

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: November 6, 2009

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, Jon Tanguay

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:35 AM.

Terry Miller, US Forest Service, met with the Selectmen for an informational update. Miller stated that he is in his tenth year of working in this area. The Selectmen were pleased with this. Miller informed them that he is happy with the way the road project on Ricks Road came out. Chairman Chandler stated that the Department of Environmental Services (DES) is looking at the project again. Miller replied that they can appeal. Chairman Chandler inquired if the project was all done. Miller replied, "Yes". Chairman Chandler inquired if the Selectmen should write a letter to DES. Miller stated that it wouldn't hurt. Miller went on to say that the reason he came in was to clean up the records on Ricks Road. The town says it is a class VI road and it doesn't show up as an exception or an easement and they would like to ratify the records to match. This is a request from the Federal Roads Trail Easement (FRTE) who has sent a letter requesting this for Ricks Road and McKeil Road. Selectman Garland stated that he would need to know more about the roads such as where they begin and where they end. Selectman Garland stated that if Ricks Road goes to the Conservation Camp he is ok with that but if it connects to Bartlett village then he is not. Selectman Tanguay inquired if part of McKiel Road goes to private property. Miller stated that they would be granted an easement. Chairman Chandler requested that Miller write a letter to the Selectmen requesting what is needed to be done and to draft up a sample for the Selectmen. Miller will take care of this.

Miller touched base on the Bartlett Mountain letters where the US Forest Service did a land exchange as they can exchange property but not sell property.

Chairman Chandler inquired as to who was in charge of the work being done on Loop Road off of Bear Notch Road. Miller stated that is the Experimental Forest's project. Chairman Chandler stated that he feels that it is a waste of money and sees no purpose. Miller explained that they worked on the width of the road as well as building the ditches to a higher standard to help with drainage issues and creating safe public travel by getting the roads up to standards.

Chairman Chandler inquired if clearing the trees at the Scenic Vista's on Bear Notch Road is on the list for next spring’s project as the first cut out to the second should be opened up. Miller didn’t know if they were or not.

Police Chief Timothy Connifey informed the Selectmen that the Bernerhof Inn as well as the Red Apple are now owned by the bank and not open for business. The properties are now being maintained by the Attitash Mountain Service Co., Inc. and they have requested the police department do extra patrol in the area. Chief Connifey also would like to put an ad in the Conway Sun for a full time police officer. The Selectmen feel that the ad should also be put in the Berlin as well as Laconia Sun. Chief Connifey also let the Selectmen know that he will be asking for a rebuilt computer and maybe a new cruiser this year.

Rick Garland (3RT302-176-R02) questioned the value of his land with the cabin as being high. He has one acre of land out of current use and it is valued at \$60,000. and he questioned if this was appropriate. R.Garland stated that it is an unusual piece of property and he has nothing to compare it to. R.Garland stated that it was appraised as river front property. Selectman Garland inquired if the land goes to the river. R.Garland replied no that you can’t even see the river and that it had originally been written up as finished cabin and it is not. R.Garland commented that he can’t sell the lot. Selectman Garland stated that he could take more land out of current use and could build on the lot but not under separate ownership. R. Garland stated that he is trying to figure out what to do with the large parcel of land, if he should put it in a trust or what. Chairman Chandler stated that R.Garland’s timing is not good for this year as the tax bills are being done so therefore he would need to file for an abatement. Selectman Garland inquired if he was questioning the value of the camp. R.Garland replied no just the land. Chairman Chandler cautioned him that he would need to argue the total value of the land and building. R. Garland inquired as to the time frame for doing this. Chairman Chandler explained that after he receives his tax bill he has until March 1st to file an abatement form. R.Garland inquired if for two to three weeks in the Spring to prevent damage to the road could he gate the property from vehicle traffic. Chairman Chandler stated that he could gate it but he can’t lock it or he could put up a cable but again not lock it as it is a public way. Selectman Garland inquired

if the road is plowed. R. Garland replied yes as he goes to the camp every day to keep an eye on the property.

R. Garland stated that he needs information on the current use laws stewardship. R. Garland stated that his land is now inspected as a tree farm and he takes great pride in this. A copy of the State of New Hampshire Current Use Criteria Booklet was given to R. Garland.

R. Garland inquired as to what he is allowed to do with current use land as a commercial business. Chairman Chandler stated that he doesn't have a commercial lot and therefore can't charge people to use the land. R. Garland inquired if he could set up a tent. Selectman Garland stated that he could set up a tent on a temporary basis only and if it is on a platform, etc. it could be a problem. R. Garland inquired if he could subdivide his property as David Patch had told him he could do a one time only subdivision for family only. The Selectmen weren't aware of this and suggested he find out more information from Patch.

R. Garland inquired if a river cancels you out as an abutter to property as he has not been notified of things going on across from his property. Selectman Garland replied that it does not and that he should be notified. Selectman Garland suggested that he put his name on the abutters list with the planning board.

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 11:00 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. Chairman Chandler made a motion at 11:20 AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Tanguay 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 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.