

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes: May 31, 2013  
Attendance: Douglas Garland, David Patch  
Absent: Chairman Gene Chandler  
Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

George and Terri O'Brien (1RT016-93-L10) met with the Selectmen in reference to their abatement request on their home. G. O'Brien stated that you can imagine how surprised he was that the tax rate went down but his taxes went up 42%. Selectman Garland stated that in reviewing the information that was provided by their appraiser and our last two appraisers he found it to be very confusing. There seems to be a big difference in the dimensions of the house as well as the comparisons that were given by his appraiser were not comparable to his residence. There was only one of the three that was even close in similarity as to what his residence is. Selectman Garland inquired if the house is a log cabin. T. O'Brien stated that it is a stick house with logs on the outside. Selectman Garland also mentioned that the barn is also missing from the appraiser. Lynn Jones, AA, stated that the most obvious problem is the measurements as all are different from each company, therefore, we don't know what the real measurements are. Selectman Garland stated that he would like to start there. Selectman Patch stated that with three different pictures it is difficult to know which one if any is correct. Selectman Garland stated that we need to measure the buildings and to look at the inside. G. O'Brien stated that the Selectmen can get in but he had an issue with Cross Country Appraisal and didn't allow them in the house. It was decided that the Selectmen will meet at the residence on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 to do the measuring and do a walk through of the residence.

T. O'Brien inquired if the Selectmen had heard anything yet on the abatement for the Red Parka Pub as it went up about 30%. Lynn Jones, AA, stated not yet as it is still being reviewed at the Board of Land and Tax Appeals.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 09:30AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a request for aid under NH RSA 91-A 3 II (c). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Garland made a motion at 10:05 AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Norman Head of Badger Realty met with the Selectmen concerning the status of Keith Road. There is a lot for sale on Hillside Avenue that touches Keith Road and he wanted to know the status of the road. It has been determined that the best building spot on the lot and access would be to come off Keith Road. Selectman Patch stated that the upper section of Keith Road isn't maintained and is what is called a paper road. Head mentioned that the deed in 1955 refers to Keith Road. Selectman Patch commented that maps from 1950 show roads all over the place on paper. Head inquired about obtaining a variance as they could probably make a 30' setback but he doesn't feel they could make the required 60' setback from the center of the road. Lynn Jones, AA, replied that they could go to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and obtain a variance for a deviation of 20%

of the setback. She also reminded him that they need to check with the Lower Bartlett Water Precinct as their setbacks may be different from Bartlett's. Selectman Garland was wondering if a State subdivision goes away if nothing is done with it for years or does it stay on paper forever. Selectman Garland asked Lynn Jones, AA, to check with the NH Municipal Association to try to obtain the answer to that question. In the meantime Head is going to check with Lower Bartlett Water Precinct.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.