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**TOWN OF ANTRIM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
October 4, 1999**

6:00 p.m. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Chairman Seeger opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. NON-PUBLIC SESSION - INTERVIEW TWO APPLICANTS FOR ANTRIM RECYCLING & TRANSFER STATION (A.R.T.S.) ON-CALL POSITION

Chairman Seeger made a motion to go in to Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II – a the hiring of any person as a public employee, at 6:30 p.m.. Selectman Dargie seconded. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Seeger – yes; Selectman Dargie – yes; Selectman Tenney – yes.

The Board of Selectmen interviewed two applicants for the on-call position available at Antrim Recycling and Transfer Station (A.R.T.S.)

Selectman Dargie made a motion to leave Non-Public Session at 6:50 p.m. Selectman Tenney seconded. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Seeger – yes; Selectman Tenney – yes, Selectman Dargie – yes.

After some discussion, Selectman Dargie made a motion to offer the on-call A.R.T.S. position to “Blair” Matthews. Selectman Tenney seconded. VOTE: 3-0.

8:00 – 8:45 p.m. MEET WITH THE FIREFIGHTERS' AUXILIARY, AT THEIR REQUEST

The Board of Selectmen met with the following members of the Firefighters' Auxiliary: Pam Caswell/President, Amy Stone/Vice President, Linda Bryer/Treasurer, Lois Harriman/Secretary, Hope Phillips/Fund Raiser, Jacque Cottle/Public Relations and Debbie Solito/Fulfillment Officer. In addition, Mr. Bryer and Mr. Caswell were in attendance. Mrs. Caswell opened the discussion by noting that the Firefighters' Auxiliary has been on hold for about six months due, in part, to the uncertainty with regard to insurance issues. The Fire Chief, Mike Beauchamp, made the group aware, several months ago, that they were not covered under the Town's liability insurance. The Town Administrator explained that the Town is insured by the New Hampshire Municipal Association's – Property Liability Insurance Trust (NHMA-PLIT). This is not a private insurance company, it is a pool of Town's coming together to partially insure themselves. NHMA-PLIT does not offer riders for volunteers in the way that private insurance companies might. NHMA-PLIT looks at a couple of issues when insuring volunteers through a Town. Certainly the main theme is “care, custody and control”. The group must answer either to the Board of Selectmen (control) or to a Department Head that answers to the Board of Selectmen (Fire Chief). In addition, the cash of the organization should be in the care and custody of the Town (Town Treasurer). There was considerable discussion regarding whether the Town would control how the money was spent. The Selectmen generally agreed that it is still the organization's funds and other than the Town Treasurer signing checks there is not a lot of interference by the Town.

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A question and answer session followed. The group asked the Selectmen to recap their choices. Chairman Seeger noted that the group could purchase their own insurance, work uninsured, if the Fire Chief would allow them on the fire ground without insurance or they can put themselves under the Town and be covered by our insurance. Those are the three main choices. The Town Administrator volunteered to meet with Fire Chief Beauchamp in the next week or so to discuss his feelings on the status of the Auxiliary.

GENERAL BUSINESS

• **Review and discuss letter from Attorney regarding process for tax deeding Scadding property**

As requested, by the Board of Selectmen at last week's meeting, the Town Administrator sent a letter to the Town Attorney regarding the process for the auction of tax-deeded property as outlined by former Selectmen, Mr. Tom Davis. The Selectmen reviewed the letter from Attorney Mayer regarding the new law regarding tax deeded property as well as, an owner's additional opportunity to reclaim, and the process for auctioning.

Selectman Tenney would like Mr. Davis made aware of the Town Attorney's information before the Board makes any vote on the Scadding property. Selectman Tenney will call Mr. Davis and let him know the letter is available and/or the Town Administrator will mail him a copy.

• **Review and discuss letter convening the first Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) Meeting**

Chairman Seeger met with David Essex, who is interested in serving on the EDAC. Together, they decided to convene this committee and brainstormed some priorities for the first meeting. The Town Administrator prepared a letter to the other interested participants: Paul Boule, Bob Edwards and John Vance (as an ex-officio non-voting member). Chairman Seeger will be the Selectmen's representative to this group.

• **Review and discuss dates for setting the tax rate.**

The Town Administrator noted that she is still waiting for the call from the Department of Revenue Administration stating that they have received all the information from ConVal and from the Department of Education that they need to set a rate. Chairman Seeger and Selectman Tenney would both like to be there when the rate is set. Chmn. Seeger would prefer to do this in Concord in the afternoon, or in Antrim first thing in the morning, to accommodate his work schedule. The Town Administrator will notify them both as soon as she has a date.

• **Review and approve the minutes of the September 27, 1999 Selectmen's Meeting**
The Board unanimously accepted the minutes of the September 27, 1999 meeting, as submitted.

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• **2000 Budget**

Chairman Seeger asked the Board if they had given any more thought to merit increases for the 2000 budget. Selectman Tenney noted that there are some parts of Bennington's process that he likes. They give a flat COL increase but they also budget a pot of money and then give it out in lump sums more as a bonus than as an on-going hourly wage increase. No decision was made regarding merit increases. The Board agreed to use 3% as a cost of living rate, which is an increase from the 2.26% decided last week.

The Selectmen signed the following items:

Memo to Town Hall Restoration Committee, Intent to Cut (Lesure), Gregg Lake Dam repair contract, letter to Mr. Woodworth regarding level of Gregg Lake.

8:50 – 9:00 p.m. Non-Public Session to discuss a delinquent tax matter

Chairman Seeger made a motion to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II- c, a matter which if discussed publicly might adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of the board or agency, at 8:50 p.m. Selectman Dargie seconded. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Seeger – yes; Selectman Tenney – yes; Selectman Dargie – yes.

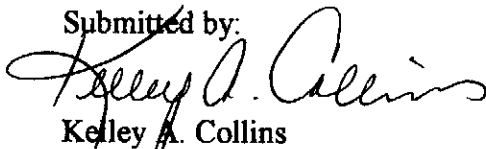
The Board reviewed a letter from a taxpayer regarding delinquent 1996 taxes. Selectman Dargie made a motion to leave Non-Public Session at 9:00 p.m. Chairman Seeger seconded. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Seeger – yes; Selectman Tenney – yes; Selectman Dargie – yes.

The Board agreed, unanimously, to give this taxpayer until December 31, 1999 to clarify the status of the property through probate.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by:


Kelley A. Collins
Town Administrator