

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes January 11, 2013

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, David Patch

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

The Selectmen had a telephonic conference with Stephan Hamilton, Interim Director of NH Dept. of Revenue Administration, and Josephine Belville, Property Appraisal Supervisor, regarding a plan for compliance with a Board of Tax and Land Appeals order regarding working with Cross Country Appraisal Group/Jeff Earls in bringing the 2011 revaluation project to a close by providing the missing information needed for NHDRA to determine compliance. Hamilton met with Jeff Earls this week to go over a plan for completing the project. Earls is to get back to Hamilton on Monday with an answer. Selectmen agreed to have NHDRA determine the list of items necessary for compliance, the town will arrange for Earls to have access to the revaluation materials in the hands of the town for his use, and will agree to have NHDRA determine compliance once the additional information is received from Earls. It was agreed that if after Hamilton meets with Earls, that a minimal extension of time is needed, that we would ask the BTLA for a reasonable extension.

David Shedd met with the Selectmen concerning the Intervale cemetery. Shedd, Gail Paine, Francis Savard and Maryellen Szetela have met three times in reference to the cemetery but they question how the committee can make decisions without authority. Chairman Chandler inquired as to what decisions were they making? Shedd mentioned they might put out to bid for the maintenance, but who says they can do this. Or budget money for maintenance, if they proceed to accept financial responsibility do they have the authority to do this. Selectman Garland stated that the town hasn't done anything for years for that cemetery so how has it been done? Shedd stated that the one who took care of this has passed away. Shedd wants the Selectmen to look at the Glen and Intervale cemetery to see what the requirements are for both cemeteries. Selectman Garland inquired as to what the difference is between all the cemeteries. Chairman Chandler stated that the trustees of Bartlett take care of Bartlett, the Glen cemetery has always been town owned, but Intervale he has no idea of the status as it has always been run by someone else. Chairman Chandler stated that there must have been some level of fund raising or something. Chairman Chandler inquired as to how it was determined who could be buried in the Intervale cemetery. Shedd stated that you had to live within the sound of the church bell in Intervale. Selectman Garland inquired if there were any plots that are available for sale. Shedd stated that there is about 100' from the end of the fence in the back corner; however they would have to cut some trees unless they were cremated to fit between the trees. Selectman Garland inquired as to who maintains the cemetery now. Shedd stated that E.G. Chandler does. Chairman Chandler stated that they can give them authority to do certain things like raise money and they would write them a letter if necessary. Chairman Chandler requested that they keep the Selectmen advised of what they are doing.

Rick Garland came in looking for advice from the Town. Garland stated the Forest Service had changed their tune on the status of Rick's road from class VI road. Chairman Chandler commented that they weren't doing anything that he is aware of that affects Garland. Garland stated that they want him to get a special use permit and they claim they have been doing this since 1986, but he has not signed anything. Garland stated that he heard they asked the town for an easement for the road. Chairman Chandler stated that we have not been asked to do anything and that they did tell us that they are putting up a gate and that eventually they will move the road. Selectman Patch stated that he doesn't know anything about an easement. Selectman Garland stated that he doesn't see where the problem is. Garland stated that in the Sept. 24, 2010 Selectmen's minutes it mentioned an easement. Chairman Chandler stated that was two years ago and the other day when we met with the district ranger of the US Forest Service there was no mention of an easement so he doesn't believe it ever happened. Selectman Patch said they spoke of the gate and moving of the road. Chairman Chandler stated that the town's position hasn't changed and we are not aware of an easement. Garland stated that he just wants everyone to be on the same page. Garland also inquired if the town had a deposition that Earl Chandler had given back on January 27, 1999. Chairman Chandler stated that we don't have this deposition but we will check with the town attorney. Garland stated that this is valuable history for him to get concerning his property.

Road Agent Travis Chick met with the Selectmen to discuss the following: 1.) Replacing the 13 year old dump body on the two wheel drive truck. They have patched it all they can and he would like to purchase a combo body. Selectman Patch stated he believes last year that the cost was around 40,000.00. Chairman Chandler inquired as to what this body does. Chick stated that it is a sander dump built all together and they work well. 2.) Chick would also like to purchase four more tires for the grader. Two tires are plugged but they keep seeping and one tire is smooth. Chick stated that they cost around \$900.00 each. 3.) With the regulation changes for radios the existing radios will no longer be compatible with other departments. Selectman Garland inquired if we communicate with anyone else. Chick stated that they communicate with the school buses, police department, and the fire department. A new base radio will cost around \$533.00 and it will be \$413.00 for each truck radio. The Selectmen gave Chick the OK to order the radios. 4.) Chick also let them know that the two wheel drive frame is getting to be in rough shape. 5.) Chick inquired about hiring another full time worker or at least one more part time person for the winter to do short roads. They could use the one ton and do roads like Hillside Avenue which is hard to plow and turn a truck around, the Alpendorf area, etc. Chairman Chandler requested that he make a list of the short roads and the Selectmen will review it.

A telephone call was placed to Jon Edgerly at the transfer station to see if he had information about a used backhoe. Edgerly stated that he had located one for \$74,000.00 and was still looking. Selectmen requested to be kept informed.

Police Chief Timothy Connifey met with the Selectmen to let them know that the department has been working with the Fish & Game Department concerning snow machine issues in the village. They will be issuing citations.

Chief Connifey requested that the Selectmen go into nonpublic meeting to discuss a personnel issue. Chairman Chandler made a motion at 10:30 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss the personnel issue with Connifey per NH RSA 91-A 3 (a). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Garland made a motion at 10:45 AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.