

Minutes of Selectmens Meeting  
June 2, 1997

Selectmen Present: Peter Moore, Carol Smith and Philip Dwight.

Others present as indicated.

The meeting opened at 6 P.M.

Bob Bernstein, Connie Kirwin, Carole Webber, Dottie Penny, and Ben Pratt were present as there was a request that the Grapevine be permitted to occupy the Aiken House based on the conditions outlined in the attached memo.

After discussion it was voted to permit such occupancy with the specifics of what costs the Town would pay per item 6 to be worked out later. Generally it was agreed that the Town would cover such expenses that would include those items of a more permanent nature such as enclosing the furnace, if necessary. The Grapevine would be responsible to block off such areas in the building as necessary to ensure safety. Phil was asked to check to be sure that this use would not increase the cost of insurance. It was also agreed that the parking area would be lined for parking spaces.

At 6:30 P.M. a group from the Gregg Lake Association presented the Selectmen with a petition asking that the speed limit on Gregg Lake Road, starting at the Dam, be posted with a 15 M.P.H. speed limit. It was pointed out that this would be against State Law as the RSA's established residential areas at 30 M.P.H. Selectmen have the authority to reduce this to 25 M.P.H. after a study of the situation is conducted.

Brian Brown discussed the problems of enforcing such a limit. It was agreed that the Police would increase their presence at the times there seemed to be excessive speed. Also a letter would be sent to Price Farm School and the Girl Scout Camp asking that they inform individuals traveling to there facilities to use caution as this season of the year sees pedestrian use of the road increase.

At 7:15 P.M. a group from Parks & Recreation, Friends of Recreation and others concerned ( Nancy Blair, Jane Waterhouse, Mae Lizotte, Susan Pearson, Dottie Penny, Kitty Swan, Craig Seavey, Pat Maynard, Cathy Wasserloos, Pat Harvey, Teri Moore and Cathy Burke) discussed the programs at the Town Gym. While all were generally supportive of the programs and the need for them it was agreed there were some problems with the Friday night general programs. After lengthy discussion the group was asked to work on a change in the program and rules that would involve:

- 1.) Require parental signatures indicating their knowledge of the rules and the fact that children could sign out when they wanted.

- 2.) Include ways to change the programs so that age groups

would not include such wide ranges.

3.) Possibly limited sign out privileges.  
Phil agreed to discuss with the school the possibility of changes to the downstairs rooms in the Gym so that program activities could be moved downstairs. A report will be given to the Board as soon as possible.

At 8:50 P.M. the Selectmen met briefly with Cathy Burke and Craig Seavey from Parks & Recreation. The hiring of four lifeguards was approved and it was agreed that a \$5.00 fee (\$15.00 maximum per family) for swimming lessons could be charged.

The Selectmen signed and/or approved the following:

Minutes of the May 12th meeting  
Letters to Paul Ruess and Cogworks  
Building Permit Fee Schedule

The request from the Library Trustees that Dana Welch be appointed to fill a vacancy was discussed. Phil was asked to check with the Town Attorney to be sure this was not a problem as his wife worked there on a part-time basis.

Phil reported:

- 1.) the payment in lieu of taxes from Steel Pond Hydro will be about \$15,000 this year - about double that of 1996.
- 2.) Bob Varnum and he had surveyed the Town for any dead trees that needed removal. Bids will be sought for the cost.
- 3.) The individuals owing back taxes had agreed to the payment program offered by the Town.
- 4.) No further word had been received about Chicago Cutlery.

Peter asked that a letter be sent to the 1997 Antrim graduates. Peter will write the letter and Phil will get the names and addresses of each.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.

## MEMO

DT: JUNE 2, 1997  
FR: THE GRAPEVINE  
TO: ANTRIM SELECTMEN  
RE: INTERIM USE OF THE AIKEN HOUSE

Since we have just 30 minutes tonight and The Grapevine's current lease runs out in 30 days, we present for your consideration in condensed form our requests to:

1. Occupy part of the Aiken House " at the Town's pleasure," that is until the building becomes unavailable due to renovation, other need or whatever reason may arise.
2. Use the two 1st floor front apartments and, possibly, one or two 1st floor rear rooms.
3. Pay all our own utilities.
4. Remove rugs, clean and repaint surfaces as needed.
5. Block off access to portions of the building not in use.
6. Pay or share with the Town the costs of a few essential repairs. Minor heating system modification and a fire safety issue appear to be the only somewhat costly repairs needed. We would research the particulars and meet with you to discuss them at your earliest convenience.

This request and any permitted use will in no way replace or short-cut the feasibility study to be completed this year. The study will be done, state funded or not, and will address all the issues raised, especially those regarding site planning compatible with the Tuttle Library expansion. We have discussed this proposal with several of the library Trustees, appreciate their concerns and support, and look forward to cooperating with them on immediate issues such as parking or any others which might arise.

If you approve this plan and we move in, we would likely need to move out temporarily at some future time if major renovation takes place. Since that would happen 18 plus months from now, for us (and we hope the town) it is worth the effort.

We apologize for the time crunch and thank you for your consideration.