

Meeting, Monday, April 9, 1990

Present: William Suydam, Chairman, Edwin Rowehl, Don Phelps, Madeleine Henley, AA, and Betty Shaw, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:30.

Correction on minutes of April 2, 1. to reflect that the College was asking if they can make a partial payment of their taxes, not an abatement.

2. Ed Rowehl second the executive session.

3. Mr. Holt was not present when Art, Ed and Attorneys reviewed the Holt property. (a list of was typed twice, remove one)

4. The rescue vehicle is insured for a substantial sum, about \$772 a year and by disposal of same will save some funds.

Don Phelps moved to accept the minutes as amended. Second, Ed Rowehl, so moved.

Ed moved to accept the minutes of March 26 as written. Second Don Phelps. So moved.

Selectmen discussed the committees which were suggested at Town Meeting.

1. Solid Waste District Committee is to be composed of 3 members from Antrim, 1 from Frankestown, 1 from the Paper Mill and 1 from Bennington.

If they are willing to serve, the selectmen would like to see Dot Penny, Steve Crowell and Mark Tenney on this committee .

2. The Landfill Study Committee: Phil Dwight, appointed by the S&W, Steve Crowell appointed by the Planning Board.

After much discussion and a call to see if appointee would accept, Don Phelps moved to appoint Peter Bablowski to sit on the study committee as the selectmen's appointment. Second Ed Rowehl. So moved.

Phil Dwight reviewed the resolution voted at town meeting as to what the study committee was charged to do.

Don moved to allow the Price Farm School use of the upper town hall as long as they know there will be no heat. Second, Ed Rowehl so moved. By allowing use of the hall at this time, opens the hall to others with the same understanding that it will not be heated.

The request, from the insurance company, for a fence by the damn on School St. is to be looked into by the next meeting.

Ad for Bid request on old vehicles was reviewed and approved.

The selectmen discussed Bob Bethel's request to have the state install a dry hydrant when they install Lovern's Mill Bridge. A cover letter will be sent to the State along with the signed agreements asking that they check into the possible hydrant.

The Selectmen reviewed the budget as voted at town meeting. Since the changes to the PD, Highway and Conservation were reduced by the department head the selectmen will not make adjustments to them. They will stand as approved. The decrease in the zoning budget was reviewed. Enforcement will be prime importance of the zoning officer. The fee schedule for inspections will be reviewed in the near future. The selectmen agreed that Art Stenberg, zoning inspector will continue being paid on the same basis as last year. ie. \$15 per inspection with a \$45 a week minimum. Barbara Elia will receive a 5% increase and remain on 35 hrs.

Since the Insurance line item was cut by \$5,000, it was agreed to

1. move \$2,000 from the Fire Dept. to the Rescue Squads budget.
2. charge the Fire Dept. Worker's Comp. bill of \$956 to the Fire Dept. budget of \$28,000.
3. charge the Rescue Squads' Worker's Comp. bill of \$3,013 to the Rescue Squad budget of \$6,000.

Solid Waste line was reduced. Since the new building was defeated at the Bennington Town Meeting, the \$17,000 budgeted by Antrim will not be needed. Although this helps make up some of the cut there is still a shortage. The Town of Antrim must pay the expenses charged to Antrim. Bennington will try not to do more than necessary in order to keep within the Antrim budget.

While discussing the cemetery budget, Don moved to have Bob see to the removal of a dead tree in the cemetery before it breaks tombstones. Bill Suydam pointed out the cemetery budget may be used to defray cost of assistance to the needy in town. It is possible to have an applicant for assistance work off the debt.

The Town Office budget was reduced by \$8,100. There will be no changes to tax map this year, the balance of last years will be paid leaving \$1,000 from this budget to be added to the town office budget.

Hawthorne College was discussed. No decisions were made.

In an effort to more formalize the Selectmen's meeting, Don Phelps requested appointments be set two weeks in advance in order to have the selectmen know what is to be discussed and any research done in advance of the appointment. Bill Suydam, as chairman, will approve the agenda, therefore no appointment will be definite until Bill approves. One suggestion was made to have one meeting a month when no appointments will be set in order to catch up with paperwork. The number of appointments will be limited. A change to an earlier time is another option to be considered. Thursday afternoons Bill will come in to

check the agenda and Madeleine will set aside information for Don to review over the weekend.

Don moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Second Ed Rowehl. So moved.

Meeting called to order. No information from the executive session.

Don moved to adjourn at 12:00. Second Bill Suydam, so moved. ems