

Minutes of the Meeting of Antrim Planning Board represented by Judith Pratt, Chairman and Michael Oldershaw; The Antrim Board of Selectmen represented by Philip Dwight, Chairman and Thomas Davis and Louis P. Caron P.E. of Caron Engineering held October 19, 1994 at 1:30 P.M.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1:30 P.M. After introductions Louis Caron spoke about his Independent Review of the Technical Report prepared by Thomas Sommers P.E. with Costello, Lomasney and deNapoli for the SwiftWater Girl Scout Council (Camp Chenoa). Caron provided the meeting with a sketches for a possible bridge replacement. He suggested eighteen feet of hot top with minimum two foot gravel shoulders, using pre-cast concrete planks. He discussed the timing for such a project. Caron also expressed the opinion that repairs to the causeway have the potential for the most environmental damage and suggested that repairs be made by placing rocks (rip rap) on the south side of the causeway in the fall and finishing it in the spring. Caron said that he would not touch the north side because of environmental impacts. He suggested that the road be widened on the north side as any addition of width for pedestrian traffic would be beneficial. It was noted that the figures in the Technical Report were based on seasonal peak traffic and how the CLD figures were prepared. This will be reviewed. Caron stated that in his opinion the bridge is not as bad as the report states and can be repaired, he also commented on peak hour capacity, the state of the road and the fact that the roadway is deficient. Caron stressed that the guard rail situation is a liability and commented on the potential for an accident. When asked about the implication that the state would participate in bridge repairs Caron agreed but stated that at times the State over-designs a bridge so that the Town's participation would cost more than one repaired or built at a total expense to the Town. When asked about signage Caron agreed that it would help and he will consider it in his report. Caron expressed the opinion that the bridge is not as bad as the Technical report states. The project could be started in the fall and completed in the spring and could be phased in over a period of time. Caron suggested that these improvements be included in the a Highway Department Capital Improvements Plan to protect the Town. He referenced the use of such a plan in identifying premature development. In conclusion the cost of repairing the bridge including new guard rails will be reviewed. The bridge must be posted as a one lane bridge. Improvements to the causeway and Gregg Lake Road from Holt Hill Road may be phased in over a few years with the Girl Scouts participating in the annual capital cost of these repairs. There was a request from the Selectmen that Silas Little be provided with a copy of a draft of Caron's report for his review. Caron suggested that it go to Little by way of the Planning Board. The project could be phased in with a proportion charged back to the Girl Scouts. Caron will review the figures for this participation and include that in his report. Caron will provide a copy of the review within the next week. Meeting adjourned.

*Barbara Eira, Secretary*