

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes: February 27, 2009
Attendance Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, Jon Tanguay
Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 09:30 AM.

Selectman Garland recused himself and stepped down from the table to the audience side seating.

Terry Miller, US Forest Service, and Rick Garland (3RT302-176-R00) met with the Selectmen in reference to Ricks Road where there is a beaver pond and wetlands which are causing problems for Garland to gain access to his property. Garland is applying to the State of NH Wetlands Board to replace the culverts and regrade the road. He is working with the Department of Environmental Services and wants to comply with all local and state laws. Miller stated that the Birchview Homeowners Association is one of the land abutters and thought they were on board with this project; however, they have run into an obstacle as they have received threatening letters. They have been threatened of being sued so they couldn't get a unanimous vote from the association so it is all back in our laps due to a small group of unreasonable people. Miller explained that at this point Garland is applying for a waiver and he needs statements from the US Forest Service and from the Town of Bartlett that states this is a class VI road. Selectman Tanguay inquired if it was just the culverts that were being replaced. Miller replied that it is the culverts and there would be some grading of the road done. The beaver pipe would remain as is. Chairman Chandler doesn't know if this is a class VI road or a public highway and he would like the wording to coincide with the prior court ruling. The Selectmen will write a letter of support and attach the court decision.

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 09:35 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a legal issue according to RSA 91-A: 3 (e). Selectman Tanguay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Tanguay made a motion at 09:40 AM to end the nonpublic session. Chairman Chandler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Garland stepped back up and returned to the meeting at 09:41 AM.

Miller also discussed the following:

- 1.) Ed Furlong of Lil Man Snow machines had requested an agreement from the US Forest Service (USFS) to use the USFS trail by the Blackfly ball field. The USFS had sent him a letter stating that he could use the trail through April 15, 2009 and then the trail is closed.
- 2.) The court decisions have been upheld for the USFS to go ahead with various projects that have been on hold as the Sierra Club had objected to the projects. Miller stated that they have only done two projects since 1995 and they would have normally done four to five. Chairman Chandler suggested that if the court decisions are appealed that the USFS should seek court costs.
- 3.) Miller informed the Selectmen that we could have a serious issue and could lose a lot of hardwood as the Asian longhorned beetle is being transported by firewood from out of the area. Miller requested that the Selectmen put up on the bulletin board a poster and pamphlet on the Asian longhorned beetle that he provided.
- 4.) The USFS is in the process of doing a land exchange between the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (Forest Society) and the White Mountain National Forest (Forest Service). The land that is being negotiated involves the Merriman State Forest trading stock with property in Jericho (Berlin, NH).

Josephine (JoJo) Belville from the NH Department of Revenue, Property Appraisal Division, met with the Selectmen as this is the town’s assessment review year. The last one was done in 2004. Belville handed out sheets which lists the RSA’s and court decisions for the Selectmen to review. Belville touched base on the following things she would be looking at:

- 1.) Level and Uniformity of Assessments.
- 2.) Assessing Practices.
- 3.) Exemptions and Credits. She stated that if someone has an under honorable discharge on their DD214 which they have to show to get a veterans credit that they don’t qualify for the credit.
- 4.) Data Accuracy.
- 5.) Proportionality.
- 6.) Verify USPAP Compliant Report.

Another thing she will be looking at is whether the local non-profits are filing their A9 form yearly. Lynn Jones, AA, inquired as to who is suppose to chase these down. Belville stated the burden is on the Church or

organization to provide the document by April 15th of each year. Belville also informed them that the property cards will be reviewed randomly by the State. If there is a problem the findings will be reported to the Town so it can be corrected. Belville stated that she will notify the Town when she will be here and the town has the opportunity to review the results prior to the final report being submitted.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros