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JAMES A. TUTTLE LIBRARY
ANTRIM, NH 03440

MEETING
AUGUST 9, 1994

PRESENT: *Bob Alvin, Pam Bagloe, Dave Boule, Phil Dwight, Chris Fleischer, Lyman Gilmore Nina Harding, David Hurlin, Connie Kirwin, Janet Maclachlan, Mac Maclachlan, Isabel Nichols, Martha Pinello, Carol Webber, Dick Winslow*

AGENDA

- Members present represented the Board of Selectmen, Library Trustees, Library Long Range Planning Committee, and Historical Society.
- The meeting was chaired by Phil Dwight and the topic of discussion was the option to purchase the house adjacent to the library for use by the Library and the Historical Society.
- A preliminary step was taken with a purchase and sales agreement signed by Phil Dwight and Dave Boule. This was done contingent on town financing of the purchase and a special town meeting tentatively scheduled for September 27.
- Discussion took place regarding the property. The condition of the building is in overall sound condition with new electrical system, new oil tanks (above ground) in the basement. The building presently comprises 10 apartments on 2 floors plus an attic. The Town appraisal is currently set at \$123,500.
- Phil reported that a new development has occurred since the signing of the purchase and sales agreement. A private individual resident of Antrim has offered to buy the house and donate it to the town. The only drawback is the need for the individual to hold the property for one year before the donation can be finalized.
- Discussion took place regarding the use of the property. The Library has a preliminary study of space/expansion needs, including additional parking. The Historical Society would like to see a consolidated area to preserve and display historical archives. Discussion took place regarding demolition of the back ell and restoring the house to its original form. Demolition of the entire structure would cost approximately \$28,000. Isabel Nichols emphatically stated that "the house will NOT be torn down". Martha Pinello suggested that through the State Historic Preservation Office, an historic architect could be brought in to assess the building. It was agreed that ownership of the property would be of benefit to the Library, the Historical Society, and the town of Antrim.
- Phil Dwight will contact CFX bank regarding their decision to allow the private individual to purchase the property for the same price as was offered to the Library.

- Justification for acceptance by the town (at the regular Town Meeting in March 1995) will need to be developed. A committee comprising the Historical Society Building Committee members and the Library Long Range Planning committee members will be formed to develop the recommendation.
- It was decided that any further information regarding the issue will be funneled through Pam Bagloe and Nina Harding.
- **POST-MEETING UPDATE:** CFX Bank has agreed to sell the property to the private individual (to be donated to the Town of Antrim) at the same price as was offered to the Library.

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary
Tuttle Library Board of Trustees