

September 28, 2004

Selectmen Meeting Minutes -9/27/04

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

Also in attendance: W. Prokop, S. Chatfield, L. Henderson, S. Nelkens, J. Soulliere, G. Halverson.

The selectmen voted to accept the minutes of the September 13th meeting.

The selectmen met with Ms. Shelly Nelkens who read a prepared statement to the Board and requested that the selectmen take further steps against the Town Moderator for his handling of her petitioned warrant article at last years Town meeting. The selectmen informed Ms. Nelkens that they have no say regarding the actions of the Moderator. He is elected by the voters and does not come under the control of the selectmen. A copy of the statement from S. Nelkens and the selectmen are attached.

The selectmen voted to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Rick Davis and his committee for organizing the first Antrim Home and Harvest day. In addition they expressed their sincere thanks to our Police, and Fire and Ambulance departments for all the extra time put in to insure the safety of all.

The selectmen met briefly with G. Halverson from Steele Pond Development L.L.C. and agreed to have an appraisal done on his property in order to determine the fair market value.

The selectmen voted to approve the "Preservation Easement" for the barn located on Charles Boucher property, Map 1C-Lot 106.

The Town Administrator advised the selectmen that the Town of Deering has given us an update on the Antrim/Deering bridge status, and asked if Antrim would be interested in joining with them in forming a committee to study the hiring of a regional prosecutor to severe the needs of our towns. The goal would be to have this study complete for the beginning of 2006.

The selectmen voted to establish a new committee to study the Open Space Needs of Antrim. They approved the scope, purpose , and make up of the committee. Each department who is involved will be asked to select a member to serve on this committee. The selectmen will formalize the committee at the next selectmen's meeting.

The Antrim Ambulance Billing committee would like the selectmen to schedule a meeting with Bennington and Stoddard selectmen to review the proposed billing plan for 2005. It is suggested that this meeting be held on Monday the 25th of October. The selectmen agreed and ask the Town Administrator to set up the meeting.

The final bidding for the Summer Street Bridge project is delayed till the end of the week, due to some engineering changes planned to help reduce the cost.

The selectmen were advised that Chief Brown will be conducting testing for the position of Sargent and would like to know if the Board of Selectmen would like to have a representative on the committee. Chairman Genest will discuss this further with Chief Brown.

The Town Administrator gave the Board a proposed schedule for the preparation of the 2005 budget. The schedule was approved.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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