

To the City of New Meadows,



First up we would like to thank the city for working with sheriff's department to slow down traffic, moved sign, changed sign and etc. Thank you!

Sorry we are unable to attend the meeting tonight folks but we are sure glad our feelings will be shared with all of you. We are at our cabin in Alaska that we purchased soon after Brown gained ownership of this property we are talking about tonight. We came home on a Friday night and found Bill and a crew cleaning up the property and the trailer was gone. This had been the schools property for many years, which they had rented out. I asked if the school had plans for something different and just about had the big one when Bill told me he owned it now. He was chair of the school board at that time and that is why I thought it was for the school. I made a few phone calls and found that the property had become a liability to the school and needed to be sold. We never knew it was for sale, no for sale signs on 270' of highway frontage. The absolute minimum advertising that made it legal was used in the selling of our school property. (Ironic) I think that our chair of the school board ended up with it. Legal of course, but not right! Soon afterward Bill was standing on our neighbor's property looking around, owned at that time by Stewart Johnson, a college professor and a darn good feller. Stew allowed us to use the property in trade for keeping the weeds down and mowing. I asked Bill what he was up to and he was dreaming of a McLain St. coming on through to the highway and he needed to buy Stews place to make it happen. I told him Stew was planning on building a home and selling it all, and if he was going to just sell the lots he would sell them to us. Bill said we will see and if we did not like what was going on in the neighborhood we should move. I kindly asked him to get back on his property because I was in charge of this property. A few months later we woke up to a D-8 cat ripping rock on a Saturday morning. A couple days later dump trucks, front end loader, unbelievable! We now have an active commercial rock pit in our back yard and no guidelines, or safety precautions to go by. I go ask the city what is going on and I'm advised to call M Shaw. They send a representative that meets with me and is concerned with what he finds.

- (1) The pit needs a visual barrier on North end against airport so airplanes can see it.
- (2) Banks were vertical and need to be sloped.
- (3) Need a barrier up roadway where people drive so their rig cannot go into pit.
- (4) Telephone pole was leaning in after the service line was taken down on Bills side and cat work had probably weakened earth and the 3 lines adjoin property (Lucker, Jeffs, Barnetts) were all to low because of the slack now.

The M Shaw rep said if Bill did not make it right to call ID Dept of Lads. He said they should be involved with this, as it definitely is mining rock. He actually went and got Bill and Bill promised to make it right and told me I should have spoke with him instead of calling M Shaw. We thought maybe we should have just talked to Bill (our bad). The next day Bill drives in rebar and hangs yellow ribbon on the North end and down the alley where a barrier was for. He did slope the banks back (no more 15 ft vertical drops) and said he would contact ID Power about the lines. 2 days later the wind had taken out the

flagging. The power pole was finally fixed this spring after we brought it to their attention, as they were installing their lines higher making room for cable-1. They took one look at it and got on it. In the mean time I did call Idaho Dept. of Lands and they were well aware of Browns rock pit. They had been trying to get Bill to return phone calls (but no) it took a certified letter from the State of Idaho to get our commissioner to come in and get his paper work in order. I was told by the representative of ID Department of Lands they told Bill he would be cited and shutdown if he did not get his paperwork in order. This should be in place before you start a rock pit (maybe our commissioner did not know this!) So, yes folks I am sure he is working close with them now as he states in his notice of a public hearing, he has no choice.

City of New Meadows, we ask you to not rush into what Bill Brown wants. In our honest opinion he has abused his public positions to better himself for what? Money! What happened to a way of life? Lori and I own 5 lots that sit right across the alley. You all know us and we ask you to make sure Brown does things right this time. This is our city, our town, our neighborhood. This is a wonderful place to live and raise children. We feel very blessed to have acquired the property from Stewart Johnson . We keep a fire pit and a sledding hill open to all in the winter. Do not ruin it by bringing McLain out to the highway. These are Browns dreams not the neighbors. He wants roads all the way around him so that maybe he can make another dollar. We want to address the issues of a fence, working hours, noise levels and other issues also as we understand he will be bringing in semi trucks to change oil, tires, etc. It is legally their property and we sure hope our city management will keep Brown in line this time. We hope there will be at least 1 more public meeting that we can attend. We could sure tell you face to face rather than having a friend read this. We appreciate your concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

Curt & Lori Barnett

 7/19/13