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Notes from Selectmen's Meeting of May 14, 1990

Present: Bill Suydam, Chairman, Edwin Rowehl, Donald Phelps, Madeleine Henley, AA., Betty Shaw, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:30.

Paul Beaumont, Eric Sirignano, Andrew Beck, Mike Wilk, Justin Wilk, Nathen Bundy of the Webelos Scouts attended the meeting this evening along with scout leaders Richard Plyler, Christine Plyler, Linda Bundy and Debbie Wilk.

Phil Dwight, Treasurer, discussed the town funds and the need to see they are insured. In order to guarantee insurance it may be necessary to set up several funds at different banks. Phil will plan to attend the Gov. Finance workshop on June 28. This workshop will be dealing with insurance of Municipal funds. Presently most banks insure, per federal regulations, \$100,000 per depositor. This would include not only the general funds of the town, but sewer, water, and trust funds, under one depositor.

Christopher Joseph, Police Chief, requested the selectmen vote on the Policy and Procedures for the Police Department. Don Phelps moved to adopt the policy and procedures for the Police Department, second, Ed Rowehl. So moved.

Chris notified the selectmen that a graduation for the DARE class will be on the 25th of May at 9:00 AM in the upper Town Hall. A speaker from the Attorney Generals office and possibly one from the Governors office will be attending.

Several Webelos asked questions pertaining to the duties of the Selectmen.

Michael Wilk asked what the difference is between a Mayors office and a Selectmen's office. Bill Suydam explained the duties of both offices.

Andrew Beck wanted information on the DARE program. Chris explained this program which Gary Gagnon has been teaching at the schools.

Richard Plyer asked if there was a reason the 8th grade was excluded from the program.

Chris explained that the program was developed in California where they found better results by limiting the program to students through the 7th grade. Although the initial program has been set up following the California criteria, Gary Gagnon who has been working with the students and teaching the DARE program does plan to have several classes for the 8th grade. The Antrim police believe the students will benefit from the program.

Andrew Eppig asked if the selectmen think their job is easy and do the selectmen think they are doing a good job. Don Phelps explained the need to be able to deal with people in difficult

situations. People rarely come to the selectmen when things are going well. The job requires many hours each week. There is only one way to know if a selectman is doing a good job, wait until it is time for re-election and see if the people give the support needed to hold the office for another three years.

Eric Sirignano asked why the Town of Antrim have selectmen. Ed explained the type of Government which the Town of Antrim has.

Paul Beaumont questioned the number of selectmen in the town. Although Antrim has three selectmen, some towns have five or more.

Nathen Bundy questioned the number of Post Offices, Banks and businesses in Town. Don Phelps explained the number of banks and post offices in a town are determined by the size and number of people served. The selectmen do not govern this. Any business which meets the zoning regulations of the town can build in the town after they secure a building permit.

Andy Beck questioned a rumor he heard regarding the Bennington people having to come to Antrim for their mail. The Selectmen would have no say, this issue is under the Post Office jurisdiction.

Eric Sirignano requested information on additions to homes. It was explained that a building permit would be required. Once it is determined by the building officer that the application is in compliance with the building and zoning regulations, a permit to build is issued.

Chris reported Mike Clemens has solved several burglaries in Hillsboro when he caught someone in the process of a robbery in Antrim.

Ed moved to appoint Nancy Timko as a full member on the Planning Board in place of the alternate seat she now holds. Second, Don Phelps, so moved. Bill Suydam sworm Nancy Timko in as a Planning Board Member.

Shaun Hickey canceled his appointment.

Ed Rowehl and Don Phelps reviewed a letter to Dr. Fulmer written by the Chair and a draft of a letter to Howard Stone.

Due to a change of jobs, Don Chambers has asked to be moved to an alternate position on the Planning Board. Don Phelps moved to appoint him an alternate, second, Ed Rowehl, so moved.

Ann Vose if having a problem with the hydrant flushing the gravel from her property. She asked the selectmen be made aware of the problem.

A letter from Barry Frosh was discussed. The selectmen were disappointed he did not understand his appointment was confirmed when he made it two weeks ago and sent the letter in place of coming in.

The scholarship committee was discussed. Two school board members, Ed Rowehl, Mark Tenny, Gordan Allen and the principal of the school will be on the committee. Diane Chauncey was called and accepted an appointment to the committee.

Action schedule to be set up. ie. scholarship committee must meet by a set date etc.

Don Phelps suggested that copies of all applications for scholarships be mailed to the committee members prior to the meeting when they will choose who is to receive the scholarships.

The Hickey property on Main & Pleasant St. was discussed. The Selectmen and zoning officer checked out the property after having received complaints from the neighbors. Although there has been some interior renovation they appear to be trying to comply with the court order.

Meeting adjourned 9:25

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\* Note - The Board of Selectmen met with the assessment.

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