

Antrim Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of the March 20, 1995 meeting

Present: Selectmen: Tom Davis, Paula Kulpinski and Peter Moore.  
Also present were: Phil Dwight and Police Chief Brian Brown.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.  
The minutes of the March 13th meeting were approved as written.  
Tom Davis was elected Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.  
Paula Kulpinski agreed to serve as the Selectperson on the  
Planning Board. If it becomes too time consuming she will ask to  
be replaced.

It was agreed that Phil Dwight would attend meetings and take  
minutes. He was also authorized to give information to the  
newspapers about meetings.

Brian Brown joined the meeting for a brief time at 7:20 p.m. to  
request direction in a search for a 4th Police Officer.

It was agreed that advertisements would be placed in local papers  
for two lifeguards certified and /or with a W.S.I. to replace  
Erin and Liz Proctor who will not be returning this year. Carter  
Proctor (Jr.) would like to return.

Phil updated the Board on the status of various pending legal  
issues : Lawsuit against State Board of Education and the Davy  
Landfill case. He also reviewed the status of reassessment of  
the Maharishi School.

The request by Attorney Cronin re: the former Four Seasons  
Restaurant was reviewed. It was agreed that a three month  
extension would be granted to July 17, 1995 for work to begin on  
reconstruction.

The following individuals were appointed to the Conservation  
Commission for terms to end as indicated:

Rod Zwirner	March 1998	Peter Beblowski	March 1998
Pat Webber	March 1996	Linda Bryer	March 1997

Phil was authorized to talk to the Audubon Society about  
payments "in lieu" of taxes.

The following were signed:

- Yield tax for VanBlarcom # 95-5
- Yield tax for Franseen # 95-4
- Current Use Application for Tamposi

The attached letter relative to the Board's position on the Small  
School Bond issue was discussed and it was unanimously agreed to  
send it to the editors of the local newspapers.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted, Philip T. Dwight

Editor,

Keene Sentinel  
Peterborough Transcript  
Monadnock Ledger

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In most political arenas a 60% vote in favor of an issue especially for 2 years in succession is called a mandate for change. Unfortunately that is not true in the Conval School District.

We feel that a good case was made for the need to change the formula further away from a "tuition basis" to one more closely aligned to that used to fund the education of the vast majority of New Hampshire School Children. However, that is not to be - at least for now.

We now come to the next issue - the need to replace most of the district's elementary schools - and the bond issue to raise the needed funds. Reluctantly, we must urge voters to say NO! We take this position not because we feel the new schools aren't needed, but simply because we cannot afford the cost under the current formula. Antrim's share of the Bond issue will be approximately \$2,400,000, two and one half times the cost for the Antrim School renovation six years from now. We also note that Peterborough's share will be 34% or nearly \$5,500,000 to pay for their \$2,100,000 renovation.

Those that voted against the funding formula change essentially took the position that attendance was the main factor to be used to allocate cost. Why aren't those people taking the same position on this issue? If a new school is to be built and used only by children from one town, why shouldn't the tax payers of that town pay the cost? Why should Antrim and Peterborough taxpayers pay the entire amount of the cost of the renovations to their schools plus the equivalent of two other two million dollar schools?

We realize that some will feel this position is extreme - that the good of children must come first - that we do need these new schools. We agree and we will do all in our power to support the new building program and all other programs that will enhance the education of our children when it is recognized by all that sharing costs based on attendance is not equitable and that the funding formula must be changed!

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THOMAS DAVIS  
PAULA KULPINSKI  
BETEA MOORE