

NOTES ON SELECTMEN'S MEETING

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All three Selectmen were present.

Wilbur Hall, Captain Fire Co. #1 requested forms for the Meadowood Training School. R. Morrill stated that he would make same available before Thursday evening.

Evelyn Perry returned to the Selectmen, a letter from the Bennington Selectmen and a letter address to the Antrim Woman's Club from the Antrim Selectmen re the study committee on recycling at the Antrim/Bennington Landfill. Ms. Perry stated that the Community Projects Committee of the A.W.C. would be interested in serving as Antrim's representatives. ACTION: Secretary to advise Bennington Selectmen of same.

Merle Aborn, Sr., Road Agent discussed the North Branch Bridge (Nath. Haw.) with the Board and requested a decision of the Board so that he could go forward with ordering the materials. Mr. Aborn recommended a contractor repair the bridge instead of the highway crew. E. Clarke asked what type of ~~contract~~ <sup>agreement</sup> was involved, indicating that he felt a contract should be signed and a breakdown of responsibilities be included in same. E. Tenney stated that he would like to think it over another week. ACTION: It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to order materials from Northeastern Culvert Corp.

Sue Craig, Park Board presented schedule of past summers and recommendation for 1975 regarding Gregg Lake Beach program. Mrs. Craig, having met with Harold Grant, submitted the following: The Beach open June 28th, Saturday before the July 4th weekend, and close Labor Day...9 weeks and 2 days. Lifeguards to be paid on basis of 5 days per week, 40 hours @ \$2.50 = \$100.00 per week. Hours to be 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Duties of Lifeguards were posted on bulletin board at beach along with important telephone numbers. Swimming lessons schedule for the first two weeks in July, when lifeguards would work a seven day week, giving the girls four extra days each. Mrs. Craig also requested aid in dismantling the skating rink on the school grounds.

ACTION: Jim Hammond and Lewis White could tear down the structure and put the material in the vacant area in the basement. Jim Hammond could drive the tractor and truck. Further stated by Ed Clarke, he would like to go up this weekend and look over the ball park and see what has to be done. Mrs. Craig asked if Joseph Tatro had been accepted to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Frederick Roberts. The Board indicated that Joseph Tatro had been unanimously voted in as member to replace Fred Roberts.

Note: Mrs. Craig reported that Rick Cuddihy had hurt his hand trying to remove the Skating Rink.

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Robert Morrill reported that Lewis White of Hillsboro had joined our Manpower crew as of this morning. Papers had been filled out and signed at the Hillsboro office.

Edward Coughlan, Jr. requested procedure relative to bulk tanks being installed in the Town. He is interested in the area by Chas. Cook on Concord St. ACTION; Voted to advise him that he must make application to the Planning Board.

General Business:

Veteran's Exemptions must be gone over soon.

Misters Vayens, Doleac, Caughey, Cutter and Morrill went to Fort Deavens to check out an army surplus truck for Town use re Article #20, 1975 Town Warrant. ACTION: Truck was accepted per above article.

R. Morrill had touched base with Lloyd Henderson, Town Council re Flood Insurance Application, further stating that he would take care of same.

Additional insurance coverage must be taken out on Tax Collector for the two peak months, from \$20,000 to \$50,000.

Douglas Hatfield, Jr. requested abatement on Elderly Exemption on Velma Hall resident re the adjusted figure, bringing her assessment under \$25,000.

ACTION: Secretary request Mr. Hatfield verify qualification pertaining to Income and total assets.

Court action brought against the Town of Antrim by William Edwards, Susan Edwards and Lulu Cilley were discussed. Date to appear in Court - 1st Tuesday in May. ACTION: Voted to notify Lloyd Henderson and the State Assessors when these actions were coming up in court.

Antrim/Bennington Bridge (Iron Bridge) - VOTED: Selectmen are going to stand on past decision.

Precinct Commissioners are working with Park Board regulating height of water level at Gregg Lake in an effort to cease the flow of glass and other items into the bathing area.

State of N. H., Dept. of Public Works and Highways indicated that the Town's request for a water hole on Route 202 would be possible. Verbal okay given by N. H. Cricenti, Construction Engineer and named Charles Gilmore as engineer to work with Town on same. Meeting on April 19th with Fire Dept. Officials suggested that dry hydrants and water holes be increased to 6 or 8 in the Town, subject to a recent survey made by the Dept.

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Due to complaints from citizens in regards to dogs, the Board agreed to remind the Dog Owners of Antrim, via news media, of Antrim's lease law.

Volunteer for Selectmen's Advisory Comm...Mr. Howard Humphrey, Sr. had indicated an interest in serving in this capacity again this year. E. Tenney objected to his anti-everything approach and further stated that if Mr. Humphrey could serve on the committee objectively, he would go along with Mr. H's appointment. R. Morrill: We'll let Eric discuss this with Mr. H. and act on same at a later date.

