

SELECTMEN'S MEETING, Monday, April 20, 1987

Present: John J. Jones, Chairman, Keith A. Boatright, Rachel Reinstein, members of the press and Elizabeth Shaw, Secretary.

Meeting came to order at 7:30 PM.

Selectmen signed checks, Building Permits for Richard & Judy Jones, Chris Joseph, DGS Partnership, Linda Fitzgerald and Walter & Joan Read.

Since there were no appointments, Secretary took time to discuss her pay. Researching other towns of similar size showed a person doing some of the work of the secretary was classified as the Administrator Assistant with a pay of \$21,000 to \$24,000 a year. In ~~February~~ ^{January} Mr. Boatright presented the board of Selectmen with a pay schedule showing secretary as level fourteen on the State scale. Secretary found no problem with this as it was the same determination as Mr. McNeil made five years ago. At this level, and six years service years the pay would be at the top of the scale or \$9.50 an hour. This is not the case as Mr. Boatright presented the pay scale with a starting pay as \$7.84 an hour then in place of the one year schedule the State presents, counted the following pay rate as four years service or \$8.44 an hour for six years service. This allowed for a .02 cent an hour raise. John Jones and Rachel Reinstein having objected to this presented another scale allowing for \$8.64 for four years service and \$8.86 for six years. A misunderstanding between John Jones, Rachel Reinstein and secretary resulted when an allowance for a title change dropped secretary back to four years service. This allowed for a \$400 a year increase not the \$40 presented by Mr. Boatright, but also not the \$840 which secretary had expected.

Secretary pointed out increases allowed in Mr. Boatright's schedule for other department members amounting to \$280 for three and a half months, \$960 for four and half months, other increases went as high as \$2,399 for eight months. Mr. Boatright informed secretary, her pay was being discussed not other employees. The other increases were brought up to show the discrimination being shown. Secretary requested if the Selectmen feel justified in this, to please present the reasons in writing.

Rachel Reinstein agreed to discuss the pay with the other board members and make a decision at another time.

Set back requirements for property on the corner of the Old Rt 9 and Rt 31 were discussed. Any building to be used for a business on Rt 9 will require a special exception. Secretary is to check with the Road Agent as to the status of the Old Rt 9. If this road is plowed by the Town, set back requirements would be from the old road.

Secretary is to check with Walton Co. to find if the quote of \$4,080 is for the removal of asbestos from both the Town Hall and the Library. If this is found to be the case, acceptance of the bid is to be sent in writing to the company. Mrs. C. Webber is to be then contacted to set a time for the Library to close to allow for the removal of the asbestos.

Secretary is to sent a Police officer up to check out the cut on Meeting House Hill.

Mr. Knapton met with the Selectmen and Lloyd Henderson to discuss the deed to the land which Mr. Knapton wishes to donate to the Town.

When Mr. Knapton met with the Selectmen back in November, he left understanding the Selectmen were going to accept the land. He did not find out there was a problem until he returned from a trip.

Some of the questions which the Selectmen presented to Mr. Knapton regarded the possibility of the Town removing gravel from the property, a five acre piece being reserved for future use by Mr. Knapton and the question of a ten foot ROW for the exclusive use of the land owners. All were of concern to the Selectmen.

Mr. Knapton pointed out the ten foot ROW was not part of the parcel of land he was presenting to the Town. This ROW was to protect the land from being used by all of Hillsboro. Antrim had their own access through Antrim.

The five acre parcel which was reserved in the deeds to the owners of the sub-division, known as Inchcape, was not mentioned in the deed to the Town since Mr. Knapton made the decision to give up the idea of ever building on this parcel of land in Antrim.

Mr. Knapton is not in favor of the Town removing any gravel, if there is any, on this 80 acre parcel of property. If gravel is available in the area, Mr. Knapton pointed out the Town can remove it from the land presently owned by the Town of Antrim.

Mr. Knapton pointed out if the Town does not want to add the 80 acres to the present acres around Campbell Pond, he will donate the land to another non-profit organization. He saw the donated land as adding a sizeable portion of land to the Town of Antrim to be used for recreational. Now that the Town will be giving up the use of Campbell Pond as the prime water source for the Town, adding an additional 80 acres to the present land will make one of the largest recreational areas in a Town this size.

Mr. Knapton agreed, if the Town in the future, no longer wants to retain the land, they can sell it or give it to another, non-profit organization.

Mr. Knapton agreed to have Lloyd Henderson draw up another deed clearing up the questions raised this evening.

With this agreement, the Board of Selectmen, John Jones, Keith Boatright, and Rachel Reinstein will accept the land for the Town of Antrim.

The Coast Guard bill is to be paid in protest.

Meeting adjourned 10:15

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