ANTRIM PLANNING BOARD

Antrim, New Hampshire

MINUTES ofPLANNING BOARD MEETING of JUNE 27, 1985

Present: H. Goodwin, Wm. MacCulloch, Robt. Watterson, R. Zwirner, J. Dennison, Chmn. and Sec. pro tem

Not Present: J. Heyliger, J. Jones, B. Kierstead, R. Reinstein

MINUTES of June 13 Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of June 13 were approved as prepared by Secretary Heyliger.

Subdivision Proposal by Donald Knapton

Mr.Knapton, a resident of Hillsboro, appeared with his surveyor, Donald Mellen. They offered a very rough sketch of a proposed 27-lot subdivision off of Mountain Rd., Mountainside Drive and Barden Hill Rd., between the south shore of the east end of Franklin Pierce lake and Gibson and Riley mountains. The property acquired by Mr.Knapton lies both in Antrim and Hillsboro.

Mountain Road, as shown on the Antrim road map, is in the far northeast corner of the Town, runs southeast from the Hillsboro town line to Old Turnpike Road. There was question about the status of Mountain Road. Going northwest from Old Turnpike Road. there is a section that is listed in the Town records as "discontinued". Then there is a longer section classed as "Class VI Other". From the end of that section to the Hillsboro line, it is ClassV, maintained by the Town. In the warrant for the March 1979 Town Meeting, Article 32 sought to close a number of roads "subject to gates and bars". Among them was "That part of Mountain Road, formerly known as Lawson Road or Harve White Road, which runs from the Hillsboro Town linento the point, where it was closed previously." That item of Article did not pass.

Barden Hill road, shown on the Knapton sketch, is entirely in Hillsboro and is Class V maintained by Hillsboro. Mountain Road runs into Barden Hill road where the latter takes a sharp turn down to the lake. Mountain Road is a narrow, one-car wide, potholed, gravel road that has seen very little maintainance. It leads to one residence before it becomes impassable to "pleasure vehicles".

Mountainside Drive is a private way, mostly in Antrim, that runs along the south shore of Franklin Pierce Lake. The property-owners served by that drive take care of any maintain.

Before the Planning Board can consider the Knapton proposal, there must be an agreement with the applicant on the status of that section of Mountain Road shown as Class V.

There are sound grounds to believe that the section in question has not been maintained by any town for at least five years, which would mean that it becomes Class VI.

If the applicant intends to have lots in his subdivision fronting on Mountain Road in Antrim, such frontage must be on a Class V Town road. The same regulations apply to lots fronting on Mountainside Drive.

The Antrim Subdivision Regulations are detailed, thorough and specific on the subjects of roads, character of the land, public services and street improvements. Sections 4.00, 5.03 and 7.00 may all be pertinent to the Knapton proposal.

There was discussion on the potential schooling problem for residents in the Antrim part of this development. Since there is presently no reasonable route from Mountain Road to Antrim center, the provision of public services to the area might be difficult enough to persuade the Planning Board to invoke Section 4.03 of the Regulations dealing with "premature" subdivisions.

<u>Adjournment</u>

The June 27 meeting of the Planning Board adjourned at 8:30 pm.

J.T.Dennison, Secretary pro tem