

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: September 11, 2009

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, Jon Tanguay

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

L. Patrick Roberts, Fire Chief, handed out a copy of his report on the Josiah Bartlett School fire and life safety inspection. The Selectmen reviewed the report. Chairman Chandler stated that some issues have come up where Roberts had requested the room under the stairway have sheetrock on the cinder block walls, however, the biggest issue concerns the art work on the walls. Chairman Chandler went on to say that last year the art work on the walls was fine and this year it is not. Chairman Chandler stated that windows on an inside wall are considered part of the wall so the Board of Selectmen are not going to support Roberts with his wall space calculations. Chairman Chandler informed Roberts that he is not to order the school not to have art work as the Board believes that Roberts interpretation of what is wall space is wrong. Roberts commented you are telling me I can't do my job. Selectman Garland stated that windows are part of a wall. Roberts stated that fifteen years ago the stuff on the walls was not taken care of but he attended a State of NH class last year that explained how to determine wall space. Chairman Chandler requested that Roberts show the Board what he is going by. Roberts stated that he had done his job correctly and Principal Voci disagreed with Roberts, therefore, Roberts had suggested that the Fire Marshall be brought in and if the Fire Marshall is happy then we don't have to address the issue. Selectman Garland stated that Roberts's interpretation of the RSA may not be right as what he is doing is trying to sterilize the school and it comes to a point of being anal as we have always had art work on the walls. Roberts stated that it is a violation of the fire code and he is trying to keep the fire load in the corridors down and he finds the Selectmen's position very disturbing. Chairman Chandler replied that at some point you have to use common sense and the Selectmen are only addressing the wall space issue and the town's position is to only occupy 20 percent of the wall space, it is your interpretation of wall space that is in question. Chairman Chandler inquired if you have a 20 foot long wall and 8 feet of it is glass could you put art work on the windows. Roberts replied "No" and that he is going by the National Fire Protection fire code. Chairman Chandler again mentioned that they are not taking up the issue of 20 percent, but what Roberts is considering as wall space. Roberts replied

that the art work is in violation of the wall space and that he has noticed when he goes to the school that some of the art work doesn't get changed for long periods of time and dries out. Roberts stated that he has to have his report to the State by December 31, 2009 and that it is a State law that the Fire Chief inspects the schools. Chairman Chandler stated that the Selectmen need to read thru all the paper work and he requested that Roberts give the Selectmen copies of whatever applies to the wall issue to them. The Selectmen will speak to Principal Voci and go from there. Roberts replied that Voci has had a chance to review his report. He also stated that it is most important that he be allowed to do his job. Selectman Garland stated that Roberts is requiring the school to spend a lot of money that they hadn't budgeted for since they weren't aware there was any problems as last year everything was fine.

Chief Roberts informed the Selectmen that there is a problem with the new lock at the Glen Fire Station. The sun heats up the door and lock and the lock gets so hot that it doesn't work. Selectman Garland suggested going back to a regular lock. Roberts went on to say that Intervale Lock Shop suggested that they could take the software out of the door and put it in the Chief's computer. Selectman Garland replied that we spent thousands of dollars for a lock that doesn't work. Selectman Tanguay inquired as to what color the door is. Roberts replied that it is grey. Selectman Tanguay suggested that they paint the door white as Kennett High School has the same locks and they don't seem to be having a problem. Roberts stated that during the day the lock doesn't work as the door gets very hot. Chairman Chandler inquired if there was any assurance that the new one would work. Roberts stated that when the lock works it works fine and people like it. Selectman Garland inquired if people are still using the back door. Roberts doesn't believe that they are except that from time to time he uses it. Selectman Tanguay stated that when they do that it defeats the purpose of the new lock. Chairman Chandler requested that Roberts get prices. Chairman Chandler also inquired if they installed a roof over the door would that help or changing to a wooden door. Roberts doesn't think that painting will work and that the water would splash up against the wooden door so it wouldn't last. Roberts will check out the costs and get back to the Selectmen.

