

Minutes of the Antrim Planning Board Meeting October 20, 1994

Present: Judith Pratt, Chairman; David Essex; Alternate Kenneth Akins sitting for Edwin Rowehl and Alternate Barbara Elia sitting for Wayne DeKoning

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Swiftwater Girl Scout Council - Camp Chenoa: The Board agreed that the Continued Public Hearing scheduled for this evening October 20, 1994 at 7:30 P.M. will be continued until Thursday November 10 at 7:30 P.M. to give the Board time to absorb the independent review of the Technical Report which is being made by Louis Caron P.E.

Correspondence:

Letter from Attorney Silas Little re: Posting of Meetings

SWRPC: Increase in Membership Dues. The Board agreed that the 1995 budget should be increased by that amount to continue to allow a stipend for seminars and meetings.

Hillsborough By-Pass - Meeting will be held Tuesday at the Hillsborough Deering High School.

Meeting with Louis Caron P.E., the Board of Selectmen and Members of the Planning Board October 19, 1994 - The Chair reported that:

Bridge: Caron suggested new abutments with pre-stressed concrete decking, eighteen feet wide with two foot shoulders. The bridge needs improved guard rails and should be signed as a single lane bridge. Caron will come up with some costs for these improvements.

Causeway: Caron suggested that it be widened on the lake side in the same manner as the original causeway. Work could be started in the spring and resumed in the fall. The top should be finished and the road widened to 18 feet. Caron further recommended the road be widened to Holt Hill with curbing under the bank. Chairman Pratt has provided Caron with a copy of an old map of Gregg Lake Road which indicated that the right-of-way is approximately 37 1/2 feet. Signage along the road was discussed as a possible alternative. Caron suggested the use of Capital Reserves for improvements. He suggested that the first action to be taken is to repair the bridge as it is. It was established that the guard rails are not sufficient.

David Essex questioned the amount of traffic and the timing of the traffic study. In his opinion it was based on the summer peak flow rather than a full year. He also questioned how much the Girl Scouts are responsible for increasing the cost. He observed that sooner or later this situation would be of concern.

Judith Pratt suggested that perhaps the National Guard could provide some labor thus reducing the cost of improvements, and indicated the bridge and causeway could be done first and the rest done at a later date. The Chair also reported that the school bus now goes up the road and turns around at Brimstone and Craig Roads.

Paul Whittemore representing the Trustees of the Whittemore Trust asked to be placed on the agenda for the next Planning Board Meeting to discuss their right to pass over the Swift Water Council Girl Scout property to access their property Tax Map #3 and #5 Lot 1224. The Chair advised Mr. Whittemore that the Planning Board has no authority over private rights-of-way and that he should seek advice of an attorney in this matter. Mr. Whittemore referenced documentation that he wanted to submit to the Board but the Chair stated that the Planning Board has no jurisdiction over a private right-of-way except in relation to a subdivision. The Chair will consult with Attorney Silas Little and advised Mr. Whittemore to consult with his attorney. Mr. Whittemore asked that for the record it be noted that he had been denied an opportunity to get on the agenda for the next meeting. The Chair reiterated her opinion that this is not the jurisdiction of the Planning Board. The Planning Board has no jurisdiction over the layout of roads. Whittemore stated that he has been in contact with the Girl Scouts and commented on his right to use the right-of-way because it has been in use for 45 years.

Minutes of October 13, 1994: David Essex moved to accept the minutes as presented. Kenneth Akins second. So moved unanimously.

David Essex made the motion to adjourn. Kenneth Akins second. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Elia, Secretary