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I am curious about several issues:

1. Who is paying the legal fees for Bruce Baird? The Actons? Do they really have the money to finance this? And why now? They don't even live in Bluff. They acquired this property years after the town boundaries were established. They knew what they were getting when they acquired this property.

SITLA? It has its own attorneys, as shown by Ms. Keli Beard appearing at the disconnect public hearing. Plus, it appears that SITLA has retained a silk stocking Salt Lake firm. Is Mr. Baird not charging fees as a personal investment? Is someone else financing this? The truism of follow the money seems crucial here.

2. Mr. Baird has claimed it is unfair to have 250 people dictate through their democratically elected representatives what one family within our political boundaries can do (assuming that this case is really the province of the Actons, see Number 1). Why is it not even more unfair to have a state agency that has no democratically elected officials dictate what one town can do?

Hypocrisy here? Or maybe just power politics by people in the shadows?

3. This one really mystifies me. Why is it when Mr. Baird comes to Bluff, every time he does his best to insult Bluff? Who is his audience? Who is he performing for? SITLA? It is to his monetary advantage to get Bluff and SITLA riled up so that litigation is undertaken. And he then gets paid big fees. He has bragged so.

It is not SITLA's best interest to litigate what it could otherwise work out with Bluff. Unless SITLA's long term plan is to turn Bluff into Moab. Or Spanish Valley?

The real question is who is making these decisions. As the Baird/SITLA emails showed, these decisions were secretly being made between, at a minimum, Mr. Baird and SITLA. As earlier asked, "Who else is in that room?"

Utah can, and should, do better.

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