

Minutes of the Antrim Planning Board Meeting November 21, 1991

Present: Judith Pratt, Chairman; Nancy Timko; David Essex; Edwin Rowehl, ex officio; Hugh Giffin; Rod Zwirner.

The chairman opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M. and introduced the Board.

Thelma Nichols, Resignation: The Board accepted the resignation with regret and discussed filling the position. The Board will think about this and it will be discussed at a later date.

Gravel Pits: The Chair reported that she viewed some of the gravel pits this past week with Road Agent, Bob Varnum. She suggested that at some point the Board should be reviewing the Soil Survey of Hillsborough County Western Part in order to determine the possible location of sources of gravel.

BOCA: The Chair reported that the State of New Hampshire is considering the establishment of BOCA as the basic building code and it is now under consideration by the House of Representatives. She reported that Attorney Silas Little will be providing the Board with a written opinion on this and the subject of liability of the Town in the matter of action by Town officials. She also reported that the Building Inspector is currently covering the cost of his budget with fees. Chairman Pratt suggested that the Board should make some decision, either to take some action or to take no action. David Essex moved to table the matter. Edwin Rowehl second. The vote: Edwin Rowehl, yes; David Essex, yes; Hugh Giffin, yes; Nancy Timko, yes; Judith Pratt, yes. So moved unanimously. It was agreed that a note reporting the results of this action will be mailed to the Board of Adjustment.

Proposed Zoning: The Chair provided the Board with a copy of the points discussed and agreed upon at the November 7th meeting. There was some discussion of the item under Article V, The Highway Business District. Hugh Giffin expressed the opinion that the subject was premature as the Board is working on redefining that district. The point was made that this does not change Section D which will be addressed at a later date. There was additional discussion after which Giffin withdrew his objection. The Chair went through the proposed amendments and pointed out that the Board should make a decision on when they will be presented for the first public hearing in time for the next meeting December 5, 1991. The time frame for the public hearings was discussed.

Town of Chester Court Case: The Chair opened discussion of this court case which is of concern to Towns all over the State of New Hampshire. She referenced Article XIV, Section A, 16, a(5) and suggested that the Town's regulation be reviewed by the Board Attorney and SWRPC. Ed Rowehl reported on the information received on this subject at the NHMA Conference. The consensus was to review this subject at a later date.

The Chair addressed the copy of a letter from Surveyor, Dennis McKenney to the Board of Selectmen relative to Brackett Road as it relates to the Cole property. There was discussion of the date and method of discontinuance, discontinued subject to gates and bars in 1937.

David Essex reported on his attendance at the SWRPC meeting. He called the Board's attention to the fact that they should keep in mind the regulation that requires that a planning board should inform the adjoining towns and the regional planning commission or any development that could have a regional impact. The Board agreed to pay the expense incurred as a result of David's attendance at this meeting.

Hugh Giffin reported that as a result of the work done on the redefining of the Highway Business District, he and Dave Essex have looked at the Baker-Salmon property located on Route 9. He suggested that when the proposal comes to the Board there be a site review.

The Board reviewed the work done by Essex, Giffin and Zwirner on the Highway Business District.

The minutes of the November 7, 1991 meeting were addressed. Hugh Giffin moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ed Rowehl second. So moved.

Ed Rowehl made the motion to adjourn. Nancy Timko second. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Elia, Secretary