

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: August 28, 2009

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, Jon Tanguay

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 09:10 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a request for aid under NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Selectman Tanguay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Garland made a motion at 09:30 AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Tanguay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Martha Chandler (1RT016-VVC-2), Chairman of Vista View Condo Association, met with the Selectmen to discuss an issue at one of the condo units that Ed Astrachan had used as his office. The unit is larger than the rest and the circuit breakers and hot water heaters are located in the back of the unit. Astrachan had given a right of way thru his office to the mechanical room, however, now the unit is for sale and the new buyer doesn't want people to go thru his unit. M. Chandler has spoken to L. Patrick Roberts, Fire Chief, who suggested that there be a lock box with keys available for the fire department to have access to this mechanical room thru a rear door. Chairman Chandler suggested that they follow what the fire chief had recommended. Selectman Tanguay replied that as long as it is accessible year round there shouldn't be a problem. Chairman Chandler reminded M. Chandler that the new buyer will need to make out a change of use permit for this unit.

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 09:40 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a request for aid under NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Garland made a motion at 09:55 AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Tanguay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Daryl Mazzaglia, Judy Ludgate and Anne Ficke, of the Mountain Garden Club met with the Selectmen. Ficke, past president, of the Mountain Garden Club informed the Selectmen that the town had been awarded the 2008 community beautification award for the restoration of Will's Park located at

the Josiah Bartlett School. They were one of twenty clubs that were recognized. Thanks to Ludgate’s leadership the Mtn. Garden Club did a two year project to get the park cleaned up and they had obtained a grant for \$1000.00 from the National Garden Club that Mazzaglia had applied for. Ficke and Ludgate presented the beautification award to the Board of Selectmen and photos were taken.

Daryl Mazzaglia and Arthur Heigl of the Conservation Commission explained the Natural Resource Inventory for the Town of Bartlett that they would like to see done. Heigl stated that they may be able to work with the Upper Valley Land Trust and that Conway had kicked in \$10,000.00 to have this inventory done. Heigl would like Bartlett to be second on the list and the cost would be about the same as Conway’s. Mazzaglia stated that Bartlett is a frugal town and so they would like to raise the money for this project by cutting trees on the Stillings Farm property and selling the lumber. She feels that the town would benefit by having guided development. Selectman Garland stated that there are some mature trees out there and there is nice lumber on the property. Mazzaglia stated that David Shedd would play a role in doing this to make sure the cutting of the trees is done in the best way to preserve the land. Chairman Chandler stated that they couldn’t cut the trees and be given the money as this would have to be appropriated at town meeting. Heigl feels that the Saco River Land Trust is very knowledgeable. Chairman Chandler inquired as to what the end results would be. Heigl replied it is a plan with wetlands defined. Selectman Garland inquired if to isolate the wet lands would it be more than a one year process and does the \$10,000.00 only cover the one year. Heigl believes it would cover what we are interested in. Selectman Garland inquired if it takes two years can we pay \$5,000.00 one year and \$5,000.00 the next. Mazzaglia stated that they have looked at other options and to have UNH do the inventory would be very expensive. She also stated that there are 11 town jurisdictions and that Saco River Land Trust would tie everything together. Selectman Garland inquired as to what we would get for \$10,000.00? Mazzaglia will check back with them and ask that question. Mazzaglia does know that they target closed down gas stations and if Bartlett has something unique they would look at that. Selectman Garland remarked that on the planning board end that this would be helpful. Selectman Garland inquired as to what properties have studies been done. Heigl replied, state, federal and town land. Selectman Garland inquired as to how they identify wetlands on private

property. Mazzaglia doesn't know but stated that their mapping techniques are excellent. Heigl remarked that they do it by plant species. Chairman Chandler inquired as to what they were looking for today. Heigl replied the Selectmen's agreement to support the \$10,000.00. Chairman Chandler replied that he would need to see more on the program and what you get for your money. Heigl doesn't want to go to town meeting without the Selectmen backing them and there is an RSA that states we have to get this done. Selectman Tanguay inquired if the conservation commission had other revenue sources other than the town and the timber. Heigl replied no but they could write grants. Mazzaglia stated eventually they would take care of Bartlett but if we were to be done second we would have some control and could say more. Selectman Garland replied that the Selectmen could put it in the town report as a warrant article or the conservation commission could obtain 25 signatures and put it in as a petition article. Heigl became upset and stated that if the Selectmen don't care why should they. Chairman Chandler replied that we needed a list of what they will do for the money and even if the Selectmen don't support it doesn't mean that the town's people won't. Mazzaglia clarified that they can't log the town owned property. Chairman Chandler replied that if the property was logged that the money would have to go into the general fund. Selectman Tanguay informed them that they could submit a budget and it would be voted on at town meeting. Mazzaglia also mentioned that the Conservation Commission has copies of the town easement properties and they will be following up on the property to see if everything in the easement has been done. On another note Selectman Garland mentioned that the Conservation Commission might want to check with the Army Corp of Engineers as the bench marks are missing that identifies how the river changes.

Bob and Sandy Janvrin (2JRICO-38-L11) met with the Selectmen in reference to their concerns about their neighbor Rodowsky logging in wetlands, junk cars along the water line, and concrete pieces in streams, old tires and oil spills on the property. B. Janvrin stated that the property is a mess and that there is no grandfathered clause for junk. Chairman Chandler stated that they did apply for an intent to cut and it is up to the logger to comply with state and federal laws. S. Janvrin showed pictures of the property. S. Janvrin stated that he is using a class VI road that the homeowners on the road pay to have kept up as well as for the plowing. S. Janvrin also stated that three years ago the culvert was repaired and with

logging trucks going over it she is concerned of the damage that might happen. Chairman Chandler clarified her that it is not a class VI road. S. Janvrin replied that the abutters were not notified. Selectman Garland informed them that you don't have to notify abutters of logging. S. Janvrin stated that she has written to NH Department of Environmental Services. Selectman Tanguay suggested that she may want to contact Bob Boyd of the NH Division of Forest and Lands as he may be able to answer some of her questions/concerns. Selectman Garland explained that slash left is common and although he hates the looks of it, it does protect the land and trees are generated from it. Selectman Garland stated that the NH Department of Environmental Services should send someone to look at the wetland issue. Chairman Chandler stated that we would find out about the vehicles. Selectman Garland suggested that they document and take pictures of the culvert and road as this would be a civil issue if damage occurs.

Chairman Chandler moved that the Town of Bartlett join the law suit against the State in reference to house bill 2 that changed the contribution percentage funded by local employers of the NH Retirement System so that the employer has to pick up the State's portion of the contribution. Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.