

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, April 30, 1990

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

Meeting called to order at 7:30:

A letter will be sent, as a follow up, requesting information from Hawthorne College on their outstanding debts.

Chris Joseph, Police Chief gave the selectmen a print out of his departments activities for the months of March and April.

Policy and Procedures for the Police Dept. was first submitted in 1987, but was not signed. Chris submitted another copy for approval. Chris reported #45 on page 14 pertaining to annual leave is the same leave time as the PD has always used. 1 to 4 yrs. service, ten days vacation, 5 to 9 fifteen days and 10 years and up, 20 days. Selectmen will review the policy and make a decision by Chris' next appointment.

Chris asked that the water heater be checked out as there is no hot water in the PD.

There is also a problem with heat on the weekend. (Secretary reported this is due to the heater going off the past few weekends. Once a blow fuse and following week required a call for service.) The committee which was set up at town meeting will be checking into the problem of having each portion of the building on separate thermostats. Madeleine Henley will contact the the committee to check on progress of information on changing the heating system over.

Another item which was discussed is the cleaning of the PD. To date the PD has been cleaned by the officers. If this is to continue they will need a vacuum cleaner (a good vacuum would cost about \$250).

The selectmen asked Madeleine to check to see if the custodian will clean the PD for \$25 a month. An officer will be in the office when the cleaning is done. The department should require cleaning about every other week.

Chris has ordered the paint for the cross walks. The highway crew will be flushing the roads and walks of sand and then the roads will be marked. The selectmen agreed that one crosswalk will be painted in order for easy access to the Post Office, one crosswalk at the Baptist Church, one at the bank and one at the Library. Chris will call the State to have signs put up to notify traffic to stop when a pedestrian is in the cross walk. Don suggested also painting yield on the road to help alert drivers.

Chris reported an article in the paper stating the Antrim PD was not backing up the Bennington PD. Chris said this is not accurate.

Chris will be asked to follow up on all dogs which are not licensed.

Chris requested executive session to discuss personnel. Don moved to go into executive session. Second, Bill Suydam, so moved.

Meeting called to order.

Chris outlined new procedures for backups: Antrim has been using Bennington for back up when an officer has to go to superior court or when the officer on duty must go out of town for emergencies. The Antrim PD will no longer be using other towns. The first backup for Antrim officers will be each other. Now one of the off duty officers will cover when the officer on duty must leave Town. The off duty officer will be on call to cover.

Due to the type of calls for assistance coming from Bennington, for the safety of the Antrim officers, the Antrim officer on duty will not respond to Bennington until they can reach Chris or the other Antrim officer. If the officer on duty is unable to reach either of the Antrim officers, he will have to use his discretion to determine if the call is an emergency.

Copies of deeds on the Ziegler property were signed.

Don questioned the cost and charges for the Papermill for use of the Bennington landfill.

Intent to Cuts for the Weston, Harriman and Levesque properties were signed. Don suggested requesting the mill scales for the CUT on the Weston property since the Intent has a low estimate of cut on such a large piece of property.

Contel agreements for buried lines were signed.

Corrected Town Beach Ordinance was signed.

Auditors report has been received and reviewed it is open to the public.

The selectmen discussed encouraging appointments be set one meeting in advance in order for the selectmen to know what is to be discussed and be prepared in advance. This practice is due to the length of some of the meetings and in an effort to keep appointments at the scheduled time.

Don moved to interview Nancy Timko and Rod Zwirner for Planning Board, second Ed Rowehl, so moved. They will be asked to come in on the 14th.

Don moved to appoint Susan Ruess to the Recycling Committee. second Ed Rowehl, so moved.

Ed Rowehl reported information from the Planning Board Meeting. The Town of Antrim has been named on the letter of credit for the Breezy Point Development. This will insure the road will be completed by Nov. 15 as required. (Road bond was for \$32,000). If the road is not completed, the Town can call in the letter of credit to satisfy having the road completed. Since the Town has been added to the letter of credit, the Planning Board Attorney suggested the Town not rescind the subdivision approval. May 10th a subdivision is scheduled across from Ed Rowehl's. Since Ed is an abuttor, he asked if Bill would sit in his place. No decision was made at this time as Bill had planned to attend the Workers' Comp. workshop in Portsmouth.

Estimates will be requested for care of the cemeteries. Selectmen will be looking for an hourly rate.

Bob Varnum, Road Agent, has been checking into waste oil burners for the Town Barn. Although higher than the conventional burner, it will be less expensive to run. Selectmen will bid out the heater for the barn.

The Selectmen have waived fines for inventories received by May 14th.

Minutes of April 16th corrected to show Jeff Rapsis, not Jeff Roper was present. Ed Rowehl moved to accept the minutes as corrected, second, Bill Suydam. So moved.

Chris Baker Salmon will require a subdivision in order to give the State 5 acres in exchange for 1/4 acre on Rte. 9. Don questioned if the Planning Board can give a subdivision on the property since the five acres is in the middle of the lot and would therefore not be suitable for subdivision.

The custodian is now cleaning the rest room on the first floor and will no longer be doing the upper rest room. The former Post office is being used for meetings. If he cleans the former PO, (Post Office), every other weekend and the PD, (Police Department), every other weekend, Madeleine will check to see if he will do the two for \$50 a month. The Old PO will require buffing the floor once a month.

Meeting adjourned 11:50

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