

Date: 06/22/04

Minutes of Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Meeting held at Antrim Town Hall -Office @ 7:00 p.m. on 06/21/04

Selectmen present: M. Genest, M. Oldershaw, and B. Pratt.

Also in attendance: B. Prokop, S. Chatfield, M. Morrow, R. Haggett, J. Goolbis, D. Holmes, C. Berwick, C. Boucher.

The Public Hearing on Preservation Easements was opened at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Genest. He gave an explanation of the purpose of the easement and asked for comments from the public. C. Boucher explained his request for an abatement and asked that the selectmen consider the barn, land, and ramp to the barn in his request. There being no further comments the public hearing was closed. The selectmen will now review the request and will notify the property owners of their decision.

The selectmen approved the minutes of the meeting of 5/24/04.

The Town Administrator informed the selectmen on behalf of Mr. David Essex, Chairman of TIFF Advisory Committee that the Town has received additional funding for the sidewalk projects in the downtown. A copy of the letter form DOT was given to the selectmen.

The selectmen then met with the Antrim School Board representatives to get an up date on various issues and concerns. Items discussed were: 1. The up coming ballot vote for the new Conval teachers contract. This is scheduled for Thursday, July 8th. Voting will be at the Town Hall and the school board representatives asked the selectmen to consider endorsing the new contract. The selectmen will discuss this and get back to the representatives. 2. School Funding (statewide issue) was then discussed and everyone was in agreement that this is an issue that must be worked out at the state level. It is an issue and concern for every town in the state. 3. Concerns were then raised about the programs that are being offered at GBS and South Meadow Schools. The concern was are the students getting equal treatment and educational opportunities at both schools. It was point out by D. Holmes that this was our districts base year for test comparisons and that we should have soon some solid data as to how each of our schools are doing. A meeting our a "Concerned Parents" is taking place this Wednesday evening at the Grapevine and J. Goolbis will be attend to gather input and listen to suggestions and concerns. This initial meeting may be used as a basis to hold a "public hearing" some time in the future, on concerns that residents may have regarding our educational system. The school board representatives are asking for anyone to contact them with any educational concerns that they may have. They can only do their job if they are given input, good or bad, that is factual and constructive. 4. Selectman Pratt explained the goals of the "Conval Selectmen's Advisory Committee" and its goal to look into the school funding issue, but to also, address the major concerns of the district. He too, is looking for input form our residents. 5. This meeting is a good beginning to keeping good communications open between the selectmen and our school board representatives. It is important that we are all working towards one goal, and that is to get the best possible education for our children at a fair and equitable cost. The selectmen thanked the school board representative for coming to the meeting.

The selectmen have gotten volunteers for the "School Funding Committee". They are Sally Buehler, Kathy Chisholm, Sharon Dowling, Ronald Haggett, and Shelly Nelkens. This committee will be Chaired by Selectman Ben Pratt. The members will be invited to the July 19th meeting of the selectmen. At that time they will be given a written "Scope" of the committees purpose and goals. If anyone else wishes to join the group new members will be welcome.

The selectmen that had an up date from selectmen Pratt regarding the Martel Family wishes. It was agreed that the Town Administrator and selectman Pratt will prepare a written proposal of how future request like this will be handled. This will be presented at the next selectmen's meeting in July.

The selectmen reviewed that status of Town Lines and Perambulation of Boundaries per RSA:51:2 and have agreed to follow a plan that will be presented to them by the Town Administrator, for completing all our boundaries and will be based on a 3 year completion schedule.

The selectmen will submit several site recommendations to SWRP for consideration for the "Brownfields Review Program" In addition the selectmen discussed the possibility of granting a "Brownfields Abatement" to Antrim Mills. The conditions of this are going to be reviewed and a decision will be taken at the July meeting.

The selectmen then discussed the situation that exist with the cemeteries in Town. It was agreed to establish an interim board of trustees to over see the Town cemeteries until the next Town election in March of 2005. The following residents have volunteered : Ben Pratt, Mary Hammond, and Bill Prokop.

The selectmen were advised by the Town Administrator that quotation request have been sent out to six fuel oil companies to cover the Towns needs for the 2004-2005 heating season. Responses are due by July 1st.

The selectmen were advised by the Town Administrator that Ms. Shelly Nelkens was not accepting the letter from the Attorney Generals Office regarding the Moderators handling of her petitioned warrant article as final. She feels that they are wrong and has asked to have a meeting with them. She has also requested that the Selectmen put the same warrant article on the 2005 Ballot, since it was so poorly handled at the 2004 Town Meeting. The selectmen are going to seek the advice of legal counsel on this issue.

The selectmen approved the signing of the contract with Comstar Ambulance Billing Service to provide services to the Town beginning in 2005.

The selectmen announced that a public hearing will be held on the Lutheran Community Service C.D.B.G. Grant request on Monday, July 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Posting of notices have taken place.

The selectmen were advised that the Police Department has received a grant from the Department of Safety for \$2658.60 to cover patrol overtime.

The selectmen approved the closing of the Town Safe Deposit Box at Ocean National Bank. The contents will be kept off site, by the Town Administrator, in a fire proof safe along with computer back up tapes. The Town will have access to these at anytime.

The selectmen reviewed various correspondence.

The selectmen approved the accounts payable for the week.

The selectmen voted to go into a non-public session per RSA 91-4a regarding a personnel issue.

The selectmen returned to their regular session.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED SELECTMEN'S MEETING IS MONDAY, JULY 19TH, AT 7:00 P.M.

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