

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, July 31, 1989

Present: Edwin Rowehl, Chairman, Rachel C. Reinstein, William Suydam, Elizabeth Shaw, Secretary/bookkeeper and Kelly Hatmaker of the Transcript.

Meeting called to order at 7:30.

Checks were signed as was an abatement for yield tax on the Buckless property and an intent to cut on George Belanger's property.

Mr. Page, Mr. Humphrey, and Mr. Ali Oglu met as members of the Town Hall committee. Mr. Ali Oglu has been doing most of the work. The committee concurred with the previous intuitions of the Selectmen and Town office staff that the major concerns are: A question as to keeping the building. Parking seen as a problem. H. Page thinks the building will remain a long time. The roof is a problem, there is need for repairs, painting etc. H. Humphrey sees a great expense in repairing the building. He believes it would be cheaper to move than to do the repairs and maintenance. E. Ali Oglu agrees to have an efficient building it would be costly and possibly cost less to build another building to serve the purpose. He also sees the building as being of importance as an Historic building. He believes they should keep the building and do the work required to keep the building. He also suggested having three bids for each part of the renovation. Mr. Page asked when the school is built can the town use the building for functions? The town can not afford to redo the building. H. Page guesses that it will require about \$250,000 just to do the first floor. The roof and brick as well as the paint are in need of repairs now. The inside of the building needs the ceilings capped and close off the upper hall. There is a need for a small town hall, and the Police Chief is asking for more space. Specs will be required in order to get bids. It will cost \$300 to have prints of the original plans made to work with and store the original plans. The usage program will be required. Heating elements and an ornamental rail will prevent the slate from falling. Mr. Ali Oglu presented a bid to wash the brick, painting the outside with one undercoat, and two top coats.

Mark Ryan, Roger Croteau and Mark Tenney met at the request of the selectmen to discuss what they see happening to the town and finding out what the businessmen envision. The selectmen will be meeting with the Industrial Committee at a later date and would like their opinions. Mr. Croteau asked if the town looks to be an industrial community or a recreational town. Mr. Suydam sees the tax structure and cost of electric as being a deterrent to gaining industry in the town. Mark Tenney sees the town as being a service town. Antrim feels the effect of many decisions from other towns since most of the town people work out of town. Although many houses are up for sale, there has been no decrease in the amount of students in the school. Mr. Croteau would like to see more tourism. Camp Sachem would be a nice camp ground and

bring business and money to town yet not increase the school population. There is little for tourists to do in the town. He has heard many people talk about having to go to the mountains for things to do during their vacation. Mr. Ryan would like to see everyone work together to better the situation in the town. Promote one another, make the Monadnock Region known by tourists. It was suggested that newsletters, flyers, be sent out twice a year to let the taxpayers know what is going on and the need for help from them. Perhaps the help would be in the way of posting etc.

Selectmen discussed candidates for the Planning Board.

Madeleine Henley had left a suggestion that in view of the results of the Bennington Special Town Meeting, the Town of Antrim send a copy of the contract with Bennington to Bart Mayer to see if Antrim can charge user fees for the landfill in order to reduce the amount for the landfill in the Town budget. The selectmen unanimously voted to send the information to Bart.

Meeting adjourned 10:00

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