

December 4, 1969

The Antrim Planning Board met with the Selectmen and Planning Board of Bennington on the above date at the Selectmen's Office in Bennington., with the following present, Byron Butterfield, Harold Grant, Charles Gilmore, Stanley Tenney, Howard Humphrey, Sr. Mildred Dudley, and Robert Caughey of the "Study Committee, from Antrim. Bennington was represented by Irving LeCain, Ted Aucella, Norman Makechnie, Attorney for Bennington, and William Aldrich and Charles A. Lindsay.

Charles Lindsay officiated at the meeting and informed us that the Balch property, which has been under advisement for a dump site, was not suitable for use as a dump. They decided it was unnecessary to take any borings.

The property known as the "Lazy J " ranch, owned by Franklin Johnson, comprising of approximately 90 acres, would be adaptable to our needs. Robert Caughey and Charles Lindsay met with the Johnsons and after a lengthy discussion, felt they could arrive at a suitable agreement. They feel a lease is feasible. We would need approximately 50 acres.

This would be a land fill operation - everything dumped would be covered.

It was the feeling of the committee that we would need to level the land as we went along.

A 20 year term lease was suggested. The cost has not yet been discussed - but the lease would state that when the time came that we would no longer need the land, it would revert to the owners.

Contract by the Antrim and Bennington Towns would be based on the population - term of lease - rate of payment and estimated value of land for tax purposes.

It was intimated that funds might be available for a regional project such as this one .

We agreed on one more meeting, before Town Meeting, early in January if possible.

Robert Caughey agreed to go back to see the Johnsons for further discussion .

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.


Secretary