

Town of Bartlett Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes: December 7, 2007  
Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland  
Absent: Jon Tanguay  
Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

Bartlett Police Chief Timothy Connifey informed the Selectmen that the bullet proof vest for the new police officer, Suzanne Scott, was in and the cost is \$525.00 and did the Selectmen prefer to pay for the vest this year or wait until next year. The Selectmen decided to pay for it this year. Connifey also mentioned that Suzanne Scott was scheduled for her physical fitness test at the NH Police Academy on December 17<sup>th</sup> and that she will be starting the NH Police Standards and Training Academy on January 7, 2008. Selectman Garland inquired as to how she was working out. Connifey stated that she is doing fine and has been riding with the field training officer, Cheryl Torosian, and also has done ride time with Officer Garry Sherry and Officer Ed Conley. Selectman Garland mentioned that he would like to see the police department have caller ID put back onto the telephones as under normal basis it wouldn't be needed, but if someone involved in an emergency situation should dial the police department instead of 911 and the call gets disconnected before information is given we should know where the call is coming from. Chief Connifey will have it put back onto the telephones.

Bartlett Fire Chief L. Patrick Roberts dropped off an EMD base station radio grant application from the State Homeland Security Program that needs to be made out for the Town to get this base radio.

Annette Libby, Bartlett Recreation Director, went over the following with the Selectmen:

- 1.) The craft fair went well and they raised about \$1800.00 and had \$250.00 for expenses. It also worked out well to set one price of \$1.50 for each present that the children could purchase for their parents. Chairman Chandler requested to think about the children who don't have money and maybe something could be worked out for them. Libby will look into this but as a general rule those children tend to come to you.

- 2.) Libby mentioned that the Christmas tree lights are out and she isn't sure if it is a fuse or something wrong with the cable. Selectman Garland will check this out.
- 3.) Libby discussed obtaining a bulk mailing permit for \$175.00 and the application for an additional \$175.00. She would like to send out the donation letters and this would bring the cost down to .251/2 per letter and hopefully after Libby fills out the non profit form and we will be able to send the mail for .12 a letter. Selectman Garland inquired how much it cost to renew this permit each year. Libby replied \$175.00. Libby will use the permit for sending out not only the donation letter requests but also for events such as the golf tournament. Selectman Garland inquired if people could donate to certain funds. Libby replied yes that they can specify how they would like the donation used such as scholarship program, ice skating rink maintenance, ball field maintenance, little league, general fund, etc. Selectman Garland inquired if Libby has the addresses on the computer so the envelopes can be printed off the computer. Libby stated yes and each person who donates will receive a thank you letter.
- 4.) Libby would like to purchase a digital camera with an easy share docking station so they can take their own pictures and put in the local paper. The cost is around \$229.00 and there is also a \$50.00 rebate available for this camera. Selectman Garland inquired if she would do stills or action pictures. Libby replied probably stills. Chairman Chandler stated that he didn't want to be the "Grinch" but is this in the budget. Libby stated she has raised enough money to cover this expense. Libby also mentioned that she would like to purchase a new computer as the one she has now is real outdated and she has to use her own personal one at home for the quickbooks program, etc.. She would like to purchase a lap top so that she could take it back and forth and she could purchase one for around \$1000.00. Chairman Chandler inquired which budget cycle she wanted to do this under. Libby replied this year as she has brought in money this year. Chairman Chandler replied that just because she took in money this year doesn't mean she has to spend it. Libby will bring in her financial reports for the Selectmen to review.
- 5.) Libby also mentioned that she would like to give her assistant as well as her summer help a 3% wage increase as she has a good staff and

- would like to keep them. This will be discussed further as well as other finance issues.
- 6.) Libby and the golf tournament committee met and the date for the next tournament will be May 30, 2008.
  - 7.) Libby approached the Selectmen about hosting a Christmas Party for the town employees on December 21<sup>st</sup>. They will discuss this next week.
  - 8.) Libby is also planning on doing the bus trip to the Boston flower show again this year; however, it will have to be on a Wednesday as the bus isn't available for Thursday.
  - 9.) Libby stated that there is a problem with the removal of a stump for the ice skating rink to be placed in the park by the water fountain and therefore for this year will be moved back to the Hodgkins' park.

Dave Cianciolo of Badger Realty discussed having a presale fire safety code inspection done on a local business. Chairman Chandler stated that we are not in a position to recommend anyone and that Shawn Bergeron works on our behalf. Lynn Jones, AA, mentioned that to hire Bergeron to do this they would have to have a contract with us. Jones also mentioned that in the Mount Washington Valley newsletter that it did appear that there is another subject who does presale inspections and this information was passed on to Cianciolo. Selectman Garland stated that if the other person did the initial inspection that a contract wouldn't be needed, but the final inspection would still have to be done by Shawn Bergeron. Cianciolo inquired at what point does Bergeron become involved in the project. Jones explained that if the property is purchased a change of use building permit would be needed and that generates Bergeron becoming involved. Cianciolo inquired if the Town would accept the other person's report. Chairman Chandler stated that the only person's report we recognize is Bergeron when it comes to the final report. Selectman Garland stated that it may be beneficial for the two engineers to share the report, but he isn't sure how each looks at the life safety codes. Cianciolo stated that he is looking for the less expensive way to do this as an overview inspection costs between \$5000.00 - \$6500.00.

