

Town of Bartlett Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: August 24, 2007

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, Jon Tanguay

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 08:45 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a request for aid according to RSA 91-A:3 (c). Selectman Tanguay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Garland made a motion at 09:05 AM to end the nonpublic session. Chairman Chandler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Terry Miller and Lauren Oswald, Saco District Rangers of the US Forest Service, reviewed with the Selectmen a map of the McKiel Pond Road as the encroachments/boundaries are not clear and they wanted to know if the town has an interest in maintaining the road. The Forest Service is working with the homeowners and the power line company as they are on National Forest property. Chairman Chandler stated that the map is not accurate as the road doesn't go all the way to the end. Miller replied that this is not a certified map, but they will follow up and have a certified survey done. Miller stated that they need a letter from the Town for the forest road easement.

Chairman Chandler suggested that they write the letter indicating what they want and the Selectmen will review and if they agree with it they will sign it. Chairman Chandler inquired if they would be eligible for grants if they receive the forest road easement. Oswald stated that yes they would be eligible for forest highway grant.

Miller updated the Selectmen that the Forest Service is still working on the Rick Garland (3RT302-176-R02)/ Birchview Road flood issues and they are looking to put in a road up stream of the pond and this road would tie into the existing road. Selectman Garland inquired if the road that is being used now would still be available to use. Miller stated yes but that it would probably be mostly used as a walking/hiking trail.

Chairman Chandler reminded Miller that the vista look out areas, especially the second one up on Bear Notch Road needs to be looked at as they need to have clearing done to them.

Chairman Chandler had a 30 second complaint about something he had heard about the Meserve Brook Road. Chandler had heard that the ski touring wouldn't let them use the trail for logging. Miller stated that it is too steep and would be hard to maintain and the trail would not work for timber

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work. Miller also mentioned that the Sierra Club is still going after the Wilderness plan in Jackson. Chairman Chandler inquired if the project was on hold. Miller stated that bids are still open but he believes that eventually it will be put on hold.

Richard Glines, LBWP Commissioner, informed the Selectmen that there is a new LBWP board now and their intention is to keep the Selectmen more informed. They would like the Selectmen to think about zoning and working together on issues. Chairman Chandler stated that he would look at junky yards as there is one on Route 16A. Glines was familiar with the property and they are working on correcting the problem. Glines stated that the precinct is very small and they need more people. Glines mentioned that the Saco Ridge water contract project with Coleman was being signed today. He also mentioned that they are extending the water line 900' on Hemlock road and that they need to speak to the road agent, Travis Chick, to have him review the project. Glines informed the Selectmen that the precinct has been approached by Joe Berry and A.O.Lucy as they need to install sprinklers in some of their businesses. Glines stated that the sign at Flat Rocks on Town Hall Road was suppose to have a plaque in dedication to Henry Allen that had been left off the sign. Chairman Chandler instructed Glines to fill out a sign permit form.

Glines inquired about the piece of land that the Town owns (1RT016-201-L20) that is land locked as the precinct needs land for additional wells and after they receive their grant money they would explore the possibility of putting wells on this property. Glines has spoken to A. O. Lucy who would give an easement to the land in exchange for his needed sprinkler system. Selectman Garland inquired if that would curtail the Towns use of the property. Glines stated that they could still use the land for hiking, etc.. Glines would like to trade the land for putting water in at the Glen Intersection. Selectman Garland inquired if the Town would have the right to use or would they lose the land entirely as he has a concern about the public needing to have beach water access. Glines stated that he didn't know the answer to that but would look into it.

Glines informed the Selectmen that Coleman had received the contract for the Saco Ridge water project and that they would be crossing the road several times. Chairman Chandler stated that we need a schedule and that the road agent, Travis Chick, hasn't given his blessings for this work as we can't have the road torn up in the winter. Glines agreed that F. X. Lyons, Buzz
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Coleman need to meet with Travis. Chairman Chandler reminded him that we at least need a schedule. Glines stated that this is just why he feels that the line of communication needs to be open as the tax payers shouldn't be paying twice. Glines requested that the Selectmen at least think about the land deal and to come up with a proposal for the 15 acres of land.

