

Selectmen's Minutes, Monday, October 25, 1982

Present: Katherine M. Ring, Chairman, Leslie MacNeil, John Jones and Betty Shaw, secretary.

Selectmen met at 7:30 signed checks, and a building permit for Mr. Lemire.

Brian Brown, police chief gave his weekly report. He spoke to the selectmen about the trunk line that is also servicing Bennington.

Matt Rabbideau asked to be allowed to go over some of the town records as he is working on his egal scout badge. K. Ring agreed to help him on the 3rd of November.

Mr. Pleasant & recycling committee were in to discuss recycling glass and the towns of Bennington and Frankestown will also look into going into recycling with Antrim. It would cost about \$2,500 to set up, and revenue should come in from the sale of glass. Bennington selectmen will be getting in touch with the selectmen.

Mr. Grabowski asked why the flag was not displayed in the Town Office, did J. Dennison come up with a warrant on mobile homes yet and has anyone come in for a permit to collect for Unicef? Flag is in the Little Town Hall which is used more than the Selectmen's office, and No J. Dennison has not as yet come up with a warrant nor has anyone applied for a permit to collect.

G. Cole will come up with some figures for the purchase of a new truck to be in the Town Warrant for the coming year. J. Jones asked that he also look into leasing a truck or buying with all services supplied. TRA cutting is all finished and waiting for dozer to clean up. J. Durgan gave permission to dump twigs on his land.

B. Brown will put a change in his budget. Insurance should cover the windshield that was shot out this week end.

Fire House 11 is in need of supplies in order to hook up bathroom. The money will have to come out of Town Buildings.

Pat Webber, John Zmud, Ron Zwirner asked that the selectmen request aid for matching money to help with the dredging of the brook behind town hall. Letter is to show approval for the dredging and the setting aside of \$1,500 of the park & recreation budget for the purpose.

Fairfield Whiting asked is the hiring and firing of police officers the responsibility of the selectmen. He will send in a letter as he feels he has been harrassed by one officer. Selectmen agreed to look into the matter.

Letter was put into Chris Josephs' file in recognition of his performance this past week end.

Mr. Grabowski, after having read the minutes of the selectmen's meetings for the weeks of Sept. 13, 20 27 and August 30 requested a change in the wording.

His remark of stuffing ballots, was a poor choice of words, "others have different meanings than I had." He, Mr. Grabowski, is concerned should others read the minutes and think the wrong thing. When he made reference to "had I known I was running against the man who stuffed the ballots, I would have won", what he had meant was that he was not aware that Bob Flanders was running, and he is one who takes the ballots from the voters and puts them in the box.

Mr. Grabowski called again on October 5, 1982 and wanted the remarks that K Ring made while speaking as a private citizen put into the minutes. Remarks such as, "you are only one of 2,012 residents, or a drop of water in a pond.", "No one set you up as God, judge and jury for Antrim."

Also made mention that when K. Ring, Chairman of the board stepped down to speak to him as a private citizen, she never stepped up again. When Mr. G. left, K. Ring did say, "now we will get back to business."

He also made mention that K. Ring had said he harrassed her and others over the phone while eating and he commented that he can not see her over the phone.

J. Jones said if Mr. Grabowski is not satisfied with the results from the selectmen, perhaps Mr. Grabowski will have to take someone to court.

Copy of report from the Messenger is attached to minutes of the meeting.

The Messenger

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September 22, 1982

Hillsboro, N.H.

Grabowski demands selectmen take action

by Shari Royer

If the Antrim selectmen do not reinstate Charlie Grabowski's library privileges within a week, he has told them he will attend next week's selectmen's meeting and call for the resignation of all three.

Grabowski was present, as was Richard Plessants, chairman of the Tuttle Library board, at Monday night's selectmen's meeting. The two men were there for different, but related reasons.

Plessants attended the meeting to question a bill for \$400 from town counsel Lloyd Henderson for legal services, including a meeting between the selectmen and the library board, as well as research and consultation, all pertaining to Grabowski's being banned from the library and his assertion that the selectmen have the authority to reinstate his rights.

"I don't think the library should have to pay it (the bill)," Plessants said. "We assumed that, as a town organization, the town counsel's services are provided."

"Your situation is different," selectman Les MacNeil said, "because you have your own finances."

Selectman John Jones agreed that the bill wasn't a town expense and MacNeil again stated, "The bill is a specific expense that wouldn't have been incurred by the town except because of the library."

Henderson was also present and said, "I still think the bill should be split fifty-fifty. The meeting I encouraged calling was because of tension raised by the selectmen as to their liability with regards to the town and library."

All three selectmen concurred on splitting the bill with the library.

The question of Grabowski's being denied use of and entry to the library was discussed during and after the questioning of the legal bill.

