

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: March 13, 2009

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, Jon Tanguay

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

Dave Douglass and Wes Smith of Thorne Surveys met with the Selectmen to give them an update on the problems they are having on trying to update the town tax maps. Douglass explained that the maps have not been done since 1991. Douglass also stated that they have the ability to really do the maps or to continue the way they are. He has become extremely frustrated as when they put a new subdivision on the map it has a domino effect and the sizes of all the other properties are now changed. Douglass stated that the original maps are very faulty and there are 47 maps that have to be changed. Smith stated that when you put something accurate on the map it makes other lots inaccurate. Douglass explained that a ten acre lot could now only show as a three acre lot. Chairman Chandler stated that the maps are only used as a reference. Smith showed the google earth maps which they now use and explained the problems they are now having trying to match our maps to the google earth maps. Selectman Garland inquired that since they do many maps for towns are they accurate? Douglas replied no and they do put a disclaimer on the maps. Chairman Chandler inquired as to how much this project would cost. Douglas stated that it could easily lead up to \$30,000.00 as he has \$24,000.00 into it for people who entered data which he will eat that amount as until he sat down and examined their time cards he hadn't been aware of the time they had spent on this project. Chairman Chandler inquired as to where they are now. Douglas replied that all maps have been scanned in, had to trace some of them. Chairman Chandler inquired if there were any new maps. Smith replied that to update the maps is harder than expected because of the inaccuracies. Selectman Tanguay inquired if they had found anyone that had ten acres but actually has less. Douglass replied that every town applies acreage to what is scaled or on the deed. Chairman Chandler stated that we only have \$2,000.00, so do we go as far as we can or what. Douglass replied that he didn't know. Selectman Tanguay inquired if they could draft up a more accurate money amount. Chairman Chandler suggested that we enter an agreement that Thorne Surveys sells the maps to whoever requests one. Selectman Garland stated that the problem with that is that they are not copy wried so anyone could make copies. Chairman

Chandler stated that a couple of years ago under the State's assessment review process we were required to have reasonably accurate information on the maps but not now as what we provide now is considered free information. Selectman Tanguay inquired if they could do the maps in different phases of the town. Smith mentioned that they are trying to do latitude/longitude so that they can put the 911 numbers on the maps. Douglass inquired if the tax maps are used for assessing. Chairman Chandler replied no. Douglass stated that the purpose of this meeting was to present the problem and now he will go back to the office and put together some solid figures and come back to the Selectmen with the price. Selectman Garland suggested that we walk not run and we could mark the maps as a corrected one or not corrected. Douglass would like to think about this. Douglass will work up figures and get back to the Selectmen.

A.O. Lucy and Ken Lydecker of Believe in Books Literacy Foundation met with the Selectmen to discuss the technical report that he had received from Bergeron Technical Services in reference to the international building code and life safety code for the Polar Express building. Lucy stated that most of the issues deal with the fire department which he doesn't have a problem with, however, there is one portion of the sprinkler system with pump and wiring that is an issue as he needs a fire pump that doesn't shut off. Selectman Garland inquired if this was because the building holds more than 100 people. Lucy replied yes. Selectman Tanguay inquired if the pump has to be a permanent one. Lucy stated that it does until they are able to get hooked up to town water. Chairman Chandler inquired as to how long it would be until the precinct has water for them to hook up to. Lucy replied that it will be a while as he stopped things when they wanted 50 acres of land to put a well on. Lucy is requesting permission to hold events that have less than 100 people. Chairman Chandler stated that he has no problem with that. Lucy stated that he would be getting together with Bergeron Technical Services and Fire Chief L. Pat Roberts at the site as they all have a little different issues such as he is now being told that they have to have a thirty minute water supply and originally the life safety code was for seven minutes and they have had it tested and he can evacuate the building in four minutes so he is not sure why this changed. Chairman Chandler stated that he only has a problem with the last paragraph in the technical report and needs to speak to the engineer for clarification. Lucy stated that he would

like to start using the building for readings, movie night, etc. and the building is equipped with a sprinkler and 2000 gallons of water which is sufficient for 100 people but not 500. Chairman Chandler inquired as to what the deal was with the snow load. Lydecker stated that the membrane doesn't meet the code but with the design of the building the snow slides right off. Selectman Garland stated that he doesn't have a problem with up to 100 people. Chairman Chandler also agrees and the Selectmen will write a letter saying it is ok. Selectman Tanguay was not in favor of this until he speaks to the engineer. Selectman Tanguay also requested from Lucy to be let known when the meeting would be held as if possible he would like to attend. Lucy felt this was a good idea and will notify the Selectmen when the meeting will be.

The Selectmen discussed a legal issue with the town attorney.

The Selectmen will not be meeting on May 29, 2009.

The Selectmen discussed the issue that David Shedd would be unavailable to read test pits for the next month. The Selectmen agreed to ask Roger Labbe to fill in for Shedd. A telephone call was placed to Labbe and he agreed to do this.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.