

Minutes of Special Selectmen's Meeting
Recreational Land Committee members and the public were invited
Thursday, January 8th, 2004 – 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Selectmen; M. Genest, M. Oldershaw, and W. Prokop
S. Harding, R. Wood, P. Lamb, J. Leonard, E. Tenney, B. Cutter, L. Essex,
P. Mathis, L. Mathis, B. Harris Jr., and other members of the public.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, M. Genest opened the meeting to explain the purpose of the meeting and to give the details of the facts as they now exist regarding the Cutter property.

He explained the background of the land search, and the fact that it has been determined that the access via route 31 will not be legal. This was the concern of the Planning Board and was the opinion of Town Counsel. Therefore, it was now up to the committee as to what they wanted to do regarding this property. M. Genest also explained that he could not act as "Chair" any longer for the committee, since he was now the Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Sam Harding, acted as chair of the committee for the evening.

S. Harding polled the committee to get their comments. The following were some comments; this was a mission with No money and we found the best land available, what you are asking now is the second committees job, this was the best of all the land that we looked at, this was a perfect piece of land for our needs, I was all for it with the exit on to Route 31, I cannot support it if the exit is on to Whiton Road. In general, everyone felt that this piece of property was an ideal piece for the Town recreational needs and it could also serve some of our Conservation needs. A vote of the committee was taken and the vote was 4 Yes, and 1 No. It was therefore agreed to go ahead and form the second committee to come up with a plan of how to access and use this property. This will be presented at Town Meeting on March 11th.

The public was invited to comment and the concerns were from the abutters. Can you really use Whiton Road, since it is a scenic road can you cut trees and move walls, etc. Suggestion to use the South Whiton Road as an access. The cost of access to this property will be significant, estimated \$50,000 to \$60,000 not including paving. The new committee was formed and will address all these points. The new committee will consist of R. Wood, P. Lamb, S. Harding, J. Leonard, P. Moore will be asked to join and so will Tod Bryer. The committee will hold its first meeting @ 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Office next to the school gym. Meeting adjourned @ 9:00 p.m.



ANTRIM RECREATION LAND COMMITTEE

PURPOSE: To develop a plan to develop the "Cutter" land off Route 31 and Whiton Road into a Town recreational area.

SCOPE: Review the existing site. Explore the cost, location, and access needs. Consider the safety issues and the environmental concerns of the residents. Develop a recommendation, using local contractors and technical assistance as is needed to improve the site, appearance, and needs of the Town.

COMMITTEE: A committee consisting of five to 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 consider the needs of the entire Town and not just their own neighborhood.
3. They must be willing to spend the time to complete the task.

COMPLETION DATE: The committee will complete its task by the end of February 2004. They will present their findings and recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. Once the report is accepted the committee will present their recommendations at Town meeting on March 11th. Once this is done the committee will be disbanded.

Subject: Whiton Road Research

1. Whiton Road is an active Class VI road.
2. Whiton Road was made a "Scenic Road" at the 1973 Town Meeting.
3. Whiton Road "right of ways" are approximately 50' in width, and the Travel portion of the road 12'-14' in width. It could be brought up to Class V. standards-rough estimated cost \$50-60,000, plus paving.
4. Whiton Road is shown in 1975 drawing of Cilley property and then The drawing was up-dated and became part of deed for the sale and Purchase of Map 1C-Lot 80 William Harris in 2002.
- 5...The deed and map of lot 1C-85 is also shown with the proper measurements.
6. Lots 1C-78, 79, 80, 81, and 82 are all NON-CONFORMING as far as frontage Is concerned.
7. In January of 2000, Mr. Bill Harris, inquired about having the road discontinued. However, they chose to do nothing about it, and it is therefore an open Class VI Road.
8. Spoke with Bart Mayer today-It is his opinion that we could NOT use the plan of An easement or right of way on to route 31, it is making a NON-CONFORMING LOT more non-conforming and YOU CAN NOT DO THAT!!!

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