

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
APRIL 18, 1994

Present: Carlton Candage, Vinal Pendexter and Darrell Watson

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

2. Janet Carper, Libby Bleakney, Lee Goldsberry and David Brown came in to discuss the referendum. One of their concerns is that the Selectmen, other than those of Hiram, do not know much about what the referendum is.

Vinal - whether the Selectmen support it or not they need to look at it in a democratic way. The Selectmen are not supporting or promoting it they have some reservations, but as Selectmen they can't take the option away from the people of the town.

Libby - she is upset with the way it was done. The Board was never consulted before the referendum was started. A steering committee has been set up and will meet, on April 25th, with the Selectmen of Hiram.

Carlton - nobody intended to insult the teachers or the School Board. The Selectmen of Cornish feel bad about how it was handled, but they do need to make the referendum public knowledge. He can't see where the petition targets anyone person or group.

Dave - he met with an attorney if they have line item by line item you need to write in where as if an item goes over the board can move the money from another line item. If you do not you will have to hold a special town meeting each time an item goes over. If we are going to do it it should be done so it doesn't handstring the School Board.

Hiram minutes asked to hold the budget as is for one year it was also an attack on the teachers salaries.

Vinal - this is the first time the Selectmen have gotten involved in a district wide issue, the democratic thing to do is to make the petition available at the Town Hall.

Lee - the people have misconstrued the petition. He feels the board of selectmen should put it in the Shoppers Guide that they neither support or denounce the referendum, but do make the petition available at the Town Office. The Selectmen will take it under advisement. Lee also thanks the Selectmen for standing up and saying speak for your own town not ours.

Question as to who the steering committee is - teachers, students, school board members, and concerned citizens. They haven't taken sides they are just trying to get the facts and make the public aware of these facts.

3. Motion to go into executive session. Seconded. Vote 3-0

4. Letter from Vertex they publish Tax manuals.

5. Invite to attend a dinner meeting on May 5th No Interest

6. toured the basements of potential sewer project houses and got data question it is still in the engineering stage/

7. Jeff Carpenter is invited to the May 2nd meeting to outline his options.

8. Request from some of the Town's businesses for public toilets they would like to put in some porta pots. Vinal will get some prices 5 months 2 toilets.

9. Carlton will draft something RE: School Budget Referendum to put in the Shopping Guide.

10. Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Vote 3-0.

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Anthony Asongu
Paul Perdue
David Nelson