

Minutes of Antrim Planning Board, August 9, 1979

The entire meeting of the board was devoted to a presentation by Andrew Matter of the Southwestern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:40 P.M., August 9, 1979.

Planning Board members present were:

Gordon Allen
Jim Dennison, chairman
Harvey Goodwin, vice-chairman
Jon Medved, secretary
Bob Watterson

In addition, a citizens advisory committee of 9 people was in attendance.

Southwestern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission - Antrim Master Plan

The topic of this session was Population and Housing. Mr. Matter presented a "Preliminary Population Report" that had been prepared by the SWNHRPC. The report (copy attached) covered Antrim's population trends from 1920 to 1977 and compared these trends with other towns. The report highlighted four key points:

1. Students at Nathaniel Hawthorne account for one-quarter to one-third of the town's population.
2. Eliminating the college, population growth in the town has been very slow.
3. The resident population - excluding college students - consists of a relatively high proportion of elderly residents.
4. Natural population increase is small. Future growth will result primarily from migration.

Mr. Matter then presented a "Preliminary Housing Report" also prepared by the Commission. The report was based on the 1970 census and an on-site inspection conducted by the Commission. Highlights included Age of housing, Condition of housing, and types of housing.

The Board and Citizens Advisory Committee requested the following revisions to the two reports:

Population Report: p. 4, last paragraph - Reconcile 498 households figure with 684 figure in Housing Report.

p. 6, Table V - Revise to show with and without college students.

Housing Report: p. 3, Table II - It was recommended that the CETA house numbering plan and the tax map and inventory cards be used to generate a more accurate figure for this table. The Chairman agreed to discuss effecting this with Mr. Matter.

p. 3, last paragraph - Revise to show with and without college students.

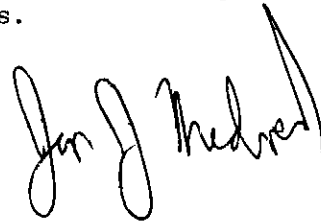
In addition, Mr. Matter presented a land use map of Antrim and two soil maps of the town, and the master planning session of the meeting was concluded.

Minutes

The minutes of the July 26, 1979 meeting were approved as submitted.

Next Meeting

The Planning Board's next meeting will be August 23, 1979 at 7:30 P.M. At that session Messrs. Allen and Goodwin will report on section 4 of the Deering subdivision regulations.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jon J. Medved". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the main text block.