

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: December 4, 2009

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, Jon Tanguay

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 09:10 AM to enter nonpublic session under NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) to discuss a personnel issue with Zoning Board of Adjustment member, Rochelle Mulkern. Selectman Tanguay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Tanguay made a motion at 09:35 AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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 (c). Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Tanguay made a motion at 10:10 AM to end the non public session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Darryl Mazzaglia and Robert Stone who are members of the Conservation Commission met with the Selectmen to request \$2000.00 so that they could join the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust phase I Resource Inventory of Strategic Conservation Planning Project. Mazzaglia explained that the goal is to get good maps that define Bartlett and they had looked into purchasing software and it was very expensive. Mazzaglia had requested a description be written up as to what they would provide and a copy of this was distributed to the Selectmen. Selectman Garland inquired about the financial planning. Mazzaglia explained that they will hire professional analyst and ecologist/conservation planner to assist with the project that we don't pay for. The budget they have set up is to do all towns and the Town of Conway is interested in joining and has given them \$10,000.00 to protect their river therefore Conway will be the first town that is done and Mazzaglia would like Bartlett to be second. Mazzaglia read the following paragraph that sums up what we would receive. "This region-wide, comprehensive Resource Inventory will use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to plot, quantify, and tabulate resources which are highly valued according to well-defined criteria and are consistent with the Land Trust's mission. Resources to be

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evaluated include both natural (water, forestry, agriculture, wildlife habitat and natural communities) and cultural (recreation, scenic and historic). The GIS model will then weight and rank resource values prior to a co-occurrence and proximity analysis that will target the highest concentrations of important resources as focus areas for proactive conservation". Chairman Chandler stated that if the resource inventory is Phase I, what do you get after Phase I? Selectman Garland agreed that Phase I of the resource inventory is open to interpretation and does the \$2000.00 pay for a complete project or are there more phases. Mazzaglia stated that she hadn't looked at it that way but will check with them and get an answer for the Selectmen. Mazzaglia feels that of all the towns that we have the least maps and we stand to gain the most.

Mazzaglia's term on the Conservation Commission is up this year and she would like to reopt to stay on the committee. The Selectmen are fine with this.

Selectman Garland explained that as far as the money is concerned that it could either be a warrant article or the Selectmen could put this in the budget, but we can't do anything until the town meeting. Chairman Chandler also informed them that some people will approve this as they want to save the land and others will not as they want to develop it so she needed to be prepared to speak about this project at town meeting.

Mazzaglia also had information on a grant proposal for source reduction, reuse, recycling and composting in rural communities that she feels will be great for the transfer station. This will help reduce the costs at the transfer station and there is no cost to the town of Bartlett. It will be technical assistance but they need a letter of support from Bartlett. Chairman Chandler explained that the transfer station is operated with Jackson. Chairman Chandler inquired if there was a deadline. Mazzaglia stated that she had tentatively put Bartlett in but does need a letter.

Steve and Kim Ryan, Bear Notch Deli (5VILLG-MAI-610) met with the Selectmen regarding septic plans for a new store. S. Ryan stated that he was disappointed about not being allowed to put an apartment in the store but they have had new store, dining area, septic calculations done up and they have kept it as basic as basic can get. They did square up the building. They need to receive an approved plan so that they can put this property on the market. Selectman Garland stated that they could go to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to see about getting the apartment. S.Ryan replied that they may

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come back in the future to do that. Chairman Chandler stated that they can have what they had before. S. Ryan replied that he needs something they can market so they are just going with the basics and if the town approves it they will send it to the State. Chairman Chandler explained that they need to bring their septic plans to the town, we will check out the test pit information and stamp the plans but we don't pass judgment on the septic plans as it is the State who will approve the actual septic design. S. Ryan also mentioned that the store did come with a snowmobile trail that comes to the store lot and it enhances the lot. Selectman Garland stated that the trail was allowed so that people could get gas and food but that is no longer available to them. Selectman Garland suggested that they may want to write a letter that you may want to have the apartment issue addressed at a later date just so you won't lose your grandfather status. S. Ryan will write a letter to be put in his file.

