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**TOWN OF ANTRIM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 1998**

6:00 p.m. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Carol Smith, Selectmen Tim Seeger and Denise Dargie, Town Administrator, Kelley Collins

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. MEET WITH POLICE CHIEF BRIAN BROWN IN NON-PUBLIC SESSION PER RSA 91-A:3, II b THE HIRING OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE, AS NECESSARY

Police Chief Brian Brown stopped in briefly to make the Board aware of the status of the hiring process. He feels he will be able to firm this up by next week's meeting

7:16 – 7:50 P.M. – MEET WITH FIRE CHIEF, MIKE BEAUCHAMP IN NON-PUBLIC SESSION TO DISCUSS DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Chairman Smith made a motion to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II – a to discuss a complaint against an employee. Selectman Seeger seconded. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Smith- yes; Selectman Seeger – yes; Selectman Dargie – yes.

Selectmen met with Fire Chief Beauchamp. No decision was made in Non-Public Session.

Selectman Seeger made a motion to leave Non-Public Session and seal the minutes at 7:50 p.m. Chairman Smith seconded. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Smith – yes; Selectman Seeger – yes; Selectman Dargie – yes.

6:00 – 6:30 AND 8:00 P.M. ON – GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Review and discuss Attorney Mayer's letter of October 23, 1998 regarding excavation of materials at Tri-Town landfill (specifically: employee and opening additional phases)** – The Selectmen discussed Attorney Mayer's letter and find that they are not satisfied with the suggestion that the employee issue be dropped unless all parties agree that there will only be one key per Town held by the respective Road Agents. In addition, the Selectmen will not agree to open any other phases. This is exactly what they have been trying to protect against – other Town's using good quality material at a rate faster than Antrim and leaving Antrim with the dregs of the material. The Selectmen agree that another meeting with all interested parties is necessary but they would like to delay that until after the new year. The Board would like the Town Administrator to send Attorney Mayer a letter outlining their concerns.

- **Review letter from Mrs. Szelog's legal counsel regarding elderly deferral** – The Selectmen reviewed the request for elderly deferral and cover letter from Mrs. Szelog's legal counsel. Some discussion took place regarding Mrs. Szelog's request for previous years and her hardship situation. The Board of Selectmen agreed unanimously to

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approve Mrs. Szelog’s request as submitted (with corrections to amount due only) based on her hardship. The Town Administrator will notify the interested parties.

- **Antrim Next --- Peter Moore offered to meet with the Board if they have any questions regarding Antrim Next (the next meeting is November 5, 1998)** – The Town Administrator made the Selectmen aware that she received a call from Mr. Moore today offering to come in and bring the Board up-to-date on the status of the Antrim Next Committees or answer any questions or concerns they may have. The Selectmen feel that they have been kept pretty well informed and they have Mr. Moore’s notice for the update meeting on November 5, 1998. Chairman Smith is unavailable to attend the meeting on the 5th due to a scheduling conflict with the Town Hall Renovation Committee and Selectman Dargie has a prior meeting. Selectman Tim Seeger will try to attend the November 5th potluck supper.
- **Appointment for Bill Lang -** The Selectmen would like to meet with the A.R.T.S. Manager, Bill Lang, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 1998 to discuss engineer’s findings with regard to the drainage problem at A.R.T.S.
- **Discuss tuition reimbursement as an employee benefit** – The Town Administrator Is concerned that the tuition reimbursement that the Board agreed to when she was hired has become a point of discussion for other employees. The Board agreed that as part of the revision and overhauling of the personnel policies, tuition reimbursement should be and will be an employee benefit.
- **Town Administrator has an appointment with the Executive Director of the Southwest Regional Planning Commission on Wednesday morning** – The Town Administrator made the Selectmen aware that she will be in Keene Wednesday, October 28, 1998 to meet with Tim Murphy and some of his staff so that they can review the services available to the Town as part of their annual membership fee. In addition, Mr. Murphy will outline other services provided by their organization on a contractual basis. The Town Administrator will also take Sherry Miller, the Land Use Secretary, as she would be the one primarily accessing some of these services.
- **Review and discuss attendance at the NHMA Annual Conference on November 18, 19 and 20, 1998** – The Selectmen and the Town Administrator reviewed the seminars and workshops being offered at the NHMA Conference this year. The Town Administrator will attend the Conference on Wednesday, November 18, 1998 and the Land Use Secretary, Sherry Miller will be asked if she has any interest in attending on Thursday, November 19, 1998.
- **Status of discussion regarding a grant administrator for the Aiken House CDBG**
The Town Administrator made the Selectmen aware that she had spoken to Linda

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Mangones, the CDBG Administrator for the City of Keene, at Bob Bernstein’s recommendation. Ms. Mangones is quite busy at this time of year but did express some interest in assisting the Town Administrator if that is who the Board appoints. Ms. Mangones also suggested that the Board may want to consider appointing the Southwest Regional Planning Commission as the grant administrator, which would not require the usual “Request for Proposal” process. The Town Administrator will discuss this possibility with Mr. Murphy from SWRPC during their meeting on Wednesday.

- **Mr. LaRochelle called today to withdraw his \$21,000 bid on Parcel 8 Map 2A, Lot 14** – The Town Administrator made the Selectmen aware that Mr. LaRochelle has withdrawn his bid for \$21,000 on the parcel on White Birch Point. It was Mr. LaRochelle’s intention to purchase this property with two of his neighbors and subdivide the property so it could be added to each of the three abutter’s property. Mr. LaRochelle became disenchanted with the process when the Town Administrator made him aware that he needed to make application to the Planning Board and she was unable to guarantee him a positive outcome. Mr. LaRochelle then asked if the Selectmen would hold off the closing, pending Planning Board approval. The Town Administrator explained to Mr. LaRochelle that the written requirements of the public auction clearly state that the closing must take place on or before October 31, 1998.

- **Review and approve the minutes of the October 19, 1998 Selectmen’s Meeting** - The Selectmen reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes of the October 19, 1998 Selectmen’s minutes, as written.

- **Review and discuss status of past due taxes** – The Town Administrator made the Selectmen aware that two of the five tax payers they have notified of imminent tax deeding have paid their past due property taxes.

Planning Board Members – Selectman Tim Seeger, the representative to the Planning Board, made the Selectmen aware that Mrs. Marion Noble may be resigning from the Planning Board. She has been working predominantly in the Lakes Region and the family is considering relocating to that area.

Frameworks/Chicago Cutlery Project – Selectman Seeger made the Board aware that the Planning Board would like the entire Board to review the Framework plans and provide a written response to the Planning Board.

Water Control Gate – Selectman Seeger noted that Mr. Ian Johnson from Cogswork on Water Street inquired into whether the Town could do anything about the water problem he experiences in his building anytime there is a heavy rain. The Town Administrator will do some research on this with the Road Agent, Bob Varnum. Mr. Oldershaw believes there may be a gate that can be opened to divert water from Mr. Johnson’s building. (**Note:** The dam and gate on Water Street appear to be private property and

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there is no gate near the American Legion. The gate further up Route 31 has no water level at this time)

Public Hearing on the possible lowering of Gregg Lake – The Town Administrator made the Board aware that she has spoken with Mr. Southall who now says that according to the biologists it may be too late to lower the level of the lake without damaging invertebrate life. Apparently the frogs and salamanders may have already burrowed in the mud for the winter. Mr. Woodworth also suggested attempting to get volunteers to pull a length of chain link fence behind two boats with a third boat picking up the culled plant materials, or even hand pulling. The Selectmen would like the Town Administrator to approach the Recreation Coordinator, Shelly Gardner to see if there is any volunteer interest for these projects.

Adjournment

There being no further business the Selectmen adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by:


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Town Administrator

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