

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S  
PUBLIC HEARING  
AUGUST 21, 2007

Board members present: Steve Farris, Mike Brady, Mark Dow  
Linda Henry (Assistant)

Public present: Linda Denningham, John Lynch, Joe Mahoney, Mike & Marie Stanley, Gary David, Sean Bresnahan Jr., Sean Bresnahan Sr., Bob & Brenda Dupuis, Everett Gonsalves, George Couturier

Steve opened the hearing at 7:05PM. The hearing was held to discuss the proposed sale of three town owned parcels which were taken for taxes; Map & Lot R13-37, R3-12 and R3-9-9.

Gary David questioned when and where the notice of the hearing was posted. Linda stated that she posted it at the Post Office and both bulletin boards at the town office as well as in the Concord Monitor on Tuesday. Gary expressed concern at the way the meeting was opened citing that it should have been stated when and where the postings occurred. He felt that it was not clear when any meetings were being held. He challenged the Board to prove that this is a valid hearing. Another resident seconded. There was some confusion about the RSA that was cited on the posting (41:14,a). It should have read RSA 80:80. Some residents complained about the intent to sell land since a warrant article from the 2007 town meeting to allow the Board to do this was defeated. Mike Brady read the minutes from the "1997" town meeting which gave the Board permission until rescinded to sell land taken for taxes only.

Steve Farris said that people have shown interest in the lots. Everett Gonsalves said that he is interested in lot R3-12 as his uncle once owned it. Mike Stanley suggested imposing deed restrictions on these lots so that excess development could not occur. The group questioned if the Board had any specific reason to sell the land if there was something specific that they wanted the money for. It was stated that the money would go into the general fund and could not be taken out without town approval. There are lots of things the town could do with the proceeds from the sale and the Board's intention is to reduce the tax burden on the residents.

A particular parcel was discussed as the abutting property owner has built a foundation partially on the town lot. The consensus was that this property owner should deal with the consequences of his actions and remove it or be fined. Sean Bresnahan Jr. said that zoning violations should be enforced.

There was general discussion on the proper way to sell the land. Consensus was that this type of major decision should wait until town meeting to be voted on by the people. Gary said that is what the town has always done and wants to continue doing.

As the meeting was getting off topic, Mike requested that Steve adjourn the meeting.

Public Hearing adjourned at 8:50PM.

At the conclusion of the hearing, general discussion took place with the public still present. Topics discussed were, transfer station, starting a town web-site, pond clean-up and recycling.

Respectively Submitted,  
Linda J. Henry

Steve Farris

Mike Brady

Mark Dow