Grabowski contends the selectmen have the authority and the obligation to restore his rights, particularly in

recent years of the town's financial problems. He has also stated that he has been denied access to the library for a period of time. He has also stated that he has been denied access to the library for a period of time.

Grabowski said he was going to call for the resignation of all three selectmen. He also stated that he was going to call for the resignation of all three selectmen.

The article Grabowski cited calls for public officials to be open, accountable, accessible and responsive to the public.

In other town business, the selectmen approved two building permits, one to James Gale, Sr., for a garage and another, also for a garage, to James Joyce.

In answer to questions about what the town is going to do with the \$98,000 in back taxes Hawthorne College recently paid, the selectmen stated the money would go into a certificate of deposit until December. It would be the money will be used to pay the participation loan the town incurs every year.

Grabowski asks for vote recount

The New Hampshire Secretary of State's office has confirmed that Charles Joseph Grabowski has asked for a recount in Antrim's delegate to state convention race.

Both Grabowski and Robert Flanders, a poll worker, were write-in candidates for the office, with the original count being 19 for Flanders and 18 for Grabowski.

Bob Ambrose

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Stark may

The town of Stark may be considering a new town seal. The town board is currently reviewing the matter and will make a decision at their next meeting.

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A chicken, brought before the meeting before the meeting. The usual business and officers were coming. The next regular meeting held at the J.O.D. Sept. 28 and will be given of officers.

Antrim events

Elizabeth White, a member of Chapter 14, Hillsboro, grand secretary of the Grand of New Hampshire, Order of the Eastern Star at the Grand Session at the New Hampshire Highway Hotel recently.

Daniel Leonard, son of Thomas Patricia Leonard of Great Falls, is attending Keene State College.

An anniversary card is at We for the USS Antrim's first anniversary. People who want to sign it can do so at the store for a few more days.

Michael Fitzgerald recently had a misfortune of breaking his leg. He given a sunshine.

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September 22, 1952

Engineers and

Antrim selectmen requests for resignation

by David Grossman

Charlie Grabowski made good Monday night on the threat he voiced last week that he would demand the resignations of all three Antrim selectmen if they failed to restore his library privileges.

After a brief discussion with the selectmen this Monday night, he asked for their resignations. They responded by collectively shrugging their shoulders and declining.

In response, Grabowski was read the "riot act" by chairman Katherine Ring who briefly stepped down from her post to speak as a private citizen.

Grabowski has been banned from the Tuttle Library in Antrim until he pays a fine. A book he borrowed last spring was allegedly returned with a sticker placed on an inside page. Grabowski has denied responsibility for the sticker.

Since then, he has attended a number of selectmen's meetings demanding that they overrule the library board and reinstate his right to enter the building.

The selectmen, acting upon town orders which have taken the position that the library is run by the board and is outside of their jurisdiction.

Monday night, Ring accused Grabowski of harassing the selectmen and other community leaders by constantly calling them on the telephone to discuss his problems concerning the library.

"When I call you, I'm not doing it to harass you," Grabowski contended.

But Ring replied, "No one set you up

as God's messenger. You are the one who set up Antrim. You are only one of 1000 residents of a drop of water in a pond," she said.

She also told Grabowski, "If you don't like this town, then maybe some other small town would be more to your advantage."

Grabowski again demanded the selectmen intervene on his behalf with the library board, accusing them of not providing service to him according to state law.

Selectman Les MacNeil contended the selectmen had been "accountable" to Grabowski and noted they had discussed his problems several times at board meetings, had met with the library board to determine both sides of the question and had even agreed last week to split with the library board a \$100 legal fee charged by the town counsel for researching the matter.

But Grabowski still asked the selectmen to resign, saying: "I don't feel you have been acting on my behalf."

He asked each selectman in turn to resign. Each publicly refused and Grabowski left the meeting.

In other action Monday night, the selectmen completed the legal papers needed to call \$50,000 in general obligation bonds to finance the reconstruction of the Gregg Lake dam.

The notes will be paid over a three-year period. State officials estimated the town would be able to sell the bonds at 8½ percent interest.

Community school meets on Monday

It will start at the First Congregational Church at 12:30 and follow less travelled roads 10 miles.

Anyone who would like to want obtain a kit in advance for

Bulbs being sold by Antrim Lions

The Antrim Lions Club will Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 6:30 p.m. Maplehurst Inn.

Members will be selling light door to door within the next few Profits will be used to purchase glasses and for other projects to the community.

Several new programs will be later in the year.

Community school meets on Monday

The Bennington Community Church meets at 10:30 a.m. for worship.

Antrim-Bennington Community School started Monday morning.

Classes meet at 9:15 Kindergarten through sixth meet at the Presbyterian church junior high and the adult class in the Baptist church.

USS Antrim items are still available

USS Antrim hats and buttons

Obituaries

Ralph Whitcomb

grandmother, Mrs. Emily T. Voorhees of Antrim; his maternal grandmother,