

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: August 3, 2012

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, David Patch

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:35 AM.

John Lowell, General Manager, Attitash/Bear Peak met with the Selectmen to go over the following: 1.) They would like to relocate the handle tow that used to be located at the right of the corner lot at Bear Peak. Plans were shown and reviewed by the Selectmen. Lowell explained that they are starving for beginner terrain and this is a nice gentle slope that would be a free skiing area. Lowell inquired as to what the set back requirements would be. Selectman Garland inquired if those lots had been merged into Bear Peak. Lowell stated that he didn't know but doesn't believe they have been. Selectman Garland informed Lowell that you can't merge commercial to residential. The set back would be 50' from the boundary line if looked at as commercial. Lowell mentioned that they would have to have concrete pads to anchor both ends of the lift. Selectman Garland inquired if this was run by a small electric motor. Lowell replied "yes". Chairman Chandler stated that we know what you want so let us look at it further and get back to you. 2.) Lowell inquired if the building permit for the new walk in cooler at Attitash was approved. He also said that Shawn Bergeron, Bartlett's commercial building inspector, has checked it out. Selectman Garland inquired if he had anything in writing from Bergeron. Lowell stated no but he will get something. Lynn Jones, AA, inquired if this was all interior work? Lowell replied that it was. Chairman Chandler instructed Lowell to get something in writing from Bergeron and there shouldn't be any problem with the permit. 3.) Lowell inquired if the Selectmen had received the dredging permit for Thorne Pond. The Selectmen had received it and it was reviewed with Lowell. Lowell explained that they had Black Dog Divers survey the bottom of the pond and there is 4 1/2' of silt in the bottom of the pond because of the overflow that occurred during tropical storm Irene. Lowell is concerned that the silt will become like concrete in the pond. They are planning on hydro dredging the pond and hauling the silt away. 4.) Lowell mentioned that Renetta Cassell, Food and Beverage Manager has put in a request for the Oktoberfest for the Selectmen to review. 5.) Lowell is also concerned about the real estate tax for the Grand Summit. He has filed a grievance, and he met with Tim Northcott an appraiser from Cross Country Appraisal Group (CCAG) in March. He stated that he had also delivered a letter to the Selectmen on March 6th which outlined his concern. He had an appointment with the appraisal firm and 95% of the questions he inquired about he didn't receive much in the way of answers as Northcott just kept answering that he didn't know as he didn't do the appraisal. Selectman Garland inquired if the value of the Grand Summit went up. Lowell replied that it went up one million dollars. Lowell stated that he doesn't think they understand that individuals own quarter shares and they receive their own tax bill. Lowell stated that it is one commercial unit and that the common land should be to all units and instead they have attached it to the commercial bill. The residential area at Grand Summit is 75% and the commercial is 25%. For example if they were to replace the carpet in the main lobby the time share owners would pay 75% and the Grand Summit would pay 25%. Chairman Chandler inquired if all land was attached to the bill.

Lynn Jones, AA, stated that there is not a separate bill for the land. Chairman Chandler commented that it appears there are 30-40 more acres that we don't know where it is taxed so we will have to look at this and get back to them. Selectman Garland stated that he would like to see the justification as well. Lowell commented that they have done no changes that would account for such a dramatic increase and he believes that the common area of the hotel is being taxed as commercial. Selectman Garland inquired if Attitash has piped in music on their towers as he has had a complaint about Attitash being noisy this summer. Lowell replied no.

Neal Boyle who is running for County Commissioner in District One stopped in to introduce himself to the Selectmen. Chairman Chandler inquired as to where he is from. Boyle replied that he is from Freedom, in fact he is a Selectman in Freedom. Boyle stated that the tax issues are his primary reason for running for this position. He has a background in manufacturing and financial management skills. Selectman Garland inquired as to where does he expect to find savings? Boyle stated that he would crawl through the budget and he would work with the people who deal with the budget on a daily basis and figure out where cuts could be made and just sort of nibble away at it. Boyle stated that the web site as it is is useless and that the minutes should be recorded instead of wasting time arguing. He also feels there is a real need to work with small towns. His goals are to be open with everyone, get the budget under control and have better money management. Chairman Chandler inquired as to what his position is on towns who want a reduction in their county tax because they don't use the county dispatch service. Boyle stated that the county agreed to dispatch and all towns agreed to it and now they want to change and how much it would cost and hurt the county would be a big issue. Chairman Chandler stated that his opinion is that they shouldn't be able to do it as the dispatch center is there for all to use and if they choose not to use it that is their option. Towns can't pick and choose what portions of the county tax bill they want to pay. Selectman Garland remarked that there are people who don't have children in school but they still have to pay the school taxes and even though they don't have any children in school these people had to have gotten their own education. Selectman Garland stated that he feels that the Sheriffs department is a little out of hand with their spending.

Dave Miller of Glen Builders dropped in in reference to the letter that Jeff Jezard of Cow Hill Road (3ATTDV-1-E00) had received from the Selectmen regarding his driveway causing problems on the road. Chairman Chandler inquired if the driveway had been put in the approved location. Miller stated that he believes it is. Chairman Chandler asked if Miller agrees that it needs to be fixed. Miller stated that it needs to be paved. Chairman Chandler commented that a lot of stuff is washing into the ditch and they can't put stuff to where it didn't used to go. Chairman Chandler stated that he has to make sure that the driveway meets grade. Miller assured the Selectmen that it would all be taken care of.

Chairman Chandler opened the road bond bids. The sole bidder was Northway bank. Chairman Chandler made a motion to accept the bid for a term of five years at a rate of 1.58%. Selectman Garland seconded the bid. Motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman Chandler discussed the need to establish a committee that would work on a master plan for the land that was donated to the town from the Morrell Family. It was agreed that they would work on establishing a committee to check out proper locations for land development and to get the most efficient use of the land.

Jeff Jezard telephoned the Selectmen. Chairman Chandler explained that they had already spoken to his contractor (Miller of Glen Builders). Chairman Chandler stated that the entrance needs to be paved and the water put back to where it used to run because right now the dirt is filling in the ditch. Jezard was fine with this.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.