Douglas Lamb (1ALPEN-110-0) spoke to the Selectmen about the old Spring avenue road. He would like to cut the trees and make it more accessible so he can have better access to a garage he wants to build to store boats, etc. in. Selectman Garland inquired if he owned that portion of the road. Lamb stated that according to his deed he has access to it but he doesn't own it. Lamb stated that there is a culvert on the road and the road would be passable if the trees were cut. Selectman Garland inquired as to the size of the trees. Lamb replied that they were probably about 3" diameter trees. Lamb produced some maps of the area and went over them with the Selectmen. Chairman Chandler stated that the Selectmen will have to go take a look at the road. Lamb stated that he is looking for clarity of the road. Lamb left his building permit application for the garage he would like to build.

Peter Gagne (James Pettengill property 5VILLG-MAI-520) had submitted sign and change of use applications for the property and came in to discuss it with the Selectmen. Selectman Tanguay informed Gagne that the owner of the property hadn't signed the application. Selectman Tanguay also informed Gagne that banners were not allowed in Bartlett per the Bartlett Zoning Ordinance. Chairman Chandler stated that it does no good to send Gagne letters as he ignores them. Selectman Tanguay informed Gagne that the sign can't be in the form of a banner. He could put the banner over the wood backing that is at the existing sign and that 48 square feet is the

biggest sign you can have. Lynn Jones, AA, stated that the banner would have to have the appearance of a sign and can't have any part of it flopping. Selectman Garland stated that the sign on the wall could also be an issue. Chairman Chandler remarked that the biggest size that one sign can be is 48 square feet. Lynn Jones, AA, stated that the most you can have on the whole lot is 60 square feet with no one sign larger than 48 square feet. Selectman Garland explained that the 60 square feet is the maximum amount allowed per the Bartlett Zoning Ordinance. Gagne remarked and "no internally lit signs"? Selectman Garland responded correct. The Selectmen did review the change of use and sign permit applications of Peter Gagne for operating a snowmobile business at the property of James Pettengill. A letter will be sent indicating the missing items including the original signature of the property owner on the permits or a letter authorizing Gagne to apply, a copy of the Notice of Decision of the ZBA, and all the items missing on the commercial checklist that was previously provided to Gagne with the permit application when he met with the Selectmen on 11/20/09. The sign permit needs clarification on the size and design being applied for, owner signature and type of lighting.

Selectman Tanguay made a motion at 11:10 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a request for aid under NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Chairman Chandler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Garland made a motion at 11:30 AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Tanguay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Stefan Karnopp (4MTSUR-29-R00) has an issue concerning culverts on Mount Surprise road. The town road crew did work on them last week and the material taken out of them was left on his property and he already has problems with stuff washing down to his lot. Karnopp showed the Selectmen pictures. The Selectmen will have the road crew go back and clean up the debris.

Road Agent Travis Chick met with the Selectmen and the following was discussed:

- 1.) Chairman Chandler requested Chick to clean up the debris at Mount Surprise Road.

- 2.) Chick would like to purchase 5 pair of orange lined rubber gloves to use when they are flushing out culverts or working out in the rain. The Selectmen agreed to this purchase. The gloves should be around \$5.00 a pair.
- 3.) Chick requested to purchase helmet lights to be used when they have to cut up fallen trees in the dark. Chick believes they will cost between \$15.00 to \$25.00. The Selectmen were ok with this.
- 4.) Chick would like to purchase two spotlights. One to be mounted on the one ton and one on another truck so they can have added light for night time tree clean up and to be able to read pole #'s. The cost would be between \$800-\$900.00 for both installed. The Selectmen will look at this for next year's budget.
- 5.) Chick would like to replace the 2000 4x4 truck with a ten wheeler. He has requested but not received back the prices for this. Chairman Chandler stated that he is talking somewhere between \$175 - \$200 thousand dollars and he won't support that as it is too much money.
- 6.) Chick would also like to purchase a fireproof cabinet in which to store gas cans. He will get a price for this and get back to the Selectmen.
- 7.) Chick is also concerned about the narrow band radios that he believes we have to go to by 2013. Chairman Chandler replied that we need to find out if we have to go to them or is it something we would like to do.
- 8.) The old radio in the grader has burnt up and Chick can get a replacement one from Ossipee Mountain Electronics for \$75.00. The Selectmen were ok with this.
- 9.) Chick let the Selectmen know that H. E. Bergeron will take a look at and design the addition onto the town garage at no charge. He should be here Monday to take a look at the project. Selectman Garland mentioned that Don Ryder may have some steel trusses that he would sell to the town, but he isn't sure how they would connect to the garage and he requested Chick to make that inquiry of Bergeron.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Medeiros, Sec.

