

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Date: February 17, 2012

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, David Patch

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

The 2012 budget/warrant session opened at 09:00 AM. There were no attendees so at 09:15 AM the Selectmen closed the session.

John Russell (1ALPEN-300-F51) met with the Selectmen in reference to the real estate taxes on his second home in Eagle Ridge. Russell inquired as to why the town doesn't plow the road to Eagle Ridge. Chairman Chandler explained that it is a private road.

Russell stated that on Cape Cod they

plow private roads even if they are dirt roads. Russell inquired if the tax rate for homeowners was the same as properties like Attitash. Chairman Chandler explained that the tax rate is the same but the assessment of commercial properties is done differently.

Russell inquired if the town had considered six month billing. Chairman Chandler stated that this has been defeated twice by the town as people didn't want to lose use of their money from July – December. Chairman Chandler also stated that in June we have to

borrow money and right now with the interest being low that we could borrow cheaper than what it would cost us to send out two billings. Russell inquired about the town

revaluation that was done. Chairman Chandler stated that we did yearly updates but this year the whole town was revaluated. Russell asked if a lot of property went up. Chairman

Chandler stated that some property went up and some went down. In fact we lost fifty million in valuation due to the reval. Selectman Garland stated that this revaluation cost

us \$300,000.00 and we didn't really want to do it at this time with the economy the way it is but didn't really have any choice. Chairman Chandler explained that the NH

Department of Revenue required it to be done and we could either do it and have some say with it or they could order it done and we would still have to pay but have no input.

Russell inquired if we are still a donor town. Chairman Chandler stated that there aren't any donor towns anymore. Russell inquired if the Selectmen oversaw the school budget.

Chairman Chandler explained that they don't come before us. Russell commented you don't have any control over the school. Chairman Chandler replied that was correct.

Russell inquired if we lost on construction last year. Chairman Chandler replied, yes.

Chairman Chandler had a prior commitment and left the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Chris Snow who represents MLB Hospitality (Bernerhof Inn -2RT302-167-R00) called to have a telephone conference in reference to a report of settlement from the Board of Tax and Land Appeals. Selectman Garland stated that the Selectmen agreed to a value for the property to be \$688,000.00 which is down considerably. Snow reminded the Selectmen that they had to do a lot of maintenance to the building and that it was not operating.

Selectman Garland stated that whether the business was operating or not doesn't affect the land values. Selectman Garland requested that Snow take this offer back to the owner,

Dick Badger, and see what he has to say. Snow requested that the Selectmen sign off on the settlement acknowledging that they had the discussion and they hadn't settled. Once

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again Selectman Garland requested that they wait to see what Badger has to say. Snow replied that the report has to be back in by the 20th. Selectman Garland signed the form. Snow will check with Badger and call to schedule to come see the Selectmen next week.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM and Selectman Garland and Selectman Patch went to check on the condition of Intervale Park Condominium #2 (1INTPK-WAS-C02).

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.