

Town of Antrim
Board of Selectmen

Minutes of the January 8, 1996 meeting.

Selectmen present were: Tom Davis, Peter Moore and Paula Clemente. Business Manager Phil Dwight was also present.

The meeting opened at 7:40 P.M. (after the proposed 1996 Budget Hearing).

The minutes of the December 18, 1995 meeting were approved.

Intents to Cut for Amy Mauer, and David and Janice Fulton were signed.

An abatement for property located on map 7 lot 914 was approved to correct errors on assessment card.

Applications for Betty Wright-Webber and Elizabeth Witherell to join the Fire Department/Rescue Squad were approved.

Phil reported that 8 abatement applications were received prior to the deadline including one from the Maharishi School of Vedic Science. The Selectmen indicated that they will be reviewed in the coming weeks after further information is obtained. Phil was asked to arrange a meeting with the individual handling the Maharishi's request.

There was a discussion concerning adopting the optional elderly exemption. It was agreed that the question would be put on the ballot to make the following changes:

- Increase asset limit from \$30,000 to \$40,000
- Increase income limit from \$10,000 single and \$12,000 married to \$14,000 single and \$16,000 married.
- Increase exemption amount by \$5,000 in each age category.

A public hearing regarding these changes will be held on Monday February 12, 1996. This date will also be for the required Formal Budget Hearing.

It was agreed that Mr. Forster should be informed that the Selectmen will consider turning the road by his house back to gravel to ease the salting situation.

Peter Moore indicated that the Aiken Committee will be meeting in the near future to see if a plan can be ready for inclusion in the 1996 Warrant.

Phil informed the board about the loss of the waste oil furnace chimney at the Town Barn. The situation will be studied to see if the problems can be solved this summer.

Phil was asked to consult with the Town Attorney re: the question of what is meant by a road being "discontinued".

Phil reported that:

1. The Town's 1995 equalized ratio has been established at 127%
2. Town has received an extra grant for the Water Project of some years ago.
3. No park grants will be given this year as no funds are available.
4. The tentative agreement on the former landfill is being reviewed by the Towns' attorneys.
5. Globin has raised the cost for disposing of waste from \$46 to \$50 a ton.
6. Next week an individual from Project Lift will explain their request for funding at 7:00 p.m. and the Water and Sewer Commissioners will discuss the cost and funding needed for the clean-up of the lagoons at the Treatment Plant at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Philip Dwight, Business Manager