Kevin Donovan (1INTPK-WAS-50) spoke to the Selectmen about his concerns in reference to what is going on at the O'Neil property (1INTPK-WAS-XX1). Donovan is concerned about the wetlands permit and the way things are being manipulated. The application that was submitted in 2005 of

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the layout of the development with driveway location, number of structures is inaccurate. Donovan has spoken to the wetlands bureau in Concord and they were unaware of the property being subdivided and they were surprised that the subdivision was not forwarded. Donovan has also had a discussion at another time with the Conservation Commission. Selectman Garland stated that he doesn't know why this was done as it was considered a zero lot line subdivision. Donovan stated that the wording is now two lot subdivision. Selectman Garland mentioned that at the last planning board meeting that it was brought up that the wetlands permit was denied but Bob Tafuto of Ammonoosuc Survey claimed he had withdrawn the application before it was denied. Donovan replied that the issue had been tap danced around and tabled before public comment could be made. Donovan stated that on the wetlands permit that it states access to septic for construction from Hillside Avenue but because of the wetlands crossing on that route that for them to gain access to build a leach field they had to apply for an amendment as it goes within 25 feet of the neighbors property line. The language of the permit talks about accessing after the permit is approved however the abutter won't sign a waiver and allow them to come closer to her property line. Chairman Chandler stated that it sounds like they would have to request a waiver from the planning board. Selectman Garland doesn't believe that all the different boards are talking to each other and he can't believe they were allowed to use the existing stream crossing for leach field. Donovan stated on the application package that the wetland requires an accurate drawing to show impact and needs to have precise locations as it was to be two houses and now it is five. Donovan stated that the Conservation Commission has statutory duties to see this is satisfied legally and they should contribute their thoughts. Lynn Jones, AA, mentioned that the Conservation Commission meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month and perhaps Donovan should meet with them. Chairman Chandler suggested that the State as well as the Conservation Commission should be asked to attend the next planning board meeting. Selectman Garland stated that they have issues with the drainage as they are using unrealistic figures and that Burr Phillips, Engineer, has submitted a letter of his findings to the planning board about the drainage and driveway designs as well as a storm water management report. A copy of this report was given to Donovan. Donovan will plan on meeting with the Conservation Commission and go from there.

Joyce and Chris Paquette (2LNDRH-84-0) spoke to the Selectmen about their property being over assessed and inquired about an abatement. Chairman Chandler explained that the key thing to remember is that the assessment is based on the status of the property as of April 1<sup>st</sup> and this reflects the market sales of the year previous so we are always one year behind as far as property values go. J.Paquette stated that others homes in the area have much lower property values. J.Paquette inquired about sales in Linderhof. Chairman Chandler stated that there were 10 sales in Linderhof and 8 of those sales were priced higher than what we had assessed. J. Paquette inquired if the assessment is based on square footage of the house. Selectman Garland replied yes that it is primarily the square footage. Chairman Chandler also stated that the condition of the house is also a consideration and a tax card was given to the Paquette's which explains more. C.Paquette replied that he basically wanted to do research for his own peace of mind. J. Paquette inquired if the Selectmen wanted a real estate agent to give an estimate. Selectman Garland replied that it would have to be what the value of the property was as of April 1<sup>st</sup> and next year the current market value would probably change but the town will still have to raise the same amount of money so if the property values goes down the tax rate goes up. J. Paquette inquired about her water bill and could they have a water meter installed. Chairman Chandler explained that he believes there is a base rate and everything above that is charged for but they need to talk to the Lower Bartlett Water at the F.X. Lyons building about that as we have nothing to do with the water bill. J.Paquette stated that they are coming up less and the water bill keeps going up and she feels they are funding the full time residents. Lynn Jones, AA, reminded the Paquette's that the abatement forms and information on map/parcels, etc. could be obtained from the map room.

Carl Iacozili is trying to buy a condo and wanted to know if he had power of attorney could he pay the back taxes on the property that the town owns. Lynn Jones, AA, stated that she believes that it has to be a relative or direct relative. Selectman Garland inquired what if she pays with his money. Chairman Chandler stated that it has to go to auction. Lynn Jones, AA, stated that the property is listed under two names and that we would have to have documentation as to who has a right to sell. Chairman Chandler replied that at some point you can't do it. Iacozili stated the owner lives in Florida and wants to sell and he wants to buy and he understands the taxes haven't

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been paid since 2005. Lynn Jones, AA, stated that the taxes haven't been paid since 2002 and there would be interest charges. Chairman Chandler suggested that Iacozili provide legal documentation as to who owns the property and to write requesting for a pay off figure. Iacozili inquired as to how long he has to do this. Chairman Chandler stated that he should have a few months as no confirmed auction date has been scheduled.

The Selectmen appointed Dick Plusch and Julia King as Zoning Board of Adjustment members.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.