Re Charles Gilmore's resignation from positions: Sanitary Inspector, Building Inspector, Sewage Study Committee member, and Planning Board Member, no word has been received from Wm. Abbott or Richard Schacht who were going to talk to Chas. Gilmore. ACTION: Voted unanimously to postpone action on appointing replacements for these positions. Also indicated was clarification of position of Sanitary Inspector.

Beverly Tenney had not been sworn in by Robert Flanders as of this date. Mr. Flanders, filling in as Assistant Tax Collector, was present, and stated he would do this soon. He stated that he had sworn in Peter Merrifield, School Board Member.

Letter received from Emery Doane re Grove Street parking problem was read and discussed. Towing cars in the past had not made much of an impression. The route of parking tickets was discussed & decided on. Eric and Ed stated that they should lean on the Chief. ACTION: Voted unanimously to ticket every car on Grove Street until problem solved.

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Building Permit Violation to Thomas Cronin, Jr. has not been complied with. ACTION: Voted to give violation to Lloyd Henderson and advise him to take appropriate action thereon.

Discussion was had on the Blotter Book vs. Tax Assessment Sheets. No action taken.

Bronze Plaque for Korean Vets (1965) questioned by Arthur Allison was discussed, and input from Robert Flanders, Selectmen at the time in question, indicated that "action by the Legion not carried out, money for this article reverted back into the General Fund". ACTION: Board recommend a new article in 1976 Town Warrant commemorating Viet Vets and well as Korean.

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Re platform/stage built by the Antrim Players in the upstairs Town Hall and what should be done about it, was discussed. Stated by R. Morrill, the Fire Chief (Warden) objected to the platform for safety reasons. ACTION; Voted to postpone action on stage until it comes up.

Junk yard license and Trailer Park license were discussed....when, who, etc. Suggested that a call to the Tax Commission might enlighten Board re Junk Yards. Trailer Parks left up in air.

Committees - ACTION: Voted to request meeting dates of those committees that we do not have so we can list them on official calendar.

Further action re North Branch Bridge - Eric voiced his concern for contracting an outside firm to build the bridge in view of the Highway Dept. budget. The Board discussed policies of the Dept. and how much authority the Board of Selectmen have over the Road Agent.

Secretaries Duties were discussed. ACTION: Secretary should take minutes of the meetings, especially on business conducted after public hours.

News releases were discussed. R. Morrill stated he wanted Monday evenings news for Tuesday morning. Eric Tenney and Ed Clark stated they felt the following week was soon enough. Discussed: News could be okay by just two Selectmen, not 3 as previously voted. Eric suggested they continue same procedure for a month trial...if news goes in wrong, no more news forthcoming.

Chief Craig, reported in. Asked for his appointment form. He was advised that it was awaiting Martin Nichols recording. R. Morrill asked Chief Craig about labor at N.H.C. for Ed Bishop's time at basketball games and dances. Chief stated that he hadn't received reimbursement for his time either and had been up to the College re both. R. Morrill offered Board's assistance, which Chief Craig turned down, stating he had it in hand. Chief was asked if he had info on bank alarms and procedures. Craig answered: When the alarm goes off, Officer goes up and checks from outside to see if anyone is moving. If not, Officer goes in. P.S.B. has a Honeywell System and is tied into Manchester.

Board gave letter from E. Doane to Chief to read. Discussion: Craig - post parking ban on both sides of Street; no parking any time. Board - Start ticketing all autos after 11:00 p.m. per existing ordinance. E. Clarke - Ticket them and if they do not pay on time, pull them into court. R. Morrill - opposition to signs since they are often ripped off and also, the Town could be signed to death.

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Question concerning Towing...if you have car towed, and damage results is Town liable? Chief Craig indicated that he and/or Wayne DeKoning always check cars for dents, scratches, etc. before towing. ACTION: (as indicated on page 3, paragraph 5) Voted unanimously to ticket every car on Grove Street until problem solved. Also discussed, last Town ordinance, 1st ticket, \$2.00, 2nd    ?   , 3rd, Tow and last, judgement of court.

Chief Craig inquired after Bishop's radio. Craig objected because "alot of things have been done behind his back. Other people have been on the force alot longer than Bishop and should have been given consideration." Craig also objected to Bishop's having the "rig" (page boy?) all the time. He stated that Bishop had not signed out for same when questioned by R. Morrill. Chief Craig also questioned "special deals" with Bishop re gas in private auto. R. Morrill stated he did not know anything about same; Craig stated that he did. E. Clarke stated that he did not know about the radio. R. Morrill reported the radio was a loan from the Town of Washington until June when it would have to be returned. Chief Craig emphasized he did not object to Officers having radio, just to the way this incident was handled.

Discussion was had on the Steering Committee proposed; 2 advisors and a member of the State Police to help set up office. Opinions differed as to who, what, etc.

Chief Craig stated he would like to "drop everything gone on in the past and start with a clean slate". He stated emphatically he wanted to know "what in hell was going on" regarding his own department. Eric Tenney agreed.

On questioning by the Secretary, the Board unanimously voted to comply with laws governing depositing of taxes withheld on a monthly basis, instead of quarterly as currently being done.