

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: March 23, 2012

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, David Patch

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

Town Clerk, Leslie Mallett, swore in Douglas Garland as Selectman

Mike Martin of the US Forest Service met with the Selectmen and discussed the following:

- 1.) The Northeast Swift project where they had four options which they could choose from. The options consisted of no action, proposed action, visuals, or table the mountain area. They favored the visuals and will be looking at the parking lot around the Bear Notch Road (by the gate on the Kanc side) as they would like it to be used for all uses and not just snowmobiles. They would like to design it for all needs. There is a section of road in that area that they would like to extend for vegetation and have chosen to skid out the trail. Chairman Chandler stated that he applauds them for doing that and hopes that they do more. Martin stated that there is an appeal cycle which they have to go through before they can start the project. Chairman Chandler inquired if others could appeal on their side. Martin replied, "Yes". Chairman Chandler requested that when the time comes that Martin let the Selectmen know and they would write a letter of support.
- 2.) Martin stated that they are planning on working in the Douglas Brook area this summer. Selectman Garland inquired if they were doing something in the Bartlett Brook area as he had heard that it was out to bid. Martin stated that they were doing some logging in that area. Chairman Chandler stated that just for the record (nothing personal) but the upgrading of the loop roads, which are off the Bear Notch Road, was the biggest waste of money. Selectman Garland remarked that now the roads are narrower than what they were before they started.
- 3.) Martin explained that they suffered a lot of damage from tropical storm Irene and have around eleven million in damages to the roads/bridges/structures. Some money has been obligated by the Federal highway and they are looking for four million for this year. These repairs will be done in a two year span. Some has been released early (\$350,000.00) and they are starting work on the Haystack bridge and Sawyer River. Phase I is started but will be looked at further to do more permanent work. Martin would like to do Slippery Brook but it is too expensive. Martin stated that they are also looking at the Rocky Branch as there are many segments that are gone and they need to look at the 60' bridge as the abutment on one side is gone. Martin stated that there are many trails that they have to look at. Selectman Garland inquired if any of them were the AMC trails. Martin replied that it was a mix and there is a lot of activity that is going to be going on.
- 4.) Martin informed the Selectmen that a formal survey had been done on the McKeil Pond Road and although the town maintains the road, it is a national forest road, and they would like to issue the town a right of way to the road. Chairman Chandler replied that was fine. Martin stated that the other option would be to go

- to the land owners and charge them annually for the use of the road. Chairman Chandler replied that the town agrees to the right of way. Martin stated that they also have some boundary issues as some of the structures are on forestry land, but they will work that out with the owners. Selectman Garland inquired if they could do a boundary line adjustment. Martin stated that they can do that or they can sell a fraction of the property but there are still a lot of details to work out.
- 5.) Martin mentioned that he had looked at the drainage issue on the Rocky Branch road and they believe that it is adequate to handle the flow and are not inclined to put a larger culvert in as it wouldn't be doing much as this is a drainage issue that has been caused by development. Selectman Garland stated that he thought the problem was that the water wasn't getting to the existing culvert. Martin said that it is right now but he will look at it again with the road agent, Travis Chick. Martin also mentioned that after the plowing of the road was done the crown of the road is gone and Chick has agreed he will do the necessary repairs.
 - 6.) Chairman Chandler reminded Martin that he would like to see the overlooks on Bear Notch road maintained. Martin stated that he did look at the views and they didn't seem to be excessive. Chairman Chandler stated that they aren't and he doesn't want them to get bad. Chairman Chandler also inquired about the Sawyer Rock tables/benches and were they going to be staying there as they are used a great deal. Martin stated that he would look into it. Chairman Chandler requested that if they were going to close the area would he let him know. Martin stated that he would.

Steve Dean of Good Harvest Inn (1RT16-118-L00) inquired if he was all set with his building permits. Chairman Chandler stated that the driveway out back looks like it fits however you can't cut anything. If you are cutting anything it will have to be looked at first. Lynn Jones, AA, reminded him that there is a 25' green area that has to be maintained. Selectman Garland discussed the required minimum land area calculations with Dean. Dean stated that the area does translate to the gallons per day. Selectman Patch commented for the State not the town. Selectman Garland stated that Dean's engineer needed to use the charts and if they had any questions that they could call him and he would assist them. Paperwork of exactly what we were looking for was given to Dean. After Dean reviewed these papers he clarified that his revised units would not have kitchens, they would only be efficiency units as defined in the zoning ordinance. The permit application was reviewed again and it was determined that he was ok to do what he wanted to do. Chairman Chandler reminded him that the calculations were ok but the green area is an issue and he needs to take care of that before he proceeds.

Mark Dryjas of Wills Inn (2RT302-213-R00) met with the Selectmen concerning his renovation permit. Chairman Chandler recommended that when he does a room that he has S. Bergeron, town building inspector, sign off on the room. Dryjas stated that he has to have the ceilings all taken out so that the wiring for the emergency alarm system can be installed. Selectman Garland stated that after he has done the wiring in a room he should be having Bergeron inspect it. Lynn Jones, AA, inquired if he was

redoing all of the ceilings. Dryjas replied that he is as that is the only way he can get to each end of the building. He has a long punch list of work to do over the next two years and right now he is working on the roof repairs. Chairman Chandler stated to let the Selectmen know after Bergeron is done. Dryjas inquired about his sign and does he need to do anything further. Chairman Chandler stated that we will contact you so don't do anything until we get to you.

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 10:25 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a legal issue with Police Chief Timothy Connifey under NH RSA 91-A:3 II (e). 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 unanimously.

Steve Pelletier of Andes Mountain Sports (3RT302-28-R00) inquired about what he had to do to be able to rent the front of his building for office space. Chairman Chandler inquired if the back portion would still be his shop. Pelletier replied that it would be. Selectman Garland stated that they have recently relaxed the ordinance on the number of business in one location. Pelletier stated that going by the chart he thinks he is ok. Pelletier inquired about a sign for the second business. Chairman Chandler stated that he is grandfathered for what he has there now and he can get 16 sq. feet more for the second business. Selectman Garland questioned whether he could put two signs on the existing posts. Chairman Chandler stated that he would probably only be able to do that if he reduced the size of his present sign. Pelletier would also like to add an overhang over his entrance door. Chairman Chandler stated that he needs to measure to see if it is outside the edge at the existing patio area. Pelletier inquired if he could go to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) for a variance. Selectman Garland informed him that he could do that. Pelletier stated that he would make out his application and once denied he would plan to go to the ZBA. Chairman Chandler suggested that he sketch the building to see if it is ok to do what he wants to do and perhaps go to the ZBA for a variance for two signs on one post. Chairman Chandler also reminded him that the minimum land area calculations would also have to be done. All forms were given to Pelletier.

The Selectmen placed a call to the town's attorney to discuss legal issues.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.