

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, December 16, 1991

Present: Edwin Rowehl, Chairman, Dave Boule', Phil Dwight and Betty Shaw, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:00

Bob Varnum, Road Agent, questioned the sizable difference in pay between men of equal time or more in his department and the police department. Selectmen agreed the Antrim officers are overpaid when compared to other police departments. Bob is concerned over employees with ten to twelve years not receiving equitable pay with another department's employees having less time.

Bob pointed out that his department has been running one man short for over a year which requires his men to work harder to get the work done. Due to the economy he will not put in for another man at this time.

Since the Road Improvement project for 1992 will probably be Goodell Road, Bob asked for \$75,000 in the road improvement budget. This will cover the total cost including gravel, culverts and hot top to complete the road from Route 31 to Route 202.

Bob asked the Selectmen to budget some funds for bridge repairs in the event a problem arises in 1992. Presently Craig bridge is the only one in need of repair. The planking for this bridge has been paid for and is at the barn and the repairs will be taken care of next year. All other bridges are in good repair. The Grader will require four tires at a cost of \$450 each. The circle on the Grader will require adjustment. Bob is looking into a cost per foot to overlay the sidewalks. He requested the Selectmen start a sidewalk maintenance program, doing as many feet as allowed by budgeted figures.

Friends of the Recreation Department have applied for a charter from the State. They have requested using the upper room of the Town Gym as a place for Middle School kids to stop in. They hope to have a ping pong game and other games to interest the young people. The Committee is working with Mr. Dalhous. The Selectmen have no problem with the use of the upper room as long as the Committee receive clearance from the School and they do the clean up or pay for custodial care.

The Selectmen's advisory Committee will meet with the School Board at 7:30 on the 18th. Either Phil or Dave will attend. Both have former commitments but one will change their appointment in order to attend.

Phil requested a correction to the minutes to reflect that the selectmen denied the request to lay out Bracket Road but suggested the property owner put a warrant in the Town Report for next year requesting the road be restored to Class V.

Phil moved the minutes as corrected. Second Ed. All in favor.  
So moved.

Brian Brown reported having received a letter from the Attorney General's office notifying the Town that the witness fee will be reduced from \$25 to \$12, payable by the Town and refunded after submission of an invoice. The cost could be about \$500 to \$600 a year. There will be no need to budget for the expenditure as the revenue will offset the expense.

Gary Gagnon discussed his vacation time. He reported having used two weeks of his allotted time in 1987, and two weeks in 1988. One week in 1989 and one week in 1990 since Chris Joseph left in 1990 he was not able to take his two weeks.

Bob Clutier will see the loggers clean up the mud on West St.

Selectmen will hold a public hearing to present the budget requests of department heads and committees on January 8 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting in Bennington on the 14th of January to discuss a transfer station and recycling center.

Selectmen are seeking bids to paint the tower and the trim on the Town Hall.

Selectmen discussed the budget. Due to the increase in the cost of insurance, it was suggested the employees pay 15% of their health cost for the year, with the necessary salary increase so as not to reduce their take-home pay.

The office budget will reflect the expenses for a part time bookkeeper for nine months.

Primarily audit was completed. The final audit is expected by the end of January.

Selectmen discussed the possible transfer station.

Selectmen reviewed a list of abatements. List attached with decisions.

Meeting adjourned 10:30

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LIST OF OWNERS REQUESTING ABATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1991

