

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, Sept. 18, 1989

Present: Edwin Rowehl, Chairman, Rachel Reinstein, Bill Suydam, Madeleine Henley, AA, Elizabeth Shaw, Secretary.

Meeting called to order 7:35

Richard Block was interviewed as a possible candidate for the Conservation Commission. He has been involved for many years in outdoor recreation and has a keen interest in the outdoors. He has been living in Antrim for about a year. Several people on the Conservation Commission have asked Mr. Block to consider the Conservation Commission as a volunteer position. Rachel moved to appoint Mr. Block as a member of the Conservation Commission. Second, Ed Rowehl. Mr. Block was sworn in and will be filling in for the remainder of Eleanor Seboski's term which has six months to run.

Paul Reuss and Gary Gagnon met as the new members of the school board representing the Town of Antrim. Mr. Reuss acquired a set of plans for the construction at the Antrim school which the selectmen viewed. Mr. Reuss is on the building committee, Gary is on the education committee. Ed Rowehl pointed out Mr. Lang is concerned over water run off to his property due to the parking lot at the school. The new parking lot may clear up the water run off problem. Mr. Reuss is willing to be called at home or at work if there is a question regarding the construction. Selectmen are still waiting for the lease on the field and the parking lot. Mr. Rowehl was told the parking lot is part of Shea field.

Madeleine has asked if the Library is willing to place the cannon on the Library property. Other appropriate properties were suggested in the event the Library does not want the cannon on the Library property.

A question as to a change in the formula for taxation of the school was raised. This has been a major concern to the Town of Antrim.

It was agreed to meet once every month with Mr. Reuss if there is something to report.

Gary would have little information to report from his committee, but will keep the selectmen informed of important information as it comes his way.

Bill Suydam moved to appoint Barbara Elia as an alternate to the Planning Board. Second, Ed Rowehl. So moved.

Mike Beauchamp, Fire Chief and Bob Bethel Assistant Chief, were in to discuss the fire at Breezy Point.

A burn permit had been issued and Ed asked if the permit requirements were met. Ed had heard a permit was requested to burn brush and building material, yet a building was burnt before it was demolished. A video was taken by someone which could be checked although Mike had been told the building had been knocked down before it was burnt. Two pumpers, a tank truck and twenty

men responded to the fire. The owners were not able to control the fire although they did not call for assistance. Another property owner called the police and they in turn called the fire dept. The firemen were at the scene for two hours and twenty minutes. (The firemen do not go out to check out every fire permit which is issued.) Madeleine pointed out Mr. Bergeron was banned from the Bennington landfill since there was asbestos in the material he tried to dispose of at the landfill. He would not be allowed to burn asbestos and it is possible asbestos was disposed of during the fire? Firemen are to be cautioned to check for asbestos in similar cases. Mr. Bergeron has asked if the fire department would burn another building for him. Mr. Beauchamp will not do this. Madeleine informed Mr. Beauchamp that Mr. Bergeron has no permits for any demolition and permits are required for demolition.

Since so many men and equipment responded to the fire, the fire department decided to learn all they could of their new equipment by using the fire as a training session. Although a dry hydrant was required for the Breezy Point construction, the firemen did not locate any dry hydrants.

Mike Beauchamp made the decision that in the future, any burn permit which results in the fire getting out of control and requires the fire department to respond, will result in the property owner being billed for man hours and truck time..

Mike was reminded to request the use of the firehouse for dinners before ads are placed throughout the town. The firehouse is town property and under the selectmen's responsibility. The new ambulance was ordered and the dept. would like to sell the old ambulance.

Nancy Timko was interviewed as a possible member for the Planning Board. Nancy wanted information as to how much time is required. She is aware the board meets every week, but wanted to know what other hours are required? Beside the regular meetings, it is the decision of the individual how many hours are put in. Nancy asked what the alternate position involved. Nancy gave a review of her career and although she wishes to be involved in the Town, she questions if the Planning Board is a place for her. She would be willing to be an alternate in order to find out if she is interested in the full nomination. Bill Suydam moved to appoint Nancy as an alternate member of the Planning Board. Second, Rachel, so moved. Nancy was sworn in as an alternate member of the Planning Board.

Bill Suydam requested a correction to last weeks' minutes. A stone wall on White birch Pt. Road was to be checked as well as the one on Gregg Lake Road. Rachel moved to accept the minutes with the above correction. Second, Ed Rowehl, so moved.

Winter use of the Town Hall was questioned. Since there was a warrant requesting the upper hall not be used during the winter and since the cub scouts want the use of the hall once a month

there is a problem. The scouts would use it without heat, but the selectmen believe it will be too cold. It was decided to allow the scouts use of the hall Sept. and Oct. which will allow them time to scheduled another location for the winter. One possiblility is the school gym. The Selectmen voted to discontinue the use of the upper hall from October 31. till warm weather.

The bathrooms will be switched to have the ladies room in the heated bathroom upstairs which is presently the men's room.

Employee job classification plans were discussed. The Municipal Association would charge about \$1,500 to come up with a job classification. Bill Suydam and Madeleine sees some departments as being difficult to incorporate into the program since there are varied duties. It was agreed to keep the idea in mind although it may be possible Antrim is not ready for this yet.

Bill Suydam had heard from Hugh Giffin that he was interested in being appointed to the Economic Development Committee. Since the EDC disbanded, Dave Essex volunteered to research to see what the needs of the Town is. Bill Suydam moved to appoint Dave Essex chairman of a committee to study the tax base and resources of the town. Second, Rachel Reinstein, so moved. Additional members will be selected by Mr. Essex with the approval of the selectmen.

A new Sanyo copy machine was discussed. Bill Suydam asked that Madeleine take a day in Keene to check out the copies made from the different copiers. Revap is willing to accept one half of the amount this year the remainder after the new year as well as a trade in equal to what we paid for the present machine five years ago. If after trying other machines, and Madeleine still sees the Sanyo as the best one, the Selectmen see no problem in purchasing it. Madeleine will also check out lazier printers for the computer while in Keene. SP

Madeleine will speak to Don Phelps regarding possible membership on the planning board.

The selectmen will meet at the Town Hall 9:30 Wednesday to discuss the AA evaluation.

Meeting adjourned 10:45

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