

Date: 11/04/03

**Minutes of Board of Selectmen's Meeting:**

**Meeting held at Antrim Little Town Hall @ 7:00 p.m. on 11/03/03**

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

**Others In Attendance: B. Brown**

**Agenda Items Discussed:**

1. The selectmen approved the minutes of the last meeting.
2. B. Brown would like to have better communications between the Police Dept. and the selectmen. He was concerned about articles in the newspaper about budget cuts and wage increases. He felt that the Department Heads should be advised before information like this is published in the press. He also expressed his concern regarding the small number of responses to his ad for a Police Officer. The market for qualified officers is very tight and we will have to make some revisions in the ad to attract more candidates. He also expressed his concern that we may have to revisit the salary system for Police Officers and consider a system that would be more in line with the State system and some other local communities. B. Brown will provide the selectmen with further information on this.
3. The selectmen reviewed the proposals for Mutual Aid/Dispatch services from Keene and Hillsboro. The proposal for Police dispatch from Hillsboro is being recommend for approval by Chief Brown. The proposal for Fire/Ambulance dispatch from Keene is not being recommended, at this time, by Chief Beauchamp. The cost for the service in 2004 will increase by more that \$8,000. The selectmen will review both service proposals and will have further discussions with Hillsboro and/or other service providers.
4. Business Manager: The selectmen voted to pay the Interim/Part-time Town Business Manager a weekly salary of \$638.75. This will be a temporary position until the exact job description and requirements can be fully defined. It is expected that this will be for a period of 2-4 months. This position will not be eligible for Comp Time, overtime, or any retirement plan contributions as are spelled out in the Town's Personnel Policy.
5. The selectmen agreed to send out the 2004 budget preparation information to all department heads and to provide a schedule for completion. A public hearing on the budget is planned for Monday January 26, 2004.
6. The selectmen read a request to have Pleasant Street become a "Scenic Road". The selectmen will invite the residents interested in this to the next meeting to discuss their interest and explain the procedure that has to be followed.

7. The selectmen have contacted the Deering Selectmen to schedule a meeting to discuss the Antrim/Deering Bridge project and are waiting to hear back from the Deering Board of Selectmen.
8. The selectmen approved the appointment of Mr. Haggert as a member of the Z.B.A. and of Mr. Quackenbush as an alternate.
9. The selectmen agreed to hold an informational meeting regarding the purchase of the land located on Route 31, for recreational purposes, on Wednesday, November 12, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. for the public, and a letter will be sent to all abutters inviting them to attend.
10. The selectmen approved the payroll and accounts payable for the week and reviewed other informational documents.
11. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved 11/10/03  
