

September 15, 2004

Selectmen Meeting Minutes –9/13/04

Present: M. Genest-Chairman, M. Oldershaw, and B. Pratt

Also in attendance: W. Prokop, S. Chatfield, L. Henderson, J. Soulliere, G. Halverson, K. Wright, T. Brown, L. Believeau

The selectmen voted to accept the minutes of the August 30th meeting.

The selectmen met with Ms. Leslie Believeau one of the principals of Antrim Mills Corporation. The discussion was regarding the requested “Brownfields Abatement” for their property located on Main Street. After some discussion on the redevelopment of the property, which construction will begin on in the spring of 2005 the selectmen voted to approve a temporary abatement to be effective with the next tax billing (December 2004). The details will be as per a letter to be sent by the Town Administrator to Antrim Mills.

The selectmen also approved an abatement of “Interest” charges for The Antrim Marketplace property. This abatement will be effective immediately and will be deducted from the payment of past due liens and fees due the town by the previous owner. A letter outlining the details will be sent to Juliet Enterprises L.L.C. The selectmen also agreed to repair and pave the parking lot that is partially owned by the Town and Mr. James Doyle and Antrim Video. The bulk of the work will be done in the spring of 2005 and the cost will be built into the 2005 budget. This is being done as a way to improve parking in the downtown and to assist the property owners in improving their property.

The Town Administrator advised the selectmen that the Town of Deering has agreed to conduct the perambulation of the town boundaries in the spring of 2005.

The selectmen were also advised to the grants and donations that were made to the Town in the last few weeks.

1. A very generous citizen who very much appreciates the efforts of our Police Department made a donation of \$5998.00 to the Antrim Police Department, in the form of an ATV vehicle and trailer.
2. A donation of a photocopier is also being made to the Antrim Police Department. This was obtained by the efforts of Chief Brown and his family.
3. The Town is finalizing its Homeland Security Grant of \$11,600. This money will be used to improve our communications within the Town safety and highway departments and for additional handheld radio’s for our police department.

4. Our Park and Recreation department has received a donation of a new Dell Computer system for its department.
5. The Town has received a \$2500.00 grant from the state to establish a "Waste Oil" recycling program.

The LGC (Local Government Center) has completed its insurance appraisal of all Town buildings and will be providing us with up-dated values in early 2005. These values will be used for our 2005 insurance coverage.

The Town Administrator advised the selectmen that the statistical up date of all property values has been completed and the new gross assessment value is now \$232,000,000. This is a 29% overall increase. See attached sheet for details.

The selectmen voted to establish a new committee to study the Open Space Needs of Antrim. The purpose of the committee and names of people who are interested will be finalized at the next selectmen's meeting.

The Antrim Ambulance Committee presented the selectmen with a draft proposal of a formula for billing towns that our ambulance will service in the future. This would start in 2005. The selectmen accepted the formula as presented. This will now be finalized and a meeting will be scheduled for the selectmen of Bennington, Stoddard, and Antrim. It is anticipated that this will take place in early October.

The selectmen reviewed a letter that was received from Senator Robert Flanders addressing the matter of disagreement that developed at the March Town Meeting. The selectmen were disappointed that this was handled via a letter; they would have preferred a personal meeting. However, since so much time has now passed it was felt that we should now put this behind us and move forward. It was clear that at our next Town Meeting all rules of the meeting would be made clear at the beginning of the meeting. (A copy of the letter is attached)

The operating budget through August was reviewed and all expenses and revenue seem to be in line with budgets.

The selectmen voted to go into a "Non-Public" session per RSA-91-a: 4 to discuss legal issues and personnel matters. This was voted at 8:30 p.m.

The selectmen returned to public session at 9:00 p.m. The selectmen then voted to seal the minutes of the Non-Public session.

The Town Administrator than reviewed the status of the Hazardous Mitigation Plan, the survey on "Payment to Elected Officials", the schedule for election day, and the meeting on 9/16 @ 6:00 with the Planning and Zoning Boards with Mr. Bart Mayer Town Counsel.

The selectmen than reviewed various correspondence and signed the accounts payable and payroll for the week.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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