

**TOWN OF ANTRIM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2002**

PRESENT: Chairman Dave Penny, Selectman Bill Prokop and Sherry Miller.

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order –

7:00 p.m. Dave Essex –

Dave Essex contacted the Federal Historic Advisory Council in Washington, DC to request guidance on the applicability of section 106 for the demolition of the Aiken House. After reviewing various documents the Advisory Council on Historical Preservation has confirmed that there is no federal relationship to the demolition of the Aiken House, therefore, Section 106 does not apply.

Mr. Essex will be sending the State of New Hampshire Historic Council a letter stating that we have been advised that section 106 does not apply and therefore, the Town plans to proceed with demolition.

Chairman Penny would like some research done on any possible environmental issues. Mr. Essex will contact Jeff Parsons, Building Inspector to see if he knows who to contact at DES to have the property evaluated for potential hazardous issues.

Mr. Essex would like to meet with members from the Aiken Barn Committee, Library and the Historical Committee to discuss with them what they may have in mind as far as a memorial. It's suggested that this be done prior to demolition. Mr. Essex hopes to speak with all involved and get back to the Selectmen in September as the Selectmen would like to have the project completed by September / October 2002.

Faxing –

The Selectmen agreed that in order to fax any documents from the Town Office there would be a charge of \$1.00 per page, which is the same cost for a copy. Any faxes will need to be prepaid either by a prearranged fax account or payment made at the counter.

Personnel Policy –

Tabled until June 24, 2002

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Conservation Letter-

The Conservation Commission would like the Selectmen to consider waiving the current use land release tax that would be due if the Town were to purchase the 58-acre parcel on West Street. Mr. Moore explained that the 58-acres that the Town is pursuing is adjacent to a 7-acre parcel of land also owned by Mr. Cloutier. If the Town were to purchase the 58 acres then the 7-acres will no longer qualify for current use status. The Conservation Commission felt that the owner might be interested in a firmer agreement if they knew that they would not be responsible for the current use land release tax.

After a brief discussion the Selectmen decided to offer to waive if permissible, the current use land release tax if the Town purchases the 58-acres causing the remaining 7 acres to be removed from current use status. If the 7-acres sells prior to the Town purchasing the 58-acres then the land release tax would be the responsibility of Mr. Cloutier.

Stone Church Foundation –

After discussion, the Selectmen agreed to seek legal counsel on this issue and to advise the “foundation” that there may be other avenues for them to pursue for tax exemption status if they so wish. This will depend on our Legal Counsels findings.

Road Complaint –

The Selectmen received a letter from Mrs. Ralph Ross of White Birch Point Road with concerns regarding road water draining onto her property. The Selectmen agreed to contact the Road Agent and the property owner to schedule a date to meet at the property to discuss her concerns.

Delinquent tax issue –

The Selectmen agreed that since the property owner has failed to respond to various correspondence it leaves them no choice but to instruct the Tax Collector to begin the process to deed the property over to the Town for non-payment of taxes.

Review and approve minutes –

The minutes of June 10, 2002 were reviewed and approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Sherry Miller