

November 9, 2004

Selectmen Meeting Minutes –11/08/04

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

Also in attendance: W. Prokop, S. Chatfield, M. Morrow, L. Henderson, J. Solimere, S. Burnside, R. Varnum, P. Pitsas.

The selectmen voted to accept the minutes of the 11/01/04 meeting.

The selectmen listened to Scott Burnside, Bob Varnum, and Peter Pitsas express their concerns about the Summer Street Bridge. Mr. Burnside gave an update on the Summer Street bridge situation. It appears that the shop drawings for the bridge, and the engineering drawings will not be ready for at least 2-3 weeks. This coupled with the cold weather, which will require a hot water mix for the concrete, and chemicals added to the mix to prevent freezing will substantially increase the cost. In addition, the construction time will be longer and we would expect problems with the pumps etc. The possibility of a walk bridge be put in place for the winter was discussed. It was felt that this could present liability problems for the Town. After, some discussion the selectmen voted to delay the construction of the Summer Street Bridge until the spring of 2005. It is fully understood that this will be a major disappointment to many residents. The demolition of the old culvert and the installation of barriers and fencing will be completed in the next few weeks.

The selectmen voted on the approval and signing of the corrected Deed Without Covenants for the transfer to property located on route 9 to Martha Brown as was voted on at the last Town Meeting, per warrant article # 19.

The selectmen were advised that the Tax rate was set by DRA for 2004/2005 year @ \$18.93. This is down from \$26.26 last year. The rate decrease is caused mainly by the increase in assessed value of property.

The selectmen will hold a Public Information hearing, at 7:00 p.m. on November 15th. This will be on the ambulance-billing plan for Antrim residents.

Selectmen Pratt gave an overview of the meeting with the Deering selectmen regarding the replacement of the Antrim/Deering bridge. The engineers will be presenting the options, and the cost associated with each. This will then be communicated to our board.

The selectmen were notified that Bennington has forwarded information to the State D.O.T. regarding estimates needed for the Antrim/Bennington Bridge and the State has responded with an estimate of \$1.2 million, of which 80% will come from the State Bridge Fund. Antrim and Bennington will have a meeting at some future date to discuss the allocation of the remaining 20% and the timetable for this project.

The selectmen were advised that Chadwick Landscaping Services was awarded the contract for the removal of snow on the sidewalks for 2004/2005.

The selectmen then reviewed various correspondences and signed the accounts payable and payroll for the week.

The selectmen voted to go into non-public session to discuss personnel issues per RSA 91:4a.

The selectmen came out of non-public session at 9:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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