selectmen agreed and Roberts is to try to come up with a mutually agreeable date with Wednesdays appearing to be the best day at this point.
- 3) Door installation at the Glen Fire Station – Selectmen agreed to have Mike Dewar do the work. Roberts will need to find out whether flashing is included for the tower repair in Glen. The issue of a ledge above the doors was discussed but it was agreed that it was not urgent to do this now and could wait until next year.
- 4) Ed Dubie from the Jackson Fire Dept contacted Roberts re: a trailer that was given to their department that was felt to be good for use in training and that they may want to have as a “permanent” training device to be located at the Transfer Station. Selectmen felt it was probably a good idea but had several questions that Roberts will have to investigate a bit further including the need to come with a plan for final removal due to concern over hazardous materials, where it would be located at the Transfer Station, and who had ownership of it. Roberts will try to take a look at it and find out some more info.

Motion was made by Garland, seconded by Tanguay to enter Non-Public Session under NH RSA 91-A-II (b) to discuss a personnel matter with Fire Chief Roberts. Vote = unanimous to enter NPS at 10:35AM. Selectmen reviewed a potential firefighter candidate. Motion was made by Tanguay, seconded by Garland to end NPS. Vote = unanimous to end NPS at 10:45AM. Decision was made that Fire Chief Roberts will write a letter to the candidate explaining the requirements of the position and the need for a doctor's note stating the candidate can perform those duties.

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

Motion was made by Chandler, seconded by Garland to adjourn. Vote was taken – meeting adjourned at 11:05AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn P. Jones, Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen