

SELECTMEN'S MEETING, Monday, February 23, 1987

Present: John J. Jones, Chairman, Keith A. Boatright, and Rachel C. Reinstein.
Bob Varnum, Road Agent, Chris Joseph, Police Chief and Elizabeth Shaw.

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

Chris Joseph gave the selectmen a copy of the letter which went out to the Hillsboro Selectmen and the Hillsboro Dispatch.

A copy of Policy and Procedures for the Police Department was given to K. Boatright to be read and passed on to John Jones and Rachel Reinstein in order for the Selectmen to approve and put into effect the procedures for the department. Chris pointed out they were taken from other towns in the State of N.H. and once in effect, not only covers the Town but the Officers in his department.

Lloyd Henderson will be moving out on Saturday and the Police Department will move into his office space on Sunday. Chris has estimates for needed work to make the office safe for the Police Department. ie; locks to be changed, some protection for the large glass window etc.

The expense for the repairs which Chris does not expect to exceed \$500 will come out of Government Buildings. Selectmen authorized up to the \$500. Chris offered to keep the office space clean and not require custodial cleaning by an outside agency.

Bob Varnum spoke as a private citizen when he voiced his complaint on the location of the first of the houses being built in the cluster housing development on Pleasant St. Bob pointed out a lack of consideration for someone having lived there for 35 years. A large picture window which has allowed for a beautiful view all those years is now about to be blocked out by the positioning of the above stated house. Bob pointed out something should be done to protect present property owners when zoning changes are considered. His area has required two acre sites since zoning went into effect, now with cluster housing, many houses can be placed in a smaller area and back land left open to make up the required acres. Cluster housing intended to leave open space looks to be an out for developers when a shortage of road frontage would limit the number of houses going in. No permit has been applied for at this time for the present construction.

The zoning inspector, Katherine Ring, went to the site when the first complaint was received in the office, and it was found no permit had been issued. At the time Mrs. Ring arrived on the site, only the hole for the foundation had been dug and forms for the foundation had been placed. She told the contractors to stop work until the required permits were acquired. Bob Varnum pointed out had the site been moved just 20 feet there would have been no problem. When the project had been first proposed, Bob asked the contractors about the location of the proposed buildings and he informed the selectmen he was led to believe the position of the first house would not block his view.

Present zoning has no restrictions to protect present homes, developers do not care about present owners, therefore it is up to the Planning Board to put restrictions in the zoning to protect those living in Antrim.

Bob asked what agreement is there on the road which was put in by the developer in order to build cluster housing. Lloyd Henderson, Town Counsel, pointed out the road is at present a private one but if it is built to Town specs, there is nothing to prevent the home owners in the future from asking that the Town take over the care of the road.

Bob would like to see something in the zoning regulations to require cluster housing to have larger set backs. Poor zoning regulations protect no one but the developer. He does not want to see others put in the position he now finds himself.

Rachel Reinstein pointed out there is a warrant article requesting money this year to gain assistance in redoing the present zoning regulations.

Bob spoke as the road agent for the Town when he asked that before a road is accepted by the Town, not only should it be built to Town specs but have weathered at least one complete year, and be hard surfaced by at developers expense.

Meeting adjourned 9:30

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