

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: July 26, 2013

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, David Patch

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:35 AM.

Road Agent, Travis Chick, discussed culvert sizes and that he has two more culverts to install on Dundee Road. Chick stated that when they are doing the road project on Dundee that at the intersection of Hemlock Road that he would like to rip up and repave it as right now it acts as a funnel. Selectman Garland inquired if they are running into a lot of rocks. Chick replied nothing we haven't been able to pop out. Chairman Chandler inquired as to the cost of the apron at Hemlock. Chick stated that it would be \$3,000.00 plus the cost of the gravel. Chick stated that the breakdown of the costs of paving for Dundee will be \$46,000 for paving, \$10,000 for gravel which includes hauling and dumping, \$5,600 for grinding and another \$1,300 for culverts. Chairman Chandler inquired as to when he is planning to start this project. Chick stated that he hopes to start this within the next couple of weeks. Chick also mentioned that Pike Industries came in with the lowest price for paving. Chairman Chandler informed Chick that he has to keep one lane of travel open unless he plans on closing the road which requires the homeowners, fire department, ambulance department and police department to be notified as well as an ad be put in the paper. Chick was fine with not closing the road. Chick also informed the Selectmen that he had the mowing tractor looked at and it appears there is a cracked line in the transmission and that is why it won't go backwards. He is having that fixed and they are also going to look at the fan in hopes they can come up with a solution to the transmission fluid heating up.

Robert Durkee whose family has a camp on Allen Road spoke to the Selectmen about the possibility of placing a gate at the beginning of Allen Road after the paved portion. Durkee stated that someone has been breaking into the camps and removing the copper as well as they are having people camping and littering in the area. Selectman Patch stated that he should call the US Forest Service and let them know about the illegal camping as it is posted no camping/no fires. Chairman Chandler stated that as far as the Stillings Farm it is a town class VI road, so if they installed a gate it couldn't be locked. Past the Stillings Farm is in the control of the Forest Service. Selectman Garland suggested that a camera and gate be put up to discourage people to some extent. Durkee stated that in the break-in at the camp they had taken out the copper pipe and the guts of the refrigerator and the replacement costs were around \$5000.00. Selectman Garland inquired if they could put a gate after the national forest property that is private property provided the landowners would agree to that. (Maps of the area were reviewed by the Selectmen and Durkee). Durkee also mentioned that the town may want to consider doing something at the Stillings Farm as the windows have been broken out, the floor joists are rotted and it is in pretty poor shape and a liability. He feels that the town should at least post the property. Chairman Chandler stated that we needed to figure out where and what we want to do as the Selectmen may have to ask permission at the next town meeting to gate the road as it is a

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public road as far as the Stillings Farm. Selectman Garland also mentioned that we would have to notify the fire department of the gate in case they had a fire to get to.

Selectman Patch also mentioned that a road use permit has to be applied for from the US Forest Service before much of anything can be done. Chairman Chandler also suggested that when there are illegal campers that the law enforcement for the US Forest Service be notified. Chairman Chandler informed Durkee that they will inquire from the town's attorney if an unlocked gate can be installed or do we have to go to the voters at the next town meeting and ask permission. He also informed Durkee that the town won't be paying for a gate. Durkee inquired as to what the town is planning to do with the Stillings property. Chairman Chandler stated that at the present time he doesn't know but they would have to figure something out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.