

MINUTES SELECTMEN'S SPECIAL MEETING
FOR THE ABUTTERS AND PUBLIC IN GENERAL
REGARDING LAND ON ROUTE 31 FOR RECREATIONAL
USE BY THE TOWN – 11/12/03 – 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: The board of selectmen and the general public – see attached list

Selectman Genest gave an overview of the committees findings and rationale for the selection of the Cutter property. He also showed a map showing the layout of the property.

The abutters expressed concerns regarding:

1. The real need for more ball fields in Antrim.
2. The safety concerns; major highway with no sidewalks, no real line of sight, very busy if fire or ambulance call is issued, children riding bicycles, unsafe for walking, and speeding in the area.
3. The seller tried to subdivide this once before and it was turned down by court order.
4. What will be the total development cost?
5. The sub division requirements and the “right of way”
6. Why other property in town was not considered first.

It was expressed by some that the Verney or Roberts's property would be a better sight location and have better access. Mr. Genest and members of the committee explained the findings of the committee and read letters the Chief of Police, Road Agent, and a representative of the state DOT – all of them favored this property over the other available sites.

The selectmen thanked everyone for their input and asked for volunteers for the next committee, who will develop the final plan to bring to Town meeting. The selectmen will have a meeting with the Planning Board to present the “Conceptual Plan” and get feedback from the Planning Board; this meeting will take place on Thursday, November 20, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

The selectmen voted to go into executive session per RSA 91-A to discuss some personnel issues.

The public meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Recreation Assessment Needs Committee

Purpose: Look into the needs of Antrim for ball fields and other recreational activities.

Scope: Develop a specific list of the recreational needs of the Town. Explore what property is available to satisfy the needs and develop a recommendation as to what parcel of land should be purchased by the Town.

Committee: A committee consisting of seven members will be charged with making the recommendation as stated above under "Scope".

Requirements of committee members:

1. They must be a resident of The Town of Antrim.
2. They must be willing to keep an open mind on all locations, and not take a position on any parcel until all the facts are developed.
3. They must be willing to spend the necessary time to complete the task.

Completion Date: The committee will complete its task by the second week of September. They will present their findings and recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. Once the report is accepted the committee will be disbanded. A new committee may be appointed by the Selectmen to move the recommendation forward and seek approval at Town meeting in 2004.

November 3, 2003

Dear Landowner,

The Antrim Field and Recreational Needs Committee has completed the first phase of locating new field space in our town. We were able to accomplish this task with your help. Please accept our appreciation and thanks for your most kind efforts in making your land available to us when our search began.

The townspeople of Antrim are truly blessed to be able to count you as a member of this town. Without your generous offering, our committee would not have been as successful in such a short period of time.

Each site we considered had wonderful qualities, and it was a difficult task to decide which property to bring to the voters. We hope we will have your support at Town Meeting for the site chosen by the committee.

Again, on behalf of the committee and the Town of Antrim, we thank you for generously participating in our field search.

Sincerely,