

Date: 11/18/03

Minutes of Board of Selectmen's Meeting:

Meeting held at Antrim Little Town Hall @ 7:00 p.m. on 11/17/03

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

Others in Attendance: P. Lovering, M. Beauchamp, R. Edmunds, R. Bagloe, and L. Henderson

Agenda Items Discussed:

1. The selectmen approved the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Mr. David Penny read to the Board his letter of resignation. (copy attached)
3. The selectmen then asked P. Lovering if the recommendation from the ambulance squad was the same as was last proposed? The selectmen also provided information showing that the true cost of the ambulance was running about \$45,000+/- per year. Ms. Lovering stated that they were comfortable with a rate increase to Bennington of \$2500 for 2004 and that it was the feeling of the ambulance squad that in 2005, we should go to a direct billing system for our services. She provided the selectmen with some literature on a 3rd party billing company that works with Peterborough and several other towns in the state. It was her feeling that it would take 6-9 months of good planning and preparation to have everything in place to do this properly. Selectman Genest suggested that we form a committee to prepare for this right after next years Town meeting. The selectmen will take this all under advisement and thanked the fire and ambulance personnel for their information and suggestions.
4. The selectmen then asked the Fire Chief and Ass't Chief for their thoughts on where we should be getting our dispatch services from, Keene or Hillsboro? The fire department is very concerned about Hillsboro being able to provide the services we need. They have the following concerns: Licenses, repeaters, free channels, cost of monitor conversion (est. at over \$12,000+), general service, rumor that several fire departments are wanting to change service out of Hillsboro, response time lags, etc. At the same time there is a high comfort level with Keene and it was Chief Beauchamp's opinion that we would see a significant drop in cost in 2005 from Keene, due to the fact that they will be doing the dispatch services for Amherst which will bring them over a \$150,000 of new revenue. The selectmen asked that a meeting be set up for Keene Mutual Aid to come to Antrim next Monday night at 7:00 p.m. to discuss their services and plan and to answer any questions. The selectmen and Fire Chiefs of Bennington, Frankestown, and Hancock will be invited to attend as well. This meeting is confirmed for Monday the 24th.



5. The selectmen met with Mr. Clarke Craig, the ARTS Manager to review the status of the report done by DES regarding the ARTS center. They had found several problems that need to be addressed, such as; unlocked entrance gate, signs needed to "post" property, storage of tires and batteries, and they found 2 barrels of unlabeled waste liquid. Mr. Craig is working on the corrections of all these items, and he will report back to the selectmen by the middle of December.
6. The selectmen stated that they would talk with past "selectmen" to see if anyone of them would be willing to serve out Mr. Penny's term, which expires at Town Meeting in March of 2004. The selectmen voted to have Mr. Genest assume the role of Chairman.
7. The selectmen approved the payroll and accounts payable for the week and reviewed other informational documents.
8. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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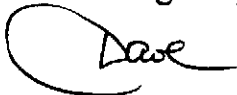
Bill Prokop and Mike Genest, Selectmen
Town of Antrim

Dear Bill and Mike,

As you know, Dotti and I sold our home on Gregg Lake Road last Friday and moved to our house at 14 School Street in Hillsborough. Unfortunately, I learned last week that RSA 654:1 section II mandates that because this action is not a temporary move, I must resign my position as selectman for the Town of Antrim. Therefore, please consider this letter as my official resignation effective Friday, November 14, 2003. I want you to know that I am doing this with regret as I had hoped to serve out my three-year term, which ends this next March. I've certainly enjoyed my tenure as selectmen and it has been a pleasure working with both of you. I feel that we worked well as a team and have accomplished a lot together.

Thanks for you support and good luck to both of you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave".

David C. Penny