

Date: 12/09/03

Minutes of Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Meeting held at Antrim Little Town Hall @ 7:00 p.m. on 12/08/03

Selectmen Present: Michael Genest-Chairman, Michael Oldershaw and Bill Prokop
Others in attendance: S. Chapman, L. Henderson, M. Beauchamp, and R. Edmunds, W. Witherall

1. The selectmen approved the minutes of the last meeting.
2. The selectmen then reviewed the Ambulance Budget request with M. Beauchamp and R. Edmunds. The major increase being requested is a 50% increase in the wages for ambulance volunteers; this is due to the anticipated increase in calls due to the coverage to Crotched Mountain Ski area in Bennington. This budget will be reviewed by the selectmen.
3. The selectmen then reviewed the Administrative, accounting, tax collector and town clerk, benefits, and government buildings budgets. It was noted that the increases in tax collector/town clerk were due to 4 elections coming up in 2004, which require an increase in expenses. Also, the Town was advised of an 18.3% increase in its medical insurance and an anticipated increase of over \$8,000 in workmen's comp. Insurance. Also, building maintenance is increasing due to the needs for major repairs to the Town hall windows, the Gazebo in Memorial Park, etc. All of these costs will be reviewed further by the selectmen.
4. The selectmen discussed at length the plan to hire a Town Administrator. It was agreed that an advertisement will be run in the local newspapers, the Sunday Union Leader, and in the NHMA employment section. The selectmen will accept applications until 12/31/03. It was agreed that Selectmen Genest and Oldershaw, selectman Prokop withdrew from any discussions on this subject, would form a committee of 5 members including themselves. This committee will interview and make their recommendation to the Selectmen as to who they would recommend for the position. The objective is to appoint someone by the 15th of January 2004.
5. The selectmen approved the renewal of the assessing contract with Earls-Niederman.
6. The selectmen approved the accounts payable and payroll for the week.
7. The selectmen reviewed various correspondences.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Genest', is written in the lower right quadrant of the page. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.