

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: October 7, 2019

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Selectman David Patch, Selectman Vicki Garland

Visitors: Kevin McEnaney, Barry Trudeau, Dennis Egan

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:45PM

J.T Horn, Senior Project Manager and William Abbott, Executive Director of Upper Saco Valley Land Trust met with the Selectmen concerning the "Dundee Community Forest". 1.) They provided basic information about what the project is.

2.) They were looking to obtain any initial ideas/thoughts regarding the "initial public outreach phase" from the Selectmen.

3.) They would also like to get a letter of support for the Forest Legacy Grant Application.

W. Abbott explained that this involves 1335 acres in both Jackson and Bartlett that belonged to the Beal family who has signed an option agreement. The Beal family is trying to honor their father's wishes to keep this as forest and recreation land. The land will still be available for hiking, hunters, fishermen and eventually they hope to develop a trail system. They will have an active timber program that will produce high value forest products and a source of revenue for the Community Forest. The proceeds of the timber program will initially cover trail development.

W. Abbott also mentioned they have submitted a Forest Legacy Grant for \$2.3 million (approximately 60% of project cost) and will hear in the spring of 2020 if successful. The Community Forest will be owned by the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust and managed with input from the local community. The creation of the Dundee Community Forest will allow both residents and visitors greater access to these special lands which will be protected for generations to come via an easement held by the state of New Hampshire.

Chairman Chandler inquired about the property taxes. W. Abbott replied that the land would remain in current use so the taxes should be based on that. The Selectmen were all in favor of the creation of the Dundee Community Forest and will sign a letter of support for the Forest Legacy grant application and requested a template letter be emailed to the office.

Charles and Gail Olsen of Intervale Lane (1INTVL-18-0) submitted a building permit application for a new house. Chairman Chandler informed them that we needed the flood plain elevation certificate before the application could be approved. G. Olsen stated that she thought Bob from Ammonoosuc Survey was dropping it off for them. C. Olsen commented that they had set the house back by at least 500 feet from the flood plain so it shouldn't be a problem now. Chairman Chandler asked Brenda to call Ammonoosuc tomorrow to request the necessary paper work.

Barbara Kluchnick (1RT16A-140-R00) is concerned about all the trees that the Merriman Forest POA was cutting behind her house. Kluchnick is concerned about the ground

water and run off onto her property. The Merriman Forest POA has approached her about doing a lot line adjustment as they want to widen the road. Chairman Chandler informed

her that she would need to go before the Bartlett Planning Board to do a boundary line adjustment. Selectman Patch explained that the planning board would need to look at the plan to make sure that there was enough land left for her septic.

Chairman Chandler inquired from Dennis Egan, Contractor, if he needed something from the Selectmen as he was not on the agenda. Egan replied that he was there to see if three building permits for three new houses on Skyline Drive were being approved. Chairman Chandler replied no as they are missing information and will be sent back to the land owner.

Norman and Kathleen Head (3 RT 302-39-ROO) are seeking a building permit for a garage. Chairman Chandler reminded them that they can't come any closer to the road than where the house is now. Since the 50% expansion rule has to be applied on this building the Selectmen would like Lynn Jones, AA, to take a look at it when she returns from vacation.

Police Chief C. Keaton stopped by to have the Selectmen sign some papers to obtain grant money for the printers for the cruisers.

At the request of Cheryl Nealley, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Selectman Garland made a motion at 04:50 PM to enter nonpublic session per NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 05:10 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

The Selectmen reviewed building permits, signed checks and letters during the course of the meeting. It was also mentioned that with October 14<sup>th</sup> being the Columbus Day holiday that there will not be a Selectmen's meeting as the office is closed

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 05:30 PM.

Sincerely,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.