

September 26, 2018

Town Lands Committee Meeting

Public Safety Building, Rt. 9, Barrington, NH

In Attendance: Brian Lenzi, Phil Boodey, AJ Dupere, Tim Puls, Charles Tatham, Anne Melvin, Dan Ayers, Melissa Lessard and Patrick Lessard

Meeting start time – 19:00

Finalize meeting minutes from September 8, 2018 meeting. Minutes approved by consensus of the board.

Long Shore Land Owners Association (LSLOA)

- Patrick and Melissa Lessard are attending the Town Lands meeting to represent the Long Shore Road Association
- Group discussion of the value of the lots along Long shore and Barry Road
- When a new owner takes control of a lot, the owner can apply for an abatement when taxes are due
- If the lots are sold and if a relator is involved, then the commission will likely be minimal
- There is a total of 212 land owners between the two roads
- There are some opportunities for lot line adjustments that LSLOA members may be interested in.
- The sale or lot line adjustments will eliminate the Town's liability on these individual properties
- There is interest (from LSLOA) to buy several lots to control the traffic and number of people along these roads and of the number of individual lots
- Some lots have very little value as they are either non-conforming lots and/or under water every spring
- LSLOA can demonstrate interest from its current membership and come up w/ a recommendation to give to TLC, which can then make a recommendation to the Select Board
- Can assessment value be evaluated prior to sale?
 - Best to buy property and request an abatement
- Melissa and Patrick are willing to identify lots that individuals would have interest in. They can make recommendations on who to offer the lots to. Can include notes on which lots have little value and why.
- Many benefits to Town to off-loading these properties.
- Lot 74 and Lot 75 have already been purchased.
- Next LSLOA meeting not until April 2019.
- One idea is that several non-conforming lots could be combined into one conforming lot.
- Many lot owners do not live in NH.
- Many lot owners do not pay dues to LSLOA.
- In some instances, LSLOA will put a lien on the property to encourage payment of dues. This does not have a high rate of success.
- In some instances, LSLOA will take lot owners to small claims court, which has worked in the past, but requires a high level of effort.

- LSLOA is interested in improving these residential areas with owners that will pay dues, build houses, and live on and take care of the properties.
- Both Long Shore and Barry Road are private, which affects the value of the lots.

Tamposi Property

- Current Land Management Plan is weak on the Forestry Management side. The current plan has a higher focus on water resources protection.
- John Wallace, of the Conservation Commission, has offered ideas on who and how a Forestry Management plan will be paid for.
- Probably only able to pay for a Forestry Management on some of the property. Total area is 1,500 acres.
- Original Land Management Plan covers 200 acres
- Property abuts the Warren Farm, which has a Forestry Management Plan conducted by Charlie Moreno.
- Approximate cost depends on the size of the land, deed research required, other historical research and/or other plans available.
- AJ Dupere can investigate some approximate cost / acre for this area.
- UNH students could possibly conduct the field investigation and associated lot research. A licensed Forester will need to sign off on the plan.
- Major Waldren was done by UNH students
- Does the Society for Protection of Forests have interest in a Forestry Management Plan? They have historical information
- Additional work is required for maintenance of the “rabbittat”
- NRCS can pay forester to do the plan.
- Portsmouth and Dover have a stake in the protection of this property. The watershed feeds into both of their water supply areas.
- Can ask Peter Britz about funding for protection of the water resources.

Hard Rock

- Planning Board is scheduled to hear Hard Rock’s latest plan for Echo Park
- Currently there are wells within 200 feet of the blasting area
- Hydrologic study required for the impact to wells from blasting.

Residential Development off Rt. 125, approximately 80 houses

Next meeting October 17 at 19:00 at the Public Safety Building

Meeting adjourned at 20:05