NAME	MAP/LOT #	DECISION	TAX AMT.
Lovell, Nancy			
Inventory Penalty, Inventory received on time.			26.90
Phil moved to abate, second Dave. So moved.			
Adamczyk			
Well & Septic in Hillsboro	6/17/91	abated	186.96
Phil moved to abate, second Dave. So moved.			
Corliss	7/29/91	abated	
Loss by fire			1,615.87
Dave moved to abate, second Phil. So moved.			
Ricard, Albert	1A 549		
Veterans Exemption not on bill.			100.00
Ed. moved to abate, second Dave. So moved.			
Rizzitano, Anthony	1C 506		109.40
Error in land calculation should be .4 Acres, not 4 acres as assessed. Assessment \$2,600 too high.			
Phil moved to abate \$109.40 of tax. Second Dave. So moved.			
Sturgis, Robert,	3 1107		168.32
No well or septic at camp. This results in assessment being \$4,000 over assessed. Ed moved to abate \$168.32 of tax. Second Dave. So moved.			
Nobel			
Double bill			1,102.50
Phil moved to abate second bill. Second Ed. So moved.			
Donated to Town	Map 5 lot 1272		335.96
Dave moved to abate tax. Second Phil. So moved.			
Robinson, John			
Timber Tax billed for \$506.55 while receiving \$1,658.05 for wood. Request reduction of timber tax. Abatement denied.			
Federal Home Loan	7 55		
(Foreclosure) Sold for \$25,000 Independent appraisal set value of \$25,000. Request assessment of \$14,750. We have it assessed at \$47,910. Abatement denied.			
Antrim Village	1A 1281		
Total Building assessed at \$814,900, Total of 40 apartments, one office building consisting of laundry, large meeting room. Three buildings of same design with 8 apts. each are assessed at \$164,600 each. Some apartment units to compare with, taking into account the condition are as follows:			

Condo apartments are \$47,080 each. This is the closest in condition as Antrim Village.

Kipka 10 unit apt. building assessed at \$136,400

Kipka 11 unit apt. building assessed at \$150,400

Kipka 7 unit apt. building assessed at \$87,300

Hickey 10 unit apt. building assessed at \$93,200.

Abatement denied.

Hyde, Benjamin 8D 365

Assessed value of \$101,600, purchased from the V.A. in 91 for \$90,100 (foreclosure).

Abatement denied.

Crowell, Steven

no equalization ratio credited.

Abatement denied.

Eglestrom, Richard 5 415

Brown Rd. 7 Acres of Land, valued at \$11,200. Seeking abatement since they never built as they intended to do.

Abatement denied.

Meetinghouse Hill Family Trust 5 Lot 1443

Not credited with CUV. In the file there is a land release form for the 21.5 acres having been taken out in 1987. Any credit for CUV after that was in error.

Abatement denied. They can reapply for CUV on land not used as building lot.

Cueva Corp. 8C 920

Breezy Point Condo.

Maximum assessments on unit is \$37,900. "Greater than equalized fair market value".

Abatement denied.

Lindsay, Mary-Ellen 6 619

Deed states 130 acres. Assessed for 160 as shown on survey. All land under CUV.

Abatement denied.

Maruzen Real Estate America, Inc.

Abatement denied.

Zebrowitz, Leslie 8A 385

Land value in question. Allows that 50 to 100 feet of lakefront are usable. They are taxes on first 100 feet of lakefront the same value as all on Pierce Lake, \$250 a foot, the remainder of the lakefront is assessed at \$25 a foot. Total frontage on water is about 885 feet. Assessed value of \$42,200.

Abatement denied.

Leavitt, Rosemary & Robert 1A lot 1219 and 5 lot 1217. Received inventory 4/17/91. Requested penalty of \$27.63 be abated.

Possible inventories mailed from NY by the 15 th.

Phil moved to abate. Second Ed. So moved.

Wilmott, Mordant 9 1035 Assessment of \$13,300 with building in poor condition. The 12'x20' Building with attached 6' x 11' valued at \$3,200 is assessed as being in poor condition. Remainder of assessment is for 4.65 Acres of land. Abatement denied.

Hills, Helene 1C lot 608 Building assessed as being in poor condition. Value of \$41,200 placed on building. Abatement requested due to poor condition. No decision.

Harriman, Smith timber tax was billed on estimated cut. Report shows less cut. Abatement in the amount of \$457.05 for over estimate requested. Phil moved to abate, Second Ed. So moved.

Aslam, Technical sold trailer July 1, 1991. Did not notify the tax collector as required. Date of removal not listed. Selectmen will consider a partial abatement when the date of removal is verified by either notice of date of placement at another location or bill showing date the trailer was moved.

Hardwick, Theodore & Barbara 1C Lot 575 Over assessed. Abatement denied.

Sandoval, Carol 7 lot 1027 Purchased 9/30/90 for \$109,000. Assessed at \$71,600. Taking in equalized assessment, owner sees this property as over assessed by \$10,000. Abatement denied.