

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, April 8, 1985

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Present: Katherime M. Ring, Chairman, Rachel C. Reinstein, John J. Jones.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectmen signed checks, as well as two warrants for the collection of yield taxes. Request for abatement fo taxes for J. Rymes was denied.

Bob Varnum, Road Agent, suggested before a permit is issued, he be notified to check and give any needed information to the property owner to see that problems are avoided.

Walley Carter plows Breezy Point. He has asked to be allowed to get fill from the pit on Rte 9 owned by the Town. He will need about 300 to 500 yards. Bob suggested permission be granted. This will help clean up the area and he hopes it will uncover some good gravel for the use by the Town crew. A charge of \$30 ¢ a yard will put a few dollars back in the highway budget.

Discussion as to what road will be worked on this year. Bob wants to see each road completed and not just a half mile per road then go on to another. Gregg Lake Road had a poor job done to it and it is in need of repair on the first half mile which was done two years ago. He will also do some work on the other half of Gregg Lake Road this year to help until the year the job can be completed.

It was decided to do Smith Road this year. Bob will get quotes to have the work done with farmers mix while freeing the road crew to do other work on roads around Town. When a contract is given out to have a portion of road done, there is someone to come back on when it is a poor job. West St. will have some corrective work done this summer. He hopes to have better communication with his contractors. He will look to bids within the budget amount keeping in mind the road crews salary was added to the road improvement amount this year. For the amount budget, he hopes to get the half mile done in such a way that it will last. The half mile choosen was beyond Antrim lumber.

Selectmen asked where the street signs are? Bob and Brian, Police Chief, will get together and see that all the signs which they have are put up.

Lloyd Henderson found a schedule for a road program over a five year period and gave it to Bob to help guide him.

Most towns figure to do a mile of road a year, but Bob sees no way of having this done on \$30,000 a year.

Pierce Lake Road is also in poor condition. Bob will do what he can to make corrections until the time to upgrade that road.

John Jones checked out a complaint received in regard to falling branches from a tree and found the tree was not dead, rather some branches were and they came down.

Brian spoke to the rescue squad and asked that they think of what would be needed by the highway department in the area of a first aid kit.

Mr. Humphrey, Dr. Webber, Jim Dennison, Lloyd Henderson met with the selectmen to go over the concerns of the college in regard to taxes. Although their taxes have gone from \$6,000 to \$60,000 in the past twenty-five (25) years, this is at the same rate as others in Town. Dr. Webber admitted that Hawthorne College tuition is \$500 less than other colleges in the area. The college employes 44 people from the Town of Antrim with a cost in salaries of \$485,000 a year. He mentioned the amount the College has paid over the years and had it been in a trust fund, could be used now to keep up the plant.

Dr. Webber mention the fact only 1/3 of high school graduates from the State of N.H. go on to College. Also N.H. is one of the few States which charge private Colleges taxes. 50% of the students that go on to College from the State go to private Colleges. Hawthorne does not have any endowments but they do receive gifts.

Jim Dennison asked if all other colleges in the State were given the additional \$250,000 tax exemption which Antrim gives to Hawthorne? What else was expected of the Town of Antrim? Dr. Webber had no problem with Antrim, but he does hope to get the additional exemption through legislation. One and a half million exemption would be a sizeable impact on small Towns such as Antrim. Police protection cost the college \$40,000 a year for security. This in addition to the calls answered by the Antrim Police. Although an additional charge of \$200 is added to each tuition to pay the taxes to the Town, the cost of tuition is still \$500 below Pierce College. Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Dennison do not see what more the Town can do to help. Dr. Webber mentioned also that the College now puts \$20,000 toward area students scholarship funds or at least makes this amount available to deserving students who may wish to attend the school.

Pete Boorum and Greg Goff requested a building permit for the additional space which Goodell has a variance for. Selectmen saw no problem with this and signed the permit. Goodell Co. is looking into the purchase of additional land on which to put another building. They have some pieces in mind. Pete did ask what chance there was of changing some of the zoning districts? Some pieces of land, such as the present Chicago Cutlery, Goodell Co., are in two zones and this causes concern for many.

The bridge is still in need of some repair on High St. to carry the weight of the heavy trucks which Chicago Cutlery use. They are willing to pay part of the cost or possible all of it. No real problem just a general concern since there are so many heavy trucks going over the bridge.

A call is to be placed to Mr. ^{Arnold} Clark explaining the piece of property on Pleasant St. was part of the back lot of the old home and has never been transferred. Therefore it still belongs to the estate of Nellie Clark. Lloyd had researched this a few years ago when it was found not to be taxed to anyone. [If Mr. Clark does not want the land he can deed it to the Town.]

Selectmen signed building permits for Mr. Smith, Mr. Schacht, and the Chicago Cutlery Co.

Brian Brown, Police Chief gave his weekly report.

Fast Day the office is closed. Selectmen's meeting will be on Tuesday the regular time 7:30 to 9:30pm.

Lloyd reported it has taken 57 hours so far to put the Chauncey/Francis hearings by the BOA on the computer. Mr. Chauncey may be bringing in a new application. Lloyd will speak to Mr. Grabowski in regard to his building and continuing to build a second residence on the one property even after he was told this was in violation. The Grant property on 202 will require a variance.

Lloyd asked that he be authorized to speak to Mr. Grabowski and let him know that if he does not conform with the zoning regulations, he will be fined and possibly end up in court. Lloyd was told at this time that a letter had been mailed to Mr. Grabowski informing him of same. Selectmen agreed he should talk to him as something must be done at this point.

Meeting adjourned 11:00pm

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