

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: 11-30-07

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, Jon Tanguay

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

Chairman Gene Chandler informed all involved parties that there was going to be an Emergency Management Planning Meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> from 09:00AM -03:00 PM at the Glen Fire Station.

Lynn Jones, AA, discussed that she had done up a press release that she would like the Selectmen to review that would help people understand the real estate tax bills that were recently sent out. The Selectmen agreed that this was a good idea as people needed to know that the assessments are based on the status of the property as of April 1, 2007 and that the tax rate did go up .59 due to an increase in the school and county tax. Notably the town's portion of the rate went down.

Selectman Tanguay inquired if we had received a letter from the State Fire Marshal in reference to the inspection of the Believe in Books (1RT016-201-L10) building where the Polar Express event is held. Chairman Chandler stated that he had received a telephone call from the State Fire Marshal and the Fire Marshal had given the Bartlett Fire Chief L. Pat Roberts the OK to sign the assembly permit. Chairman Chandler will write up a memo in regards to his telephone conversation with the State Fire Marshal.

Terry Miller, Saco District Ranger of the US Forest Service, met with the Selectmen and a map of the area of the Merriman State Forest/Bartlett Town Forest/ White Mtn. National Forest was reviewed in reference to a pending land acquisition of property owned by Hertel (1EBRAN-64-R00). Chairman Chandler inquired about the land owned by Ware (1EBRAN-41-R01) if that was pending too. Miller stated he knows nothing about the Ware property. Chairman Chandler inquired about the parcel of land that abuts Hertel's property. It was determined that that is owned by John Cassidy Marital Trust (1RT16A-151-R01). Miller stated that they may have to work on a road permit for these people. Chairman Chandler inquired as to how accurate the map was they were looking at. Miller replied that he thought it was fairly accurate. Chairman Chandler stated that he would have to get out the property file as

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the town was deeded everything that was over a certain elevation. Miller stated that early on they like to let people know if it is worth them expending their effort or if there are other options. The Selectmen have no problems in this land acquisition. Selectman Garland inquired if the Forest Service (or USFS) had purchased land on the West Side from the Lucy family. Miller stated no that it didn't go through. Selectman Garland had a question about snowmobile clubs storing machines on the Forest Service site in Bartlett as well as last year they parked the snow groomer there. Chairman Chandler replied that it might have been the State's groomer. The groomer that grooms Bear Notch road is looking for a place to park and didn't know if it would be an issue if they park up by where the State parked theirs. Miller replied not that he knows of and if they were approached they would be open to a cooperative agreement with the State. Selectman Garland will let them know that there are options and that they should get in touch with Miller. Chairman Chandler also reminded Miller that the scenic turn outs on Bear Notch road need to be cleared. Miller will check into this. It was also agreed that Miller and Chairman Chandler will take a look at some possible other turn out sites on Bear Notch road as well as the Kanc.

Police Chief Timothy Connifey informed the Selectmen that he would not be at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Bartlett on December 1<sup>st</sup> as he had a prior hockey commitment, however, Officer Ed Conley and Officer Suzanne Scott would be there.

Lynn Jones, AA, and the Selectmen discussed putting tax information on the town website, but they aren't sure how to do this as some information on the tax bills is not public information. Chairman Chandler requested that Jones check with other towns to see how they do it.

George Howard (2RT302-60-R01) inquired when he would be hearing from Ellis Withington of Patriot Properties who was suppose to get back to him in reference to the valuation on his property. Lynn Jones, AA, explained that Withington travels around a lot and is not in the office much and that it is only because he started with us and knows the town so well that he continues working with us. Howard would like a date when he would hear from Withington and suggested that the Selectmen light a fire under Withington. Howard also mentioned that the current use on his fields

changed. Chairman Chandler explained that it used to be a fairly simple process to calculate current use but now it is rather complicated. Lynn Jones, AA, gave a copy of the current use formula to Howard. Howard also inquired about the web site that David Eliason has and could he expect to see the Selectmen's meeting minutes on the web site. Chairman Chandler explained that Eliason's web site has nothing to do with the town's web site as we have our own web site and the minutes are on our site. The web site information (bartlettnh.org) was given to Howard.

Lynn Jones, AA, discussed a septic plan for the Bemis House at Attitash Mountain Village and it was decided that they need to do further research and obtain a layout of the area. Lynn Jones, AA, also discussed that Crossroads Realty believes that they built the Beechwoods road to the towns satisfaction. Selectman Garland made a telephone call to Burr Phillips, Engineer, to check on this, but Phillips was not in.

Selectman Garland suggested that with the high price of gasoline that the current reimbursement mileage rate of 30 cents per mile be changed as that doesn't even cover the gas say nothing about the oil, tires, maintenance, etc. The Selectmen all agreed that starting December 1, 2007 that the rate would be 40 cents per mile. The Selectmen discussed not allowing smoking in town vehicles. No firm policy was drafted at this time. The Selectmen also discussed giving the employees Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> off. It was decided that for those who have to work the day, such as the police department, that they will receive a comp day. It was also decided that if the highway department gets called out for a storm that they would not receive overtime hours unless they come out after 3:30 PM. The Selectmen discussed that they have no objection to the Bartlett Jackson Transfer Station closing at 4 PM on Christmas Eve. The Selectmen would also like to wait until January 1<sup>st</sup> to change the policy at the Bartlett Jackson transfer station that no trucks larger than a one ton will be allowed to dump as this will give us time to get this notice posted at the Transfer Station as well as in the local newspaper.

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.