

ANTRIM BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

July 15, 1991

ATTENDANCE: Ed Rowehl-Chairman; Phil Dwight and Don Phelps
Press: K. Hatmaker, G. Halverson & Sarah Robinson

Capital Reserve Funds: Town meeting allocated \$76,000 to the various capital reserve funds. The town finances are currently in the position to transfer the funds at this time. P. Dwight moved to transfer the \$76,000 from the general fund, less any amount appropriated from capital reserves for use in the current budget year. Second by Ed Rowehl with all in favor.

The announcement calling for nominations for the Municipal Volunteer award was noted. It will be passed on to the various committees for consideration of candidates.

Noted the call for recreational facility grant applications.

Reviewed the water quality sample results from the town beach at Gregg Lake.

Approved and signed the permit for the town employees and volunteers picnic to be held at Gregg Lake on July 27.

Reviewed a letter from the town of Temple regarding the Hillsborough County budget. Phil Dwight will draft a letter to the County Commissioners expressing the towns concern over the County budget.

Reviewed a letter from Cheri Sneed requesting that their property on Rte 123 (Map 3 Lot 1085) have its property taxes abated due to their inability to site a septic system on the property. The selectmen will respond informing them that they need to formally apply for an abatement after the second half of the taxes have been billed and that they should consider filing for current use assessment on the property as a means of reducing the tax burden or any other appropriate disposition of the property.

The minutes of July 8, 1991 were approved as amended in the book. Moved by Phil Dwight, second by Ed Rowehl with all in favor.

Chairman Rowehl reported that he had spoken with Fire Chief Beauchamp regarding the town fire siren and the issue of its length and number of blasts at night. Chief Beauchamp indicated that the siren will be cut back to its test cycle which consists of fewer and shorter blasts.

Chairman Rowehl reported that he had spoken with Art Stenberg, Building & Zoning officer, and Bob Varnum, Road Agent, regarding the Breezy Point road. They reported that the road was not constructed as shown on the plans as a driveway culvert and drain ditch was not installed. They did question whether it could have

been constructed as shown on the plans. Don Phelps will get with Bob Varnum to go over the site to see if any relief can be given to the landowner.

Reviewed a letter from legal counsel informing the town that the case of Prouty v. Antrim, regarding liability of the town in a motorcycle accident, had been settled out of court for the sum of \$36,000. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to regular town attorney Barton Mayer.

Discussed a phone call from Roland Duhamel of the Hillsborough County House of Corrections regarding the use of inmate work parties to do painting, cleaning, etc. Ed Rowehl will contact the county to determine town liability and get more information.

It was noted that the Parks and Recreation Committee was projecting a deficit of approximately \$700 in their payroll budget for the year due primarily to the early opening of the town beach.

Kelly Hatmaker (News-Advertiser) asked the selectmen if they had any comments regarding the DWI trial of a town resident at which a former town employee testified that the town had a "hit list" which contained the resident's name (charges were dismissed). The selectmen had no comment on the case since they had no specific knowledge of the testimony presented in the courtroom.

Noted the concerns expressed by Sue Craig regarding the parking of vehicles on the roadway at the town beach and the issue of vehicles bringing boats into the beach parking area rather than taking them into the boat launch area. Selectmen will review the site to determine if the barrier logs separating the two areas are still in place and speak with the road agent regarding the posting of "No Parking" signs on the road.

Don Phelps reported that he had reviewed the draft of the Gregg Lake dam breach analysis report and would be contacting the consultant with his comments.

At 8:25 Phil Dwight moved that the Board enter Executive Session per RSA 93:A to discuss the appointment of a Police Chief to replace the late Chief Brooks. The motion was seconded by Don Phelps. The vote was Dwight-aye, Phelps-aye, and Rowehl-aye. The press left the meeting at this time.

Phil Dwight moved that the board leave Executive Session at 9:05 with no action to report. The motion was seconded by Don Phelps with all in favor.

Phil Dwight moved to offer the position of police chief to Mr Brian Brown at a salary of \$35,000 with a starting date of September 1 or earlier if possible. The motion was seconded by Don Phelps. The voting was Dwight-aye, Phelps-aye, Rowehl-abstain with the motion passing 2-0-1. Don Phelps called Mr. Brown and extended the offer which was accepted with the starting date to be determined

but probably not before August 19. The selectmen will prepare a formal letter stating the terms and conditions of the offer. Ed Rowehl then called Sgt. Gary Gagnon to inform him of the Board's action. Mr. Gagnon then came before the Board for a debriefing on the selection and decision making process.

Chairman Rowehl then called the chairman of the Swanzey Board of Selectmen to inform him of our decision selecting Mr. Brown as police chief.

It was moved by Don Phelps and seconded by Phil Dwight to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Phelps, Acting Secretary