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**TOWN OF ANTRIM  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
July 26, 1999**

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

**PRESENT:** Chairman Tim Seeger, Selectmen Denise Dargie and Eric Tenney and Town Administrator Kelley Collins

**6:30 – 7:00 p.m. MEET WITH MR. BRIAN HENNESSEY REGARDING HIS RECENT TRIP TO ANTRIM, NORTHERN IRELAND**

Mr. Hennessey stopped in to share with the Board of Selectmen the material that he was given during his visit to Antrim, North Ireland including a plaque with Antrim, NI's coat of arms, and a book on the History of Antrim, NI. Mr. Hennessey noted that he had a lovely visit with the Mayor of Antrim who served refreshments in his parlor. The Mayor noted that there are nine Antrim's in the United States and none have ever contacted them prior to us. Brian Hennessey thinks there is a great opportunity here for a cultural and social exchange. The Selectmen asked the Town Administrator to look for an appropriate display case for the materials Antrim sent us.

**7:05 – 8:00 p.m. MEET WITH THE ANTRIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARCHITECT, ANTRIM SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES, MEMBERS OF AES BUILDING COMMITTEE AND AES PRINCIPAL**

The Board of Selectmen met with Dennis Mires, the Architect contracted by ConVal for the addition to the Antrim Elementary School (AES). Also in attendance were: Jane Miller, Jane Ellsworth, Antrim's School Board Representatives, John Stanek, School Board Chairman of Building Committee, Janet McEwen, Antrim Rec. Committee and AES Renovation/Building Committee, Ralph Luongo, Maintenance Director/Con Val, Sharon Otterson, AES Principal and Ruth Benedict.

Mr. Mires displayed a couple of preliminary designs for additional space at AES. The thrust of the discussion was that the current plan calls for the School District to make considerable improvements to the Town Gym facility. The Town Gym would remain the property of the Town and the School would continue to lease the facility for gym classes. General discussion took place regarding deeds, and covenants in deeds regarding the use of the Town Gym facility and ball fields. There was also discussion regarding putting the proposed improvement plan on the Town Warrant in March in an effort to get input and public support.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- **Discuss bats in Town and the advantage for economic development/tourism**  
The Town Administrator made the Selectmen aware that she had a visit from Mr. Gordon Shulkin who has a bat exclusion service as well as teaching educational programs on bats. Mr. Gordon was quite excited with the number of colonies of bats we currently have in Town and notes that other communities (Austin, TX for example) have

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capitalized on those populations in an Economic Development/Tourism capacity. One of the things discussed was the possibility of mounting a few bat boxes at Memorial Park or even contacting the State to see if they would be interested in putting up a small pavilion at the Rest Area on Route 202. (bats are apparently attracted to pavilion roofs). The Selectmen authorized the Town Administrator to talk to the Memorial Park Committee and the Recreation Department about the Memorial Park idea. She should also mention this to the Antrim Arts and Business Council. There may be someone on AABC that would be willing to take this on as a project for the Town.

- **Y2K contingency plans (we haven't received anything from W&S)**

The Town Administrator noted that the office has done its identification and most of its testing and are in the process of working on contingency planning. We are still waiting for some written Y2K status reports for the ambulance squad but the Captain notes that they should be faxed any day. Selectman Tenney will make sure we get a copy of the Water & Sewer information.

- **Permission for alcohol at Muster/Parade on August 1**

The Selectmen unanimously authorized the fire department to have alcoholic beverages at their Muster on August 1, 1999 at the Fire Station. A memo will be sent to Chief Beauchamp.

- **Review and discuss the Town leasing the Aiken Barn parking lot**

The Town Administrator made the Board aware that Selectman Tenney has had a conversation with Lyman Gilmore and Ben Pratt regarding the possibility of the Town leasing the Aiken Barn parking lot during the Aiken House construction project. General discussion took place regarding how much work would need to be done with regard to tree/brush removal and a couple of truckloads of crushed stone. Selectman Tenney will pursue this with the Aiken Barn Trust. The Town Administrator will have the Road Agent take a look at the area also.

- **Review and discuss the memorial for Chief Brooks at Touchwood Square**

Mr. Webber approached the office about the memorial at Touchwood Square for Police Chief Brooks. There was some discussion about how a memorial came to be placed on private property. Apparently the Memorial pre-dates Memorial Park. Chmn. Seeger requested that the Town Administrator contact Chief Brook's next of kin and try to get permission to move the plaque into Memorial Park. There is significant concern about what will happen to the memorial if this property is sold.

- **Review and discuss possibility of requesting a road bond on the Pierce Lake Road subdivision**

The Town Administrator noted that the Road Agent has mentioned that it may be necessary to request a road bond for the proposed subdivision on Pierce Lake Road. He notes that the Town is paving the final part of Elm Avenue this year and heavy equipment

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hauling into Pierce Lake Road could potentially damage the newly paved area. There was some discussion regarding the fact that our subdivision regulations may require a road bond anyway. This will be discussed further as the subdivision process proceeds.

- **When is Town Hall Restoration Committee doing work that passed June 9, 1999?**

The Town Administrator asked the Board of Selectmen if anyone from the Restoration Committee has let them know when the items approved at the June 9, 1999 meeting are to be completed. Selectman Tenney will give Bruce Cuddihy a call and see if any of these items have been scheduled.

- **Discuss having Highway Department clear weeds from Gregg Lake Dam area.**

The Town Administrator made the Selectmen aware that the bid package for the Gregg Lake Dam repairs did not include cutting weeds and brush from the sluiceway. There was a suggestion from the engineer and a couple of the bidding companies that our Highway Department do this work since they could probably do it more cost effectively. The Selectmen agreed that the Town Administrator should mention it to the Road Agent. The actual work is not scheduled until the second week of October.

- **Notice of violation on Willard Pond Road with two weeks to clean rubbish & debris from his property.**

The Selectmen reviewed a letter of violation to the resident, regarding rubbish, junk automobiles, etc. that are to be removed within 14 days.

- **Review, discuss and approve new building permit package with updated permit rates.**

Chairman Tim Seeger made a motion to adopt the use of the building permit package with updated building permit rates, effective this date. Selectman Dargie seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

- **Review & discuss status of "Notice of Violation" for Fairfield Whiting property.**

The Town Administrator reviewed the fact that Mr. Whiting has received numerous "notices of violation" on his property with regard to a collection of debris and unregistered automobiles. Chairman Tim Seeger made a motion to seek an injunction in NH Superior Court requiring Fairfield Whiting to register or remove these vehicles. Selectman Dargie seconded. VOTE: 3-0.

- **Review, discuss and approve payment of water tests for Tri-Town landfill.**

The Selectmen reviewed, discussed and approved the payment of the water tests for the Tri-Town Landfill.

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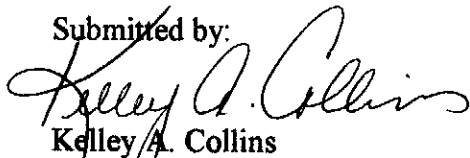
- **Review, discuss and accept Rebekah Bergeron’s resignation from the Recreation Commission.**

The Selectmen regrettfully accepted Mrs. Bergeron’s resignation from the Recreation Commission. The Town Administrator will have a letter of appreciation prepared and memo Sam Harding and Shelly Gardner for their recommendation on replacements for two positions.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:



Kelley A. Collins  
Town Administrator