

5/12/03

TOWN OF ANTRIM  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

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

**7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order –**

**7:00 p.m. Meeting with Town Committees –**

Present: Sam Harding, Clark Craig, Mike Beauchamp, Ed Rowhl, Paul Vasques, Ben Pratt and Dave Essex.

**Parks & Rec –**

Sam Harding began by informing the Selectmen that they have not been successful in finding a Water Front Director so they will be utilizing one of the Lifeguards. The Recreation Coordinator is out on maternity leave; she had a baby girl on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Sam would like suggestions as how to cover the electrical box in Memorial Park. Burke Electric has been notified and is looking into it. Mike Beauchamp stated that he knows someone who could possibly build a steel cage around the box, he will get back to us.

Sam felt that the Town should start considering hiring someone to maintain the parks, beach and provide general upkeep and maintenance of town property.

Sam would like the Selectmen to appoint a committee to begin looking at possible pieces of land that the town could acquire for future athletic fields. The consensus of the people present was that there is a need, and that the Board of Selectmen should appoint a committee to pursue further. Matt Miller, Paul Young and Bruce Cuddihy have expressed interest in helping with the search.

Sam advised that the skateboard equipment would be arriving shortly. The intent is to use half of the basketball court for skateboard use. They are looking into and would like to put up a fence along the side to prevent people from skateboarding down the lawn into the park.

**TIF –**

Dave Essex advised that letters have gone out to everyone within the TIF District regarding the self help and façade project. Some inquiries have already come in; it is hope that residents will take advantage of this program.

Dave has received a call from Mike Pillsbury regarding the sidewalk project. He is in need of a Municipal Agreement stating that we are ready to proceed then we can proceed with selecting an engineer.

Senator Flanders spoke with Dave and advised that DOT will be looking into bringing down Main Street and Route 31, as they have been built up over the years.

**Planning Board –**

Ed Rowhl, Chairman expects to have the Capital Improvement information for the Master Plan tomorrow.

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The Board will be reviewing the excavation regulations at their meeting May 15, 2003 along with the Building and Zoning Enforcement.

**ZBA –**

Ben Pratt, Chairman of the Zoning Board had nothing specific to report. He did state that the Board is in need of members. It was suggested to put a notice in the Villager and or the Limrik.

**Aiken Barn –**

The project is close to completion. The Grapevine and Monadnock Family Services have moved into their new offices.

Mr. Pratt stated that the building is not air-conditioned and inquired if they could put up the ceiling fans in the basement, which were left by previous owners. The Selectmen agreed that this was fine.

Mike Beauchamp, Fire Chief reminded Ben that the upstairs is not to be used unless a sprinkler system is installed.

**Ambulance –**

Fire Chief, Mike Beauchamp advised that Rescue Chief, Pat Lovering was unable to attend, but wanted everyone to know that things are going well. The new ambulance is in service. There are currently four residents taking the EMT class and monthly training is provided for current members.

**Fire Dept. –**

The process has begun for the construction of the new garage. Mike would like to ask Bob Varnum if gravel or fill from the Town could be used, to cut down on costs. The new reel truck is working great.

Mike advised that he spoke with the State Fire Marshall regarding cluster housing around Pierce Lake. He would like to be contacted so that he can provide specific requirements.

A grant for suits and masks was received and the items have been ordered.

There will be a terrorism training class coming up, most likely to be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights at the Fire Station. Mike invited the Selectmen to attend.

Chairman Penny asked Mike if he could think of any large purchases that may be needed next year. Mike stated that the only thing currently is the roof at Co. 1 and some housekeeping items.

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**ARTS –**

Clark Craig advised that everything is going well. The land is just about cleared, once done he'll get together with Bob Varnum to discuss leveling it off.

Clark advised that in order to follow state regulations, additional help might be necessary in the future.

There was some concern about the accumulation of refrigerators. Clark explained that in order for the State to come out to pick them up, there needs to be at least thirty.

**Antrim Woods –**

Selectman Prokop spoke informally about the Antrim Woods project. Apparently the group needs to raise another \$10,000 in order to meet the matching grant requirements from McAbe Forest. They are also looking at adjacent land that may be suitable for athletic fields.

**Conservation –**

Peter Beblowski was unable to attend, but wanted it known that the Conservation Commission will be meeting with the Monadnock Conservancy regarding the Campbell Pond easement.

**Town Office –**

New software installed, training is in process. New system will be more detailed to show true department costs, as well as many other features. It will also delete several steps that currently need to be done, freeing up more time for.

**Selectmen –**

The Selectmen have been meeting with surrounding towns to see if there is anything that either town could share to eliminate costs.

The Selectmen greatly appreciate all the work and time that volunteers put in. For a small town we have a lot going on.

**Rural rides –**

Ed Rowhl explained that there is a service available that will provide transportation to any appointment, free of charge. The Red Cross provides this service and they should be contacted by noon the day before the ride is needed. They are also looking for volunteers to drive for them.

**Review and approve minutes of April 21, 2003 –**

The minutes of April 1, 2003 were reviewed and approved by Selectmen Penny and Prokop.

**Damage at Town Gym –**

Sam Harding made the Selectmen aware of some damage that was done at the gym. The Selectmen will send a letter to Keith Burke to address the issue.

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**PD Overtime –**

The Selectmen reviewed the draft of the Town of Antrim Police Department Compensation Policy, provided by the Town attorney. The Selectmen unanimously agreed to adopt this policy effective May 13, 2003 retroactive to January 1, 2003, with the exclusion of the special duty rate which will be effective June 1, 2003 and is not retroactive.

**Antrim Players –**

As of this date a response to the April 16<sup>th</sup> letter have not been received. The Selectmen instructed the Business Manager to send a letter requesting a payment for the current production, a rental agreement with proof of insurance. If not received the prescheduled dates for July will be canceled.

**ENP –**

Still waiting for revised contract. All 2003 pickups are complete and entered into the computer. They have started reviewing the abatements, we should hear back by the end of the month. The Current Use issue (Marlow decision) process has begun, it will be complete sometime this summer.

**Deputy Treasurer –**

The Selectmen unanimously voted to appoint Connie Cody as temporary Deputy Treasurer while Sherry Miller is on vacation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sherry Miller