

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, Sept. 5, 1989

Present: Edwin F. Rowehl, Chairman, Rachel Reinstein, Bill Suydam, Madeleine Henley, Administrative Assistant, Elizabeth M. Shaw, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:30.

Bill Suydam requested executive session. Rachel second. Selectmen discussed the letter received from the Economic Development Committee.

Edwin Rowehl moved to return to the reconvene the meeting. Rachel Second.

Meeting called to order at 7:34.

Jackie Cottle joined the meeting.

Bill MacCullough, Bob Edwards, AliceMae Flanders, Dave Boule as members of the Economic Development Committee met with the Selectmen. ~~Bill Suydam~~ accepted the resignation after which a discussion took place. Both the members of the committee and the selectmen gave their interpretation of warrant article which resulted in the formation of the Economic Development Committee.

The selectmen expected the committee to first do a study of the economic resources of the town then seek out businesses to locate in town.

Bill MacCullough explained how the committee interpreted the article of the Town Meeting. Mr. MacCullough saw the article as meaning the committee was to look to see what the former Goodell Co. building could be used for.

Alice Mae explained how they saw the charge as finding business to replace the business which was lost by Goodell Co and Hawthorn College leaving the area.

Bill Suydam voiced how the Selectmen had agreed to a meeting with the Planning Board and the Economic Development Committee at which time the Selectmen had voiced how the committee could proceed. It was not the intention of the Selectmen to tell them how to continue but rather to offer suggestions.

A misunderstanding about light industry not being allowed in the Village Business district was brought up at that meeting. The Goodell Co. building is grandfathered for similar industry, not limited to cutlery. The grandfathered clause would continue for one year. AliceMae said the manufacturing was not discontinued as of March 6th as proposed by the company when they notified the town of their pending move, but rather August 15th.

AliceMae and Bob Edwards agreed a study of the economic situation of the town is good but since the two employees, Goodell and Hawthorne College were lost to the town, they believed the main focus of the committee was to fill the slots vacated by the Strombec, (Goodell Co.) and Hawthorn College. Madeleine pointed out few, if any who worked at the two companies

are still out of work. In order to get a CDBG, the Town must prove an economical loss from the moving of the businesses. This is not the case.

Bill Suydam pointed out the possibility of having tourism in place of industry as one option to be looked into. Industry is not the only possible avenue for the town to look at.

Bill Suydam does not see the zoning as a problem for the committee. Bill MacCullough does. Mr. MacCullough would like to see every possible allowed industry to be spelled out in the zoning regs so as not to leave decisions to a small number of people. Bill Suydam agreed this would be nice but in trying to spell out all that would be allowed, it was possible to cause more problems and possible tie knots in possible building due to oversights. Allowing for light industry, without spelling out what is to be considered light industry, leaves it open for the Selectmen to approve permits for construction. The Selectmen were elected by the people to work for and in the best interest of the people. It is understood that many decisions will have to be made by the Selectmen since not everything can be spelled out.

Bill MacCullough explained that he would like to be a member of the committee once the zoning is clear but for now he wants to resign from the committee. He sees the committee as premature.

Rachel explained the hope of the selectmen was the committee would look into the future needs of the town.

Census information will be put on the computer from information received from the inventories, but it will take a few years information to get a clear idea.

Madeleine explained the procedure which would take place if a company wished to move a business to Antrim. By following the zoning regulations, you can get an idea of what would be allowed and what would require a variance or special exception.

Bob Edwards mentioned the meeting with the Planning Board and he came away with the feeling a lot of changes are required on the Master Plan and the zoning regulations before this committee can work toward getting industry into the town. Before long range planning comes into being, the Town has to know where they are going and what they want.

AliceMae is interested in getting the existing buildings in use and not see them remain empty. She has focused on Goodell Co.

Bill Suydam pointed out Antrim has a lot of beauty and industry is not the only way to go. The Committee may want to look at the business that is here and see what development can take place in the town which would not only improve the present businesses but increase business. Tourism is big in the State yet Antrim has not taken advantage of its' natural beauty by encouraging tourism.

