



Town of Antrim
Select Board Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2022
6:00 PM

Board Members Present: John Robertson, Chairman; Tom Davis, Selectman; Michael Ott, Selectman (via Zoom).

Staff Present: Town Administrator, Russell McAllister.

Others Present: See Attached

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Davis made the motion to approve the June 13th meeting minutes. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. (Mr. Ott arrived after the approval of the meeting minutes).

Swap Shop – Re-opening Proposal

Gordon Allen addressed the Board relative to the planned re-opening of the swap shop. The Board expressed some reservation by noting that the original premise of opening a swap shop at the transfer station was that it would be operated by volunteers and that it would not require the involvement of town staff. Another reservation centered on the quality of the items and that some of those items left at the swap shop seemed more a way to avoid paying the disposal fee. Fire Chief Gale explained that he had worked on the re-opening issue with Recycling Center Manager Clark Craig on operating rules and prohibited swap shop items. Chief Gale prepared name tags for the volunteers and will conduct training and orientation for all swap shop members.

Mr. Davis made the motion to re-open the swap shop for a three month trial basis operating under the rules and guidelines developed by Chief Gale and Mr. Craig and that all volunteers attend training and orientation provided by Chief Gale. Mr. Ott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Mr. Allen next asked if a member of the Board could act as liaison for the ACB. Mr. Ott volunteered.

Mr. Allen briefed the Board on a grant the ACB had submitted to the NH Charitable Foundation for funding regarding staffing for the ACB. It was explained that BoS permission to apply for grants on behalf of the Town was needed prior to any submission. If a grant was awarded the BoS would then need to formally accept the grant and conditions associated with that grant.

New Hire - FD

Fire Chief Gale spoke to the issue of the new hire and requisite probationary period. The Board reviewed the application and agreed with Mr. Gale's assessment. Mr. Davis made the motion to approve the hiring of Jaxon Salamy at \$15/hour. Mr. Ott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Meetings Attended

Mr. Robertson did not attend any meetings. Mr. Davis attended a planning board meeting wherein the Antrim Commons project was discussed. Several areas of concern were voiced by Mr. Davis, as listed below;

- The pedestrian crossing and traffic at the intersection of Depot Road and Main Street that will be used to cross the street from the Depot Road parking lot to access the building's apartments.
- Adequate parking
- Snow removal
- Waste water hook-ups and connections
- Adequate sprinklers for fire protection
- Fire apparatus access to the site

The Board discussed those concerns with Mr. Davis suggesting that the TA draft a memo on the Board's behalf expressing those concerns and urging the Boards to engage the services of a professional engineer to review the plans and to have the Boards reach out to Staff for their input. The membership agreed.

Town Administrator Update**Abatement**

The TA explained that the disposition of the abatement is necessary. Brief discussion ensued where in Mr. Davis made the motion to deny the abatement request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ott. Mr. Robertson abstained. The motion carried – yes 2, abstain 1.

Primex CAP Agreement

The TA briefed the Board on the three year insurance agreement explaining that it guaranteed that the maximum rate increase can only be 9%. In past years the Town has received a premium holiday and/or refund because of lower than expected claims. Mr. Ott made the motion to accept the three year CAP agreement. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Other Business

The Board briefly discussed ZBA appointments. Mr. Davis made the motion to accept the resignation of Bob Holmes from the ZBA. Mr. Ott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The Board next discussed converting the alternate position held by David Clater to a full member. Mr. Davis made the motion to elevate Mr. Clater to a two-year term as a full member of the ZBA. Mr. Ott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Adjourn

There being no further business Mr. Robertson made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The meeting adjourned at 1920.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Russell McAllister

**PUBLIC ATTENDEES FOR
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S Meeting
Monday, July 11, 2022**

PRINT NAME	REPRESENTING
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Marshall Gale	Fire Dept
Brian Lord	Police Dept.
Bob Edwards	Resident
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