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Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, January 7, 1985

Present John J. Jones, chairman, Katherine M. Ring, Rachel C. Reinstein

Meeting called to order at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Checks were signed.

John Jones and Rachel Reinstein voted to appoint Katherine M. Ring as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the next year. John Jones stepped down as Chairman and Katherine Ring took charge of the Board.

Brian Brown, Police Chief gave his weekly report. He has checked on the cost to the Town for the Highway Dept. to continue with the dispatch service out of Hillsboro. It will cost \$60. a month, a total of \$720 a year to have calls answered and forwarded to the Highway Dept. Crew.

Brian has the new road signs he asked if the road crew have enough poles. Clark Craig Jr., Road Agent will check and get together with Brian to find where all the signs are to go.

Brian is getting bids for a new cruiser to go into the Town Report.

Bob Caughey has read and signed all the forms from Anderson-Nichols. Lloyd checked them over and said to have Anderson Nichols put in the dates on the change orders. All forms are to be mailed back to Anderson-Nichols.

Selectmen met with the Hillsboro Selectmen and Attorney, Present at the hearing: Don Mellen, Burt Skinner, Douglas Hatfield, Sidney Blanchard, Ervin LaChute, Dennis McKenney, Lloyd Henderson, Dave Grossman, Paul Lassard, as well as Mr. Wilton from Windsor

John Jones told the selectmen he has seen no proof that the Hillsboro line is correct.

Don Mellen felt they had already gone over the details at the meeting in Hillsboro.

Hillsboro sees the Town Line as a straight line. Lloyd Henderson is not sure the line is a straight one.

Lloyd asked if any attention was paid to seeking out markers. Don Mellen said no. He used a beam to come up with the line. ** (Laser Beam)*

No previous perambles were taken into consideration.

Selectmen from both Towns perambled the line some years back and left markers. Property owners have for many years believed they owned property in Antrim only.

Don Mellen said two buildings are in Hillsboro, a letter from the Hillsboro Selectmen to Antrim state three buildings are in Hillsboro.

Lloyd asked to see Don Mellen's working drawings. He sees History as stating the accepted line and is not all that sure the line is straight nor has it been accepted as straight by owners in the past.

Mr. Hatfield said only the Legislature can change the Town Line. Lloyd asked if Hillsboro had any proof that taxes had been paid in Hillsborough for the land in question, Mr. Hatfield went on to answer, things were not kept the way they are today. Records of transfers many times were on the back of old paper.

Lloyd asked if the Old McClintock property, which is the land now in question, any effort was made to match up the lines on the new map with old records and distances. Again a negative answer. Hillsboroughs' new tax map was drawn up with the use of a laser beam and no other information was used to proof out the line.

Public Service supplied maps to both Towns over the years.

Prior to 1947 Mark McClintock paid in both Towns. Hillsborough has not researched back that far.

Mr. Hatfield said he understood they had met to come to some agreement. To continue along in a dispute will cost the Towns a lot of money.

Selectmen should be thinking of the people involved. Do the

selectmen agree that both Towns have an claim on the land.

Can they agree and put out granite post to mark an agreed line?

John Jones had made this suggestion at the last meeting and was flatly refused.

Property owners believed they bought in the Town of Antrim and sellers had believed the same for many years.

Hillsboro never notified of change of ownership when land was sold off.

Mr. Hatfield said bills were probably still going to the original owners. To his knowledge land has never been surveyed. Sub-divisions were informal.

Mr. Wilton was told all the land he owned was in the Town of Antrim. High water mark was the boundry.

Lloyd asked if anyone tried to walk the line when the water was low and check for the markers which had been put out in the past. No.

Don Mellén did not count stone walls as Town line.

In the past Town line went through the McClintock land.

No bearings were taken and Don sees no reason to do this as the map was not drawn up from ground surveys.

Previous Selectmen said the stone wall was the line. Hatfield said the perambulations do have a bearing yet they were disregarded.

Lloyd asked if a bearing can be set, Don sees no reason for it.

With bearings, wouldn't it be possible to check distances and look for markers to trace the line. It is possible. There are some markers out there. New map disregards the markers altogether.

Mr. Hatfield seems no reason why they came over if the Town of Antrim will not consider a compromise.

Don explained that the Antrim maps are in the raw. Lloyd asked to see the maps that Don had with him and he looked them over to get an understanding of how Don came up with his tax maps for the Town of Hillsboro.

When stone walls were erected one hundred and fifty years ago, they were counted as Town lines. Don still will not concede the stone walls as a Town line.

Don pointed out that it was Lloyd who suggested to the Selectmen to have the College students do the Town Tax Map years ago. (1974)

Lloyd asked if the deed to the McClintock property had been checked to see if it would fit the new map. Don believes it would fit.

Lloyd asked to have it proved.

Selectmen agreed to think over a compromise situation as well as an annexation and the cost of both. Antrim selectmen believe the property owners involved should be notified of the meetings of the two Towns.

K. Ring asked if the Hillsborough Selectmen were willing to send

Antrim a list with the amount of property which the Town of Hillsboro wants to tax in their Town as well as the amount of tax and Antrim will try to come up with some figures to send to the tax payers so they know what is going on. This was agreed to.

Mr. Hatfield said the Town of Hillsboro is willing to let Antrim tax and claim all the homes and they will count the land in front of the homes as theirs.

Antrim Selectmen nor Lloyd would agree that the Town line is a straight one.

Lloyd said if the owners of the property have any strong feelings for the change, they can get together and hire a lawyer to defend them.

It is doubted that any of the property has been surveyed.

For the two Towns to do a total survey of the line would cost a lot of money as would a court case at this time.

They have agreed to put the portion of taxes that Hillsboro feels is theirs in an escrow account until the matter is settled. This was agreed to.

Hillsboro Selectmen asked if there were any other land which could be exchanged for the lake front property. This was not known at this time. Antrim Selectmen will research further.

Antrim will set up a new date and time to meet when they have more information or they are in agreement.

Meeting adjourned 10:15

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