Bob Edwards asked where the Planning Board is with the Master

Plan and have any changes to the zoning regulations been proposed. Ed did not see where much has been done with the Master Plan but there are many changes proposed for the zoning. One of which is to address the light industry. The Planning Board has just completed the site plan review and will now be looking into capital improvements for the town. Rachel said changes can be made to the master plan without town approval. Southwest Planning has suggested some changes but no decisions have been made yet. Bob Edwards asked when the Planning Board will get time to make the needed changes. The selectmen explained the board holds a working session every other week.

Bill Suydam explained how the town is working on getting a data base set up on the computer in order for information to be available for committees such as this one. Bill Suydam had spoken to Dick Edmunds who has studied the Town's economic development every five years and he sees the town more as a residential community. Perhaps this committee would like to speak to Mr. Edmunds.

Bob Edwards asked if they disband will the Selectmen place others on the committee. AliceMae believes the committee had gotten honest answers from this meeting. Madeleine would help get an application filled out for a CDBG if the committee so desired. Bob Edwards asked if the committee could leave the meeting and discuss the possible continuation of the committee. This was agreed to.

Ed Rowehl moved to accept the minutes of 8/14/89 and second by Rachel Reinstein, so moved. Ed Rowehl moved to accept the minutes of 8/21/89 second Bill Suydam, so moved..

Bill Suydam reported having received notice that jet skis were not banned from Gregg Lake.

Madeleine reported two test wells were driven at the landfill and it was found to have 32 feet of clay which would be a natural base and would result in no problem at the landfill. Further wells will be dug to confirm this.

Construction should
next week
Bins ~~have been~~ started ~~for~~ recycling at the landfill.

The Economic Development Committee returned to the meeting. Bill MacCullough pointed out the members misunderstood the duties of the committee. The committee wishes to disband. Bob Edwards believes if a committee is appointed by the town meeting next year, there is a need to do the statistics first and the committee should have funding. The Selectmen will have to make a decision as to replacing the committee members since they did disband before town meeting.

Bob Edwards explained he did not see the prime focus of the committee as looking for a buyer for Goodell Co. (Strombec) but

rather looking for businesses to locate in Antrim now and in the future. He sees the committee as an on-going committee.

Bill Suydam asked if the committee had any recommendations. They suggested the selectmen look for four people who have nothing to do but gather the required information. Bill MacCullough does not see anyone on this type of committee having a problem with an aggressive pursuit of industry if the town has it clearly outlined as to how and which direction they wish to go.

Selectmen continued with other business.

A bill from Dennis McKenney for the work on the tax map was discussed. Since the bill is higher than budgeted and Dennis was asked to keep it within the budget, Madeleine will call and ask him to discontinue at this point, and a check for \$3,000 will be issued and the remainder paid as of first of next year.

Last Monday night Madeleine met with the park dept. and members of the school building committee to discuss Shea Field.

A meeting will be set up between the SWRP, Madeleine Henley and Ed Rowehl.

The Selectmen will schedule a meeting with the Antrim representatives to the school board when the second board member is appointed.

Elenor Seboski. is resigning from the conservation committee, Richard Block has offered to serve on the committee. ~~No decision has been made.~~ *Mr. Block will be called in for an interview*

N.H. Dept. of Transportation will be working on the Rte. 202 to widen the road. The NHDT has scheduled a meeting with Town Officials for Sept. 27th at 7:00 at the Community Bldg., Hillsboro.

Selectmen discussed the bond which had been required for the road to Breezy Point project.

Corrections to the Knapton deed was received from Phil Runyon. Selectmen agreed to the suggested changes. Madeleine will ask that Phil make the changes.

A letter from Mrs. Cuddihy was reviewed. She questioned a trailer on property on Gregg Lake Road and a culvert placed across the road.

The Charrette bill was approved for payment.

Bill Suydam spoke to LandVest today and will contact Bill Withington. The price for Camp Sachem has been lowered to \$985,000. *DIT*

Selectmen went into executive session to discuss a lawsuit and

welfare.

Moved to reconvene the regular meeting.

Meeting adjourned 10:15

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