

**TOWN OF ANTRIM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
MAY 4, 1998**

PRESENT: Chairman Carol Smith, Selectmen Timothy J. Seeger, Denise J. Dargie, and Town Administrator Kelley A. Collins

CALLED TO ORDER: Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS: 6:09 - 6:35 p.m. Robert Varnum, Road Agent

Meeting with Town of Bennington and Francestown reference excavated materials being removed from the old landfill site and the accurate tracking of percentages removed. All parties that attended felt that this meeting was quite productive. Selectmen and Road Agent agree that the accounting process appears to be adequate.

Ice Storm Damage - Road Agent reports that 90% of ice storm damage has been taken care of,

Gregg Lake Road Closure - Mr. Varnum made the Board aware that Gregg Lake Road from Holt Hill Road to the dam will have be closed for a couple of days in the next week, or so, to perform the culvert/drainage work prior to paving. Mr. Varnum noted that all paving needs to be complete before the Memorial Day weekend due to the summer traffic in that area.

Condition of Elm Avenue - The Road Agent made the Selectmen aware that there is a section of Elm Avenue, approximately 2/10ths of a mile long, that needs to be brought back down to the gravel.

New Excavation Laws - Some discussion took place regarding the new legislation that governs the assessment of gravel/crushing operations. Road Agent asked how this might affect excavators he is using to obtain Town material.

6:37 - 7:22 p.m. Police Chief Brian Brown

Letter & Certificate of Achievement for Police Officer Brian Giammarino - The Selectmen and Chief reviewed a letter commending Officer Giammarino's accomplishments.

Chief Brown will be reviewing the D.A.R.E. program with Officer Giammarino and Rick Nanicelli to satisfy his questions that the content of the curriculum is age appropriate.

Chief updated the Selectmen on a couple of burglaries in town.

Girl's Shelter - Some discussion took place regarding the increase in responses by the Police Department to the Girl's Shelter in town. The Chief will provide the Selectmen will more specific statistics in a few days.

**7:23 - 8:20 p.m. Mr. Robert Bernstein, Ms. Kirsten Olsen and Mr. Pratt/AIKEN
HOUSE PROJECT**

Mr. Bernstein presented the Board of Selectmen with a tentative timeline for the filing of the application for the Aiken House Project, public hearings, deadlines, etc. Ms. Olsen from Grapevine gave some information on fund raising activities and plans. Mr. Pratt submitted written information as submitted at the Town Meeting regarding his support of the Aiken House Project. It was determined that the application will be completed by Mr. Bernstein on June 1, 1998. Mr. Bernstein will submit a copy of the application to the selectmen for their review. The Selectmen will meet with Mr. Bernstein on June 8, 1998 to go over any questions or concerns they may have on the application. There will be a Public Hearing on the Application and on the Community Housing And Development Plan on Monday, June 22, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. The Selectmen understand that sometime between the public hearing and the actual submission of grant application on, or before July 27, 1998 they must agenda, discuss, and minute this project again.

8:25 p.m. Mr. Mattil

Mr. Mattil came in to discuss a tax matter with the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Mattil will attend the June 29, 1998 Selectmen's Meeting with an update regarding his property.

REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OF YIELD TAXES

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a letter from Mr. Richard Holt regarding his request that the yield taxes be abated to the amount he actually received from the logger for the cut. Some discussion took place regarding the fact that there are actually two things happening here. First, there was an error on the "report of cut". Some timber was recorded as oak which was actually pine. Secondly, pine, oak and hemlock all received a considerably lower price from Mr. Holt's logger than the Town's "average" stumpage values. While the Selectmen are sympathetic to Mr. Holt's plight they reviewed the RSA which clearly states that logger's actual stumpage values only have to be used when the values are the result of competitive bidding. Mr. Holt did not provide documentation that shows he put his cut "out to bid". After considerable discussion it was the Board's unanimous decision to deny Mr. Holt's request for abatement of yield taxes. The Town Administrator will send a letter to Mr. Holt explaining their decision.

REPORT OF CUT

Mr. Proctor dropped off a report of cut and explained to the Town Administrator that he received no money for the cut, it was bartered away to the logger to clear the damage from the ice storm. (The Selectmen are also in receipt of photographs showing Mr. Proctor's ice storm damage). After some discussion the Board of Selectmen opted to use the usual "average" stumpage values for Mr. Proctor's cut.

APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES:

Intents To Cut Timber

Selectmen approved and signed two (2) intents to cut timber for: Rosansky and Proctor et al.

Yield Tax Warrant

Selectmen reviewed and signed a Yield Tax Warrant that included two (2) separate reports of cut.

Report of Cut to State of NH

Selectmen reviewed, approved and signed the report of cut to the State of New Hampshire.

**PROCESS FOR EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEWS FOR RECREATION
COORDINATOR ON THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1998**

Town Administrator, Kelley Collins, made the Selectmen aware that neither Kathy Burke nor Barbara Nichols will be able to attend the interviews on Thursday evening. In addition, we have not received any written questions from them. There will be two applicants interviewed (one at 6:00 p.m. and one at 7:00 p.m.) The T.A. will prepare a list of questions for the Selectmen and make the appropriate number of copies available.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR WORKSHOP

As discussed during the hiring process, T.A. K. Collins submitted a request for reimbursement for her attendance at the Government Finance Officer's Association Meeting in North Conway. The Board agreed to pay the \$60 attendance & meal portion, Ms. Collins paid for her accommodation. In addition, there is a request for mileage. Selectmen reviewed and approved.

SAU AGENDA FOR MAY 5, 1998 MEETING

Selectmen reviewed agenda for items of interest.

INFORMATION FOR QUARTERLY TOWN NEWSLETTER

Chairman Smith noted that she needs to get this information together, she has known about the deadline for a month. The Town Administrator noted that the newsletter deadline is Friday, a representative will be stopping in the office on Thursday to pick up any information.

REQUEST TO CHANGE ORIENTATION OF SIGN

Chairman C. Smith noted that the Presbyterian Church has approached her regarding their request to change the orientation of the current sign. In addition, they will be replacing the existing sign with one exactly the same size. They would like to turn the sign so that it is more visible from the road. The Selectmen noted that all sign regulations are under the jurisdiction of the Zoning Board so this matter will be referred to Barbara for the ZBA's attention.

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MINUTES OF MAY 4, 1998 MEETING

9:50 p.m. NON-PUBLIC SESSION UNDER RSA 91-A:3, II (a)

Selectman T. Seeger made a motion to go in to Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) to discuss the compensation of a public employee. Selectman Dargie seconded at 9:50 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Smith - yes; Selectman Seeger - yes; Selectman Dargie - yes.

Selectmen generally discussed the compensation of a public employee. They will meet personally with said employee.

Selectman Seeger made a motion to leave Non-Public Session at 10:04 p.m., Selectman Dargie seconded. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Smith - yes; Selectman Dargie - yes; Selectman Seeger - yes.

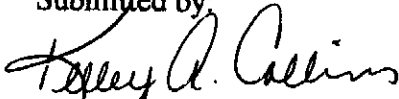
GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Town Administrator generally discussed some matters with the Selectmen including the security of the building, staffing and hours, computer upgrade(s), etc. No decisions were made regarding any of these matters.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the Selectman adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Submitted by:


Kelley A. Collins
Town Administrator