

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, June 6, 1994

Present: Phil Dwight, chairman, Dave Boule', Tom Davis and Betty Shaw, secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7 PM.

Bob Kay, Vice President of the Lutheran Services, met with the Board of Selectmen and Brian Brown, Police Chief, to give an update on the shelter. Mr. Kay admitted that the Lutheran Services had not been living up to the agreement made with the Town when they requested approval for setting up the shelter in Antrim but he expressed a willingness to make every effort to conform to the agreement from now on. Some changes which have been made were discussed such as reducing the number of girls from fifteen to eight which may increase to ten in the future. Staff has been increased four to one and if necessary they have a relief staff, on call, which will make it possible to have a one to one if a problem arises.

Electronic devices have been installed around the building to pick up motion and alert the staff.

Staff are being trained to be alert to signs which indicate a problem before it starts and gets out of control.

Girls will be scrutinized before they are accepted to see they have no record of inappropriate behavior problems.

Intake forms are being worked on. Brian asked if and when they are notified that a run away has been located. He has been following up on some girls that have been relocated and he was not notified. The shelter is not notified when a girl is located after three days as this is the length of time they must hold a bed open. After that time, Lutheran Services are no longer legally responsible for the girl. The girl must then have another referral to be returned to the shelter.

Mr. Kay offered to have his staff do the paperwork when something occurs and said his staff will try to locate a runaway and have them return without calling the police. Brian pointed out the importance of his department being notified as soon as possible when problems arise. Having the staff try to locate and get a girl to return to the shelter if she runs can take time and makes locating them more difficult for the police. Brian stressed the importance of calling the department and not risk a problem.

Mr. Kay offered to have his staff do the legal paper work required as he doesn't want the shelter to be a burden to the town. He sees the shelter being treated the same as any other business in town.

Guidelines will be set to know who and what is to be done in an effort to make for a smooth operation of the facility.

Tom mentioned a few items of concern over the condition of the building such as the fire escape. The safety of all is the prime concern. Mr. Kay said they are prepared and ready to make any changes which are required.

The Lutheran Services will cover the loss of property which resulted due to the actions of some girls a few weeks ago.

The police department's new computer is in. Police salary scales were discussed.

The new cruiser will be ready in about three weeks. Bids on the old cruiser will be due no later than the 30th of June.

Mr. Andlinger discussed his overdue taxes. He has offered to pay \$5,000 by next week and another \$5,000 by August 1. Selectmen agreed if these payments are made they will not register a deed to the property and in a few weeks will come up with a mutual agreement on payments for all outstanding taxes. Mr. Andlinger spoke of the high interest rates on overdue taxes which makes it difficult to catch up on the taxes. Selectmen explained the interest rates are set by Legislation. A bill to reduce the rate did not pass this year. Selectmen might come up with a proposal for next town meeting.

Mr. Cunningham met to discuss his property which was taken by tax deed last year. Selectmen agreed to hold the interest fixed as of today until they have time to check back tax records. Taxes on the Cunningham property are listed as not being paid for the years 1988, 1990, 1992 and 1993, but paid for 1989, and 1991.

The new schedule of school payments was received today. Selectmen discussed the formula used to arrive at the rate for each town.

Selectmen will request a copy of all building applications after the building inspector issues a permit.

Martha Pinello reported on the hazard waste pickup. At least 52 of the 100 who participated were residents from Antrim. No one had to be turned away. Martha suggested having some information available at the recycling station to let people know that latex paint is not a hazardous waste. If the cans are left open to allow the paint to dry, they can be disposed of at the transfer station. She no longer thinks it is necessary to have a hazardous pick up every year as most people have disposed of their waste over the past three years. Antrim will have \$522 of their \$2,500 paid for the waste pickup refunded as not all the money was used. Martha will work on information to better educate the taxpayers as to how to dispose of paint cans, batteries etc. Phil will have signs made with the information.

Pat Maynard notified the selectmen that for the summer the recreation center will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Jan will work the mornings and Pat will work the evening hours. Pat spoke to Officer Cameron Brown seeking a way to keep children in one area once they check into the center. Some complaints have been received as to noise and possible vandalism. Pat asked if it were possible to rent the gym and recreation center for parties and over nights? Pat is willing to be responsible for opening and closing the gym and seeing there is no destruction. Selectmen agreed she can try it., but suggested

a deposit which can be returned if everything is left in order. Selectmen stressed the importance of having approval from the PD for a second dance in any given month. Brian has the veto power on additional dances.

Selectmen discussed the disposal fees being charged for household furnishings and demolition material. It may be necessary to double the fees as they are not covering the expense of the pickup.

Phil and Dave have reviewed half of the pickups and hope to complete the rest this week. All three selectmen will review the assessment changes which result from renovations and construction which took place after April 1, 1993.

Meeting adjourned 9:05

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