

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: January 22, 2010

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Doug Garland, Jon Tanguay

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

David Bernier, North Conway Water Precinct Superintendent, Bob Porter and Jim Umberger, North Conway Water Precinct Commissioners, met with the Selectmen to explain the next mega project for the North Conway Water Precinct. Travis Chick, Bartlett Road Agent also attended the meeting on behalf of the Town of Bartlett. Bernier explained that it would be contract 8 rural development and cost 10 million dollars which is the second largest project. They are looking at obtaining stimulus money. Contract 7 has been awarded to A. J. Coleman for 4.2 million which is installing sewer lines on Hurricane Mtn. Road and Wyman Avenue which connects to Intervale Crossroad. Bernier had brought a drawing and explained what areas are involved in the project in addition to Hurricane would be Forest Ring Drive and Pendexter Woods. They will also be doing Pierce road as there are 4 homes on that road. They are planning on doing water and sewer on Skyline Drive and will do a 2 ½ “ base pavement. Chairman Chandler inquired as to when they would be doing Skyline Drive. Bernier stated that it would be the 2011 construction season. Chairman Chandler inquired about Pendexter Woods. Bernier replied that that road is in very bad shape and they will shore trench the pavement, however, Skyline Drive they will do a new road from curb to curb. Selectman Garland inquired if it was mandatory for people to hook up to the line or do we have to go back if they decide to at a later date and therefore disturb the pavement. Bernier replied that they provide a hook up well within ninety days after the line is accepted and they will be billed whether they hook up or not. Selectman Garland inquired if there would be available connections to vacant lots. Bernier replied “yes”. Chairman Chandler inquired if there would be a written proposal. Bernier replied, “yes” and he feels this is a really good deal. Chairman Chandler stated that his idea of a bad road may not necessarily be what we consider a bad road. Bernier informed the Board that even though Chairman Chandler had requested that manhole covers not be in the road that the sewer has to go up the center of the road. However, it won’t be like Route 16 as the State is the one who required 1/2” drop as when the pavement wears out it will get to the 1/4”. Selectman Garland inquired if when the project is done who has to make repairs to the manholes. Bernier replied that the precinct has to make

the repairs. Chairman Chandler stated that these would have to be exceptions from our road standards. Bernier remarked that their engineers will oversee the project and that the contractor has to provide center line exact profile as before. Selectman Garland inquired if we had our engineer check the project who would pay for this. Bernier stated they wouldn't pay for two engineers as they feel they had a pretty good one. Selectman Garland replied that our engineer wouldn't take their engineers place; it would be more of just a check in. Chairman Chandler inquired why can't the sewer and water line in Pendexter Woods be on one side of the road. Bernier explained that they have to be 10' apart and it would be a long service for someone on the opposite side of the road. In addition if the manholes are on the side the wings of the plow trucks hit them. It also creates a drainage problem if sewer is on one side and water on the other. Chairman Chandler stated you will get something to us to look at. Bernier replied that right now they are trying to get a bond and this March they will have a bond hearing. Chairman Chandler stated that he doesn't see much problem with Skyline Drive but Pendexter Woods needs to be looked at and figured out. Chairman Chandler inquired as to how soon would they get something to us on Pendexter Woods. Bernier stated that it would probably be a week. Chairman Chandler stated that he didn't see any big problems but would like to look at it as sometimes what is told doesn't always happen.

Police Chief Timothy Connifey met with the Selectmen to let them know the following: 1.) There was a burglary on Skyline Drive which they are investigating. 2.) Justin Ross goes for his physical fitness test tomorrow for the part time police academy. 3.) The stinger tazers didn't work out well and they have swapped them out for a better tazer. 4.) He had received price quotes for a new cruiser. The Crown Victoria would be between \$21,500 - \$22,000 and the Impala \$20,000 - \$21,000. The cost to transfer the lights would be \$1,500.00.

Ted Laliberte of the Tri County Transit Program stopped in to let the Selectmen know what is happening with the program. They have received funding for 8 buses and are providing public transportation from Wolfeboro to North Conway and parts of Intervale. There are three aspects to the program. There is the demand response which is a door-to-door service. The demand/response (dial a ride) and the long distance medical service. They are working with the Gibson Center trying to enhance the service they

provide and to reimburse their members for mileage. Selectman Garland inquired if the whole of Bartlett was included on the route. Laliberte replied “No, just a short way into Intervale”. Selectman Garland stated that it doesn’t cover anything in Bartlett to speak of in fact it doesn’t even make it as far as the town hall. Laliberte replied that he is using an old map, but it appears that Selectman Garland is correct. Laliberte stated that they will be putting a petition article on the warrant for \$3000.00 in each town. Selectman Tanguay inquired if they were asking the same amount for each town. Laliberte replied, “Yes”. Selectman Garland commented that they serve all of North Conway and very little in Intervale and yet they are asking each town for the same amount of money which doesn’t seem right. Selectman Tanguay inquired about the town of Jackson. Laliberte stated that they aren’t doing anything in Jackson but if the people can get to the hospital in North Conway they can use the service. Chairman Chandler recommended that they may want to wait to put the petitioned article in for Bartlett until they actually service the town as it may hurt them later on but the decision is up to them. Laliberte replied that it is a learning process and they will track the usage and eventually they will go further, perhaps to Berlin so that they can connect the rural areas. Selectman Tanguay inquired as to where the buses would be housed. Laliberte stated that they are housed at the Tri-County Cap building in Tamworth. Selectman Garland inquired if the Gibson Center would still be offering their transportation service. Laliberte replied, “Yes”.

Kent Graham, Vice President/General Manager of Attitash Ski Area and Richard Deutsch, Acquisition Real Estate Manager of Peak Resorts met with the Selectmen in reference to a Recovery Zone Bond. Deutsch explained that to do major improvements and get financing that the Federal Stimulus Act allows for a Recovery Zone Bond that is tax exempt from State and Federal taxes. They would be able to get a very long term and lower interest rate loan. To obtain the bond the town has to be part of the Economic Recovery Zone program and Bartlett isn’t. He believes Bartlett could be added if they made out the necessary application which would make it possible for Attitash to get lower financing. Chairman Chandler wondered why we weren’t part of the program. Deutsch thinks that Bartlett would meet the requirements and there are certain criteria that must be met and he has contacted the State and they believe Bartlett would meet them. Selectman Garland inquired as to what the advantage would be. Deutsch replied that it

would be lower interest but he didn’t know the specific economic advantages. Deutsch explained that if they are eligible they could improve the lifts, buildings, etc. and he believes they could finance for 30 years at 6%. Chairman Chandler inquired if they had the form. Deutsch replied, “No, but he could get the gentleman to get in touch with the Selectmen. Selectman Garland inquired if there was a time frame to this. Deutsch replied that it was December of this year and the State has already started the funding so they can’t get into the first round but maybe make the second round. Selectman Garland stated to send up the form and they would review it and if it was a good idea without two many strings attached they would sign the form. Selectman Garland also inquired if the form was on line. Deutsch replied “No”. Deutsch stated that D. LaMontagne was the contact person. Chairman Chandler called LaMontagne and left a message. (Mr. LaMontagne returned the call and provided the web site so that the form and information could be printed off it. The Selectmen reviewed the information and agreed to sign the form.)

Chairman Chandler mentioned to Graham that Attitash has some outstanding permit issues that need to be worked on and cleared up as soon as possible. Graham informed the Selectmen that he would take care of any outstanding issues.

The Selectmen worked on the 2010 budget, reviewed correspondence, building permits, signed letters and checks prior to and throughout the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.