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Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, February 12, 1990

Present: Rachel C. Reinstein, Chairman, Edwin Rowehl, Madeleine Henley, AA. Elizabeth Shaw, Secretary.

The fire at Mush Cook's was discussed.

The Odd Fellows would like to do some volunteer work on Cram Grove this year as their project for 1990. Pat Beers informed Madeleine that work is scheduled on that area by the park department. They will coordinate their schedule with the Odd Fellows. Madeleine will send a letter to confirm same.

The lease for maintenance on Breezy point was discussed. Selectmen signed a renewable one year lease. It will be sent to MajaGamitri for their signature.

Minutes of Jan 16 and Feb 5 were read. A correction to the Feb 5th minutes to show the date for the hearing will be the 19th not the 12th.

Rachel moved to accept as corrected, second Ed Roewhl. So moved.

Jean Berry, Lois Harriman, Doris Topping and Beverly Tenney, as members of the Woman's Club, met to discuss improving Antrim's image.

Although the selectmen were pleased with the suggestions, no action will be taken until after town meeting.

Mark Collier spoke of his concern over drainage on Pleasant St. Mr. Collier is also concerned over the speed cars drive along this road. He believes 30 MPH is too fast for the corner. Mr. Collier was advised to speak to the Police Chief. Mr. Collier found a sign "slow children" in the ditch. He will check to see if the road agent will put the sign up.

Since the Post Office will be leaving on Thursday, Selectmen authorized Madeleine to check to have a contractor come and put a door in by the rear stairs to gain access to the Post Office from the Town Clerks' office before voting. This would make it possible to have the voting in the present Post Office.

Eric Tenney, Bill MacCulloch, Water Commissioners, met to discuss a warrant article for \$90,000 for water corrosion.

Harry Page and Lloyd Henderson dropped off papers for a proposed sub-division on the former Black property. At the Planning Board meeting a question was raised as to the class of Whiton Rd. The selectmen have to rule on whether Whiton Rd. is Class V or Class VI. Although all maps show this as a class V it has not been maintained in many years. Dave Cutter & Harry Page want to subdivide the property.

The property record card show 170' road frontage which would be on Rte. 31. No mention of frontage on Whiton Rd. nor mention of it being a class VI Rd.

The warrant was reviewed.

Meeting adjourned 10:35

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TO: The Selectmen of Antrim
FROM: The Antrim Woman's Club
SUBJECT: Suggestions for improving Antrim's image

The Woman's Club is already aware of and supports the town's plans for continued improvement and beautification of the Great Brook Pond area. We have two other suggestions for improvement, one of which might be included in an expansion of the Great Brook Pond project as "improvement and beautification of the town", and the other a shorter range seasonal project. These are:

1. Encourage land owners to plant trees along Main Street, in cooperation with the town and the state. For many years we have been losing trees, from the Baptist Church Triangle to the cutlery plant, primarily due to salt damage. Planting of salt resistant trees could be a project over a period of time and handled through the Great Brook Pond Committee working with property owners.
2. Holiday decorations (Christmas) for Antrim
The town's lack of holiday spirit, compared to our sister towns, has been a growing concern for many of our citizens, young and old. The Woman's Club feels that appropriate holiday decorations would serve two purposes:
 - A. Make residents feel better about their community- a matter of pride and a reason (visible) for it.
 - B. Present a better image to those passing through the town. They might return sometime.

The Woman's Club envisions a project for #2, Holiday Decorations, which would cost the town NO MONEY- only Cooperation, Commitment, and (perhaps) Collaboration on the part of the Selectmen. If the Selectmen are interested, we suggest the following planning to implement the project:

1. A Steering Committee be appointed composed of one member and one alternate from each of the following groups:

Selectmen	Chamber of Commerce
Parks and Recreation	Firemen
Liöns	Police
IOOF <i>Antrim Club</i>	American Legion

Plus any others deemed advisable.

Several of these groups have already indicated interest in the project in the form of both physical and financial support.

2. This Steering Committee would meet shortly after Town Meeting to outline a Holiday Decorations Project feasible for Dec., 1990, and by the use of "bench marks" decide What, When and BY Whom each step is to be accomplished.

Using this approach, there is no reason why Antrim residents will need to apologize to themselves and to others for Antrim's image next Holiday Season.

OUR QUESTION: Will the Selectmen support this project?