

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: 06-01-12

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, David Patch

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

David Betz of 55 Kristin Lane (1ALPEN-101-0) has been told by two Bartlett road crew employees that the Selectmen have made a decision to open the upper part of Kristin Lane and he thinks that this is a bad idea. Betz handed out a copy of a signed petition and he produced photos of the area that he explained. The end of the now closed section slopes up towards the water tower and a berm had been placed there to reduce the water flow and erosion issues. If they open the road up it will increase the road damage plus it will create additional traffic and there are a lot of young children in the area. They feel that if the decision was made that it needs to be reconsidered and just leave the road the way it is. Chairman Chandler inquired as to why the homeowners just don't take over the whole road and make it a private road and have local control. Selectman Garland inquired if there were any lots left to build on. Betz replied there are no vacant lots that he is aware of. Selectman Garland stated that he was inquiring as building permits could be an issue. Betz stated that the town has to fix the road after each storm, which is generally four to six times per year and that is an expense for the town. He would like to see that money put into Alpstrasse as that is in dire need of repair.

Dennis Egan of 19 Kristin Lane (1ALPEN-154-0) joined the meeting.

Chairman Chandler wrote a note to the road agent along with the pictures to have him look into this further. Egan stated that he had been told by two workers on the highway department about them opening the road. Selectmen Patch and Garland replied that this is the first that they have heard of this. Egan stated that highway worker, Sandberg, had graded the road on Wednesday and there isn't much material left to grade. Egan explained that part of the problem is that Hochland Drive (which is a private road) has material from their road that keeps washing down and ends up blocking the culvert which causes problems for Kristin Lane. Egan inquired if a letter could be written to them reminding them that they need to maintain the road. There are 3 houses up there and only two are lived in. When it storms they park their vehicles at the bottom of their road and when they have had work done on the road they have used sand instead of gravel which doesn't compact and just washes right down into the culvert. Betz stated it is a double whammy. Egan stated that he has been doing some work to help divert the water. Selectman Garland stated that he would have to take a look at the situation as he can't visualize the area around Hochland Drive. Selectman Garland inquired if it was a turn around issue as to why the road agent wants to open up the road. Egan stated that there are a bunch of boulders that he will move around to make a bigger cul-de-sac if that would help. Egan stated that he has put in a 300' culvert at his cost to help with the drainage problem. He also stated that it is a nice spot to live and they don't need the extra traffic or the extra road damage. Selectman Garland inquired as to what the class of the road is. Chairman Chandler stated that it is a class V. Betz mentioned that work needs to be done on Alpstrasse as when you turn left and go around the corner that the grader ripped up the sides of the road and someone is going to go off into the ditch as it is almost

down to a one lane road now. Egan confirmed that there is a bad patch at the top of the knoll as the pavement is missing from both sides. Chairman Chandler wrote a note and requested the road agent to check this out. Betz stated that he wanted to compliment the Selectmen on the good job that they did after tropical storm Irene. The Selectmen were pleased to hear this. Selectmen Garland stated that he will go take a look at the road situation and as far as he is concerned it would take a big argument for him to agree to open the road up. Selectman Patch, who is familiar with the area, stated me too.

Selectman Patch made a motion at 09:50 AM to enter nonpublic session to discuss a request for aid under NHRSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Chairman Chandler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Garland made a motion at 10:10 AM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ron Oliveira stopped in to go over with the Selectmen what they wanted done for repair work at the town hall. It was decided that they wanted him to build two new message boards and to paint all wood surfaces on the front of the town hall.

The Selectmen received a telephone call from their attorney and legal issues were discussed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.