Chief Roberts inquired from Selectman Garland if Accu-temp had been in touch with him in reference to the school generator. Selectman Garland

stated that they had been playing telephone tag, but he will contact them. Selectman Garland inquired why the generator is tested in the summer and did it have to be tested every week during school hours as it messes up the computers. Chairman Chandler inquired if it automatically goes off. Roberts explained that it was programmed to start and it is connected to an alarm panel in the office. Selectman Garland inquired why it couldn't be tested on Sunday night. Selectman Tanguay mentioned testing it at 6 AM. The Selectmen requested Roberts to check the warranty to see if they have to test it every week or could they do it every other week or so. The Selectmen will also check with Principal Voci about the best time to have the generator tested.

Chairman Chandler inquired about the fire truck that is sitting outside in the village. Chief Roberts stated that Engine 3 is sitting outside the fire station as they were doing work on the building. It is registered, but not inspected as they have no use for this truck. Chairman Chandler inquired if the truck could be used at the Bartlett Jackson Transfer Station. Roberts replied that he didn't see why not, but in the mean time he would like to take some sheets, have them sewed together to make a cover for the truck. The Selectmen were ok with this.

Chief Roberts informed the Selectmen that the Bartlett Fire Fighters Association has purchased and donated a new gas detector to the Bartlett Fire Department which will be put in the Bartlett Village Fire Station. It was agreed that this would be a great photo opportunity for the Association and the Town and a date would be set for this.

A.O. Lucy (1RT016-201-L10) met with the Selectmen in reference to his building permit for a sugar shack. Selectman Garland inquired if this was going to be a commercial business where it is open to the public. Lucy replied that the sugar shack would be open during season, people will be able to take tours as well as he may have syrup for sale. He will be keeping it as simple as possible. It will be placed just to the right of the gate and he is not cutting any trees. Lynn Jones, AA, inquired if there would be a bathroom there. Lucy replied "no". Jones replied that this sounds like commercial to her which would involve an inspection by Shawn Bergeron, and he would have to have a proposed green area as well as a proposed parking area. Chairman Chandler instructed Lucy to fill out the form as commercial. He also informed Lucy that he will need to do a sketch which indicates the green area, parking area, and lighting. Selectman Garland explained that the

green area requirements for the side and rear areas must be a minimum of 25' of forest growth that is maintained naturally. Selectman Garland requested that if he is going to cut any sapling that he come in first and let the Selectmen know. Lynn Jones, AA, inquired if there would be electricity to the building. Lucy replied that he will have a generator on site. Selectman Garland inquired as to how many gallons his sap container holds. Lucy replied 50 gallons. Lucy inquired if he really needed to go to Bergeron. Chairman Chandler replied that he would need to find out if the capacity is an issue, etc. and that it wouldn't be a problem if it wasn't open to the public. Selectman Garland inquired how he plans on marketing the syrup, was he planning on tying this in with the Mount Washington Valley Ski Touring. Lucy replied that wasn't his intent. Lucy stated that the sugar shack will be visible from the road and he is planning on offering school tours. Lynn Jones, AA, reminded Lucy that he has a sign on the gate that there is no permit for. Lucy replied that he replaced a sign. The Selectmen reminded him that he needs a sign permit. Lucy mentioned that he has moved his office to the research center as the observatory has left as they only operate when there is grant money which they had for eight years but now there is none. Lynn Jones, AA, reminded Lucy that when he is doing changes he needs to obtain a change of use permit.

Engineer Mike Duffy telephoned the Selectmen about an issue he is dealing with at Blueberry Village as they have a failed septic system and he didn't realize that he needed to have the test pit observed by a town representative. Chairman Chandler explained that the test pit and the plans go simultaneously. Whatever test pit information is on the plan to the State, needs to be reviewed. Duffy remarked that he would like a waiver for the test pit inspection. Chairman Chandler explained that we make no comments on the system but we have to verify what the ground is. Selectman Garland stated that the system has been there for a long time. Chairman Chandler instructed Duffy to have David Shedd do the test pit inspection and get the plans to us. Duffy replied that he was trying to get around that requirement but if he has to he will do it.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 10:40 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 unanimously. Selectman Garland made a motion at 11:30

AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Tanguay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Chandler informed the Board that it will cost \$550.00 to plant Fall mums at the intersection of Route 16 and 302 and he suggested that the money be raised and perhaps this could be done by putting something in the Bartlett town column.

Selectman Tanguay and Chairman Chandler have previous commitments and will not be available to meet on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The Selectmen's meeting has been cancelled for that date. The next regular meeting will be on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Selectmen attempted to call the town's attorney on a legal issue but he was unavailable and they left a message for him.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.