

SELECTMEN'S MEETING, Monday, March 23, 1987

Present John Jones, Chairman, Keith A. Boatright, Rachel Reinstein, Bob Varnum Road Agent, Chris Joseph, Police Chief, Jackie, Ledger reporter and Elizabeth Shaw, Secretary.

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

Selectmen read the minutes of the last meeting as well as the emergency meeting.

Chris Joseph spoke of the bill he has received for \$170 for two pair of glasses. One pair had been reported broken by Tim Emperor when he was answering a call, (while on night duty), to aid a Bennington Police officer. Problem requiring his assistance happened in Greenfield and although it is the policy to aid the Bennington Police, Antrim officers are not authorized to go to Greenfield, where the incident occurred. When Tim reported having his glasses broken, Chris offered to have the payment for the replacement of the glasses made from his budget and was told, by Tim Emperor, that he needed to have new glasses anyway so there was no need for reimbursement for the glasses. Now a bill has been received for not only the pair of frames that was reported broken, but also for Tim's sun glasses. Chris believes the bill should go to Greenfield. The Court was to have required restitution for the glasses from the person responsible. If Antrim is required to pay, it was agreed that only the one pair of frames, not the lenses which were not broken, should be paid for, and no payment for the sun glasses.

John Jones asked why the Selectmen were not notified, at the time, that a major fire was in progress. Chris understood that, Selectmen would be notified of problems with any Town Building or vehicle. He had not been made aware that the Chairman of the board would want to be notified of any multifamily or major fire and in the event the Chairman could not be reached, call the next in line on the Board of Selectmen.

Chris had seen to the opening of the Town Hall for anyone needing shelter due to the fire that destroyed the Hyland Apartment building on Main St. The Churches in Town opened their doors as did several people. Most people found shelter with family and friends while the remaining stayed at the Church. All 47 people known to reside in the Hyland Apartments, has been contacted this week by someone. All are accounted for. Most of those left homeless due to the fire have already found a place to live. Cash contributions have been received by the Churches and a meeting will take place tomorrow to decide how best to take care of the remaining needs of those who have lost their homes.

Chris gave a report on the remainder of his departments activities this week.

While both Bob Varnum, road agent, and Chris Joseph, police chief were present, Secretary asked for more clarification on the pay scale. Chris had been under the impression he would move to the next pay scale when he started his eighth year of service next February. Rachel Reinstein explained the next raise, other than cost of living, for Chris would be at the end of his eighth year. No pay increase is scheduled for the officer due to attend the academy for this year. He will move up a step after certification and therefore be due an increase next year. The second officer having seven years in police work, will be eligible for a merit promotion next year in order that he not be on the same pay rate as a new certified officer. The title change will make him also eligible for an increase next year. Pay increases will be on even years service.

Bob Varnum agreed his understanding is that his men will receive increases on their even years of service also.

Selectmen heard plans for renovations on Waynos' former bakery. The only problem Selectmen saw was the possible positioning of a sign on the roof. This may have to go to the BOA. Wayno Olson plans to have all employees park in the rear of the property. He will also set aside parking slots for employees of the gas station in the rear of the property. This will eliminate parking by employees of the buildings in the large parking lot in front of Waynos, and allow for customers of the store as well as the restaurant.

Bob Varnum informed the Selectmen the new quote he received on the culvert for West St. is up to \$9,750. Up considerably from two year ago. It will take four weeks from placing order.

Mr. Bob Cloutier showed designs he had drawn up for a cluster development on the former Messelbrook property. Using the same concept, he asked if he added or set aside a portion of the property for a manufactured housing park, designed for an adult community, would the effect have a lesser impact on the Town of Antrim than the present design. It was questioned if anyone could legally restrict a property to adults only. Mr. Cloutier thinks if he built 70% of the housing with one bedroom for adults and 30% of the housing with two bedrooms, it may be possible to limit the number of children. Separate deeds were not possible as the property owners would share a common area. Community would own the sewer line, as well as maintain the Street and common land. Since there is a need for lower cost housing for the elderly and the young, Mr. Cloutier pointed out under this concept some space would be set aside for this purpose and yet not be seen from the street. Mr. Cloutier's present design is for a forty unit sub-division, if he should set aside a portion of land as suggested above, he would increase the number of the sub-divisions by at least ten to twenty.

Mr. Boatright pointed out the intent of cluster housing was not to leave as open land, land in the flood zone which could not be built on to start with. Mr. Boatright does not believe a mobile home park would be approved if the outcome of the school meeting Wednesday night, is not favorable to the Town of Antrim.

The land in question is a 65 acre lot. Entry to the development would be from Buttercup Lane as well as West St.

Selectmen informed Mr. Cloutier his first step is to make the proposal of his plans to the Planning Board.

Mark Tenney discussed the coming school meeting. He had been informed the Selectmen of Antrim were in favor of a \$550,000 across the board cut in the budget. This proved not to be the case as John Jones explained a call he had received asking if Antrim was in favor of a cut. Everyone is in favor of a cut, but until someone can say where the cut should be made, the selectmen would not be in favor of the cut. School Budget may not get voted on Wednesday since salaries have not been agreed upon.

Shaun Hickey asked what the Town plans to do with the piece of property on Gregg Lake which is located in front of G. Newhall's property. Mr. Hickey is interested in purchasing the Newhall property, but without road frontage or a ROW it is useless to him. The land is presently being used by the Zachos family as their driveway. Selectmen can do nothing with the property without the consent of the tax payers in the Town.

Mr. Boatright advised the Selectmen they will have to make a decision if they will continue to pay Lloyd Henderson a retainer as in the past.

Meeting adjourned 10:00

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