Doug Lamb (1INTPK-HIL-150) has regraded the road and would like the road agent, Travis Chick, to inspect the road before he has the hot top put on the road. Lamb is also having issues with the LBWP in reference to the set back of his garage and he doesn't know how to resolve the issue. He would like to have the Town relinquish the road and would like to do a petition to have the Town give up the right of way. Lamb stated that his property has no value right now as he can't sell without a clear title which he can't obtain because the Precinct is fighting him. Chairman Chandler suggested that he meet with the Precinct and see what he can do to resolve the issues. Lamb stated that it starts here and flows over to them and they have more authority and he just wants to do what is right. Chairman Chandler again stated that Lamb needs to talk to the Precinct. Selectman Garland stated that he doesn't really understand why Lamb is not grandfathered if the garage was there before the zoning ordinance went into effect. Selectman Garland inquired if the road goes all the way thru. Lamb stated yes and that the neighbor's house is only about 15' from the road. Lamb mentioned that his daughter is a lawyer and she will be handling this problem for him. Lamb also inquired if Spring Road could be abandoned. Chairman Chandler stated that it is a platted road and that people have a right to use the road. Chairman Chandler also stated that Lamb would have to do up a petition and the Town would have to vote on the petition next March. Selectman Garland mentioned that Lamb may want to go to the Library and read the book "Hard Road to Follow" as it is informative and will explain the three different categories of platted roads.

L. Pat Roberts, Fire Chief, had received an e-mail from the Department of Homeland Security about the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program that he had applied for that stated he was denied for the AFG request for the FY 2007 program. Roberts also stated that he had looked into the annual Safer Grant but he only had ten days to get everything together for it and he just wasn't ready yet and needed to look at it further and do more research.

Roberts went over purchase order requests for the following: 1.) flow test for 12 SCBA units, 2.) annual fire extinguisher inspection, 3.) annual exit sign inspection, 4.) hose from the special article #8. The Selectmen approved all but #3 the annual exit sign inspection.

Roberts has been working on the inventory and has it about 2/3rds done and gave a copy to the Selectmen for them to review and let Roberts know of any concerns or comments.

Roberts has been in contact with SOLO about his EMT certification and they have a class in October that runs everyday for a month or they have a class that is held for a couple of nights a week and weekends and takes about 5 months to complete. The Selectmen will review this further.

Roberts has been contacted by Fran Lyons of the LBWP about using the Glen Fire Station for a bond signing meeting on September 5, 2007 at 09:45 AM which would take about ½ hour. The Selectmen have no objection to this request.

Roberts mentioned that he had had some lights and a telephone system donated to the Fire Department, but that he had returned the lights as they don't comply with the Towns lighting ordinance. He has kept the phones and is presently using them and the donor is looking for a letter so he can claim this donation on his taxes. The Selectmen agreed that Roberts would write the letter and they will sign it.

Roberts also informed the Selectmen that one of the firemen, Chris Howard, is no longer a member of the department as he has taken a job in D.C.

Roberts has received the examination and test of ground ladders report.

Roberts went over the preliminary report with the Selectmen and has done the minor fixes that needed to be done and is getting prices for other repairs that need to be done but over all the ladders are structurally sound.

Chairman Chandler mentioned that there is about \$5100.00 in the building maintenance budget and he would like to suggest that the Bartlett Village Fire Station be painted as we have the paint. Selectman Garland suggested that we put the paint project out to bid so that we can get prices to see if this is feasible. The selectman agreed to put the painting out to bid.

Roberts also mentioned that he had submitted a pay raise schedule that reflects years of service, etc. and since it is approaching pay time for the firemen he would like to know if this schedule was acceptable to the Selectmen. The Selectmen will let him know.

Jono Mulkern (5COBRD-55L-W02) had questions concerning his building permit application for an addition to his home. Chairman Chandler suggested that he fill out the application as to exactly what he was going to put in this addition. Mulkern wanted to know where it says he can't have a kitchen in this addition. A copy of the dwelling unit definition was given to Mulkern. Selectman Garland further emphasized that you can't cook, store and wash dishes in the addition or it would be considered a kitchen. Mulkern could have two of the elements but one needed to be left out if he wants this to be only an addition. Chairman Chandler stated that Mulkern probably had ample land to put in an apartment. Mulkern stated that this was only a temporary situation and the room would be turned into a work shop eventually. Once again Chairman Chandler requested that Mulkern put on the application exactly what he plans to put in the unit.

Selectman Tanguay made a motion at 11:00 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a request for aid according to RSA 91-A: 3 (c). Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Chandler made a motion at 11:20 AM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Selectmen reviewed correspondence including a property tax interest request to not have to pay the interest on delinquent taxes (Selectmen denied request), building permits, signed letters, discussed a septic issue at Bea's Café and a letter was written to them and checks prior to and throughout the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.