

Date 10/14/03

Minutes of Board of Selectmen's Meeting:

Meeting held at Antrim Little Town Hall @ 7:00 p.m. on 10/13/03

Selectmen Present: David Penny-Chairman, Michael Genest, Bill Prokop

Others in Attendance: Sam Harding, Lois Essex, Warren Witherall, Rich Wood, Marcia Morrow, Seth Chatfield, Lloyd Henderson, Peter Beblowski, Chief Michael Beauchamp, and Assistant Chief Patty Lovering.

Agenda Items Discussed:

1. The Recreation Land Committee presented the selectmen with their Recommendation for the purchase of land to solve the long and short-term needs of the Towns recreational needs. After several meetings and considering more that 12 different pieces of land the committee, the Police Chief, the Road Agent, and a representative of the D.O.T. all agreed that the number one choice was the Cutter property, consisting of 20 acres on route 31 across from the Fire Station. The selectmen thanked the committee for the excellent job that was done by the entire committee. It was agreed that the selectmen and three members of the committee will make a "conceptual presentation" to the Planning Board and will invite all abutters to attend the meeting, which will be purely for informational purposes. The selectmen will meet with Mr. Cutter and develop a purchase and sale agreement that will be finalized at the next Town Meeting. The selectmen will appoint a new committee to finalize the plans and will develop a detailed presentation for Town Meeting.
2. The selectmen agreed that at least one of them should attend the NHMA annual meeting and conference to be held in Manchester on November 12th and 13th.
3. The selectmen voted to waive the bond requirement, and allow Daniel B. Valley to agree not to sell or build on the final lot, in his recently approved subdivision, on Elm Avenue in place of a bond. If the road is not finished he will not be granted a building permit until the road is completed. A letter confirming this will be sent to him and placed in his file.
4. The selectmen agreed to appoint a committee to review the PSNH undated Street Lighting program. This committee will review the PSNH proposal, the location of lights now in place, the need for new lights, and the elimination of unnecessary ones. The committee will be charged to report its findings and recommendations back to the selectmen by December 15th, 2003.

4. The selectmen met with the Fire Chief, Michael Beauchamp and the Assistant Chief, Patty Lovering to discuss the concerns that have been expressed in the local newspapers about Antrim's proposal to charge Bennington for ambulance calls to the Crotched Mountain Ski area. Mr. Penny asked the "Chiefs" what their concerns were and why any concerns that they had were never expressed directly to this Board of Selectmen. Ms. Lovering stated that she had No idea that Antrim was planning on charging the ski area for calls until she read it in the paper. Mr. Penny than reminded her that on April 21st, she had come to a selectmen's meeting to discuss some out of town personnel issues, and the financial impact that the new ski area could have on the ambulance department. She asked the selectmen to contact Bennington selectmen to arrange a meeting to discuss these issues. It was agreed by all parties that there have been poor communications between them. The ambulance service is an excellent benefit to our Town and the towns we service. There is no intention of going to direct billing. What had been proposed was a way to share the cost with Antrim, Bennington, and Crotched Mountain Ski Area as a test for the first year until some hard data could be developed. To move this forward it was agreed that Ms. Lovering would do the following: a. Check what experience the other towns have with the ski area's in their towns/or surrounding towns b. Develop a basis for our annual charges to other towns. c. Recommend a fee or charge basis to be effective as of 1/01/04 to the Board of Selectmen d. estimate what impact (cost and time) the servicing of Crotched Mountain will have on our service and personnel. This will be presented to the selectmen @ 7:00 P.M. on Monday the 27th of October.
5. The selectmen reviewed various correspondence and reports that required signature.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Approved
10/27/03
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