

June 18, 1975

A special meeting of the Planning Board was held on the above date at 7:30 P. M. All members were present with the exception of the secretary Mildred Dudley. Attorney Lloyd Henderson also attended.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the applications for Discretionary Easements that had been filed with the Selectmen by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert T. Nilson, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Lane and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mulhall. The Selectment wished to have our opinion on these matters before rendering a final decision.

The above appeared promptly at the time designated for their hearings, Namely Andrew Lane at 7:30 P. M., Robert Mulhall at 8:00 P. M., and Mr. Nilson at 8:30 P. M.

Andrew Lane stated that he did not want his land broken up, and will keep it the way it is and the public is welcome to use the forest land for hunting, hiking and recreation. If the Easement is granted he fully understands that the land has to remain in its present state for 10 years. His application covers 40 acres forest land, 13 acres of inactive farm land and 7 acres for re-forestation. Three acres is excluded for the buildings and immediate area surrounding them.

Robert Mulhall and Mrs. Novak stated that holding the land from development would be to the advantage of Antrim. They are quite concerned about too much of our land in town being used for developments. Mr. Mulhall's application covers 117 acres forest land, 8 1/4 acres wetlands and 16 acres inactive farm land. Two acres are exempt for the buildings and immediate area to them.

Herbert Nilson is also afraid that our land will be sold to developers and wants Antrim to retain its rural atmosphere. His application covers 33.8 acres of forest land, and 13 acres of open farm land which is used for forage crops and surrounding the buildings is exempt.

The hearings ended at 9 P. M., Chairman Abbott then entertained opinions and discussion on the submitted Discretionary Easements. Many thoughts were expressed, and the fact that we do not yet have a master plan seemed to present difficulties on this matter. Also, as this was our first experience in meeting this problem, we do not have any specific guide lines, except those put into law by the State, and they are not too clearly stated.

Lloyd Henderson said for the entire state of N. H. 69 easements were granted and 65 of them originated from Peterborough during 1974.

At the conclusion of our discussion we voted to write a letter to the Selectmen after being voted upon at our next meeting.

At our next meeting on the 25th the above action will be officially voted on, as the purpose of this meeting was to conduct a hearing with the three applicants.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

Harold P. Grant

Secretary Pro Tem.