Minutes of Selectmens Meeting January 13, 1997

Selectmen present: Peter Moore, Carol Smith and Michael Oldershaw.

Also present were: Phil Dwight, Bob Varnum and Brian Brown.

The meeting opened at 6 P.M.

A motion was made and voted to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

At 7 P.M. the meeting reconvened and it was reported that no action had been taken in executive session and that it had been voted to seal the minutes of the session.

At 7 P.M. the Public Preliminary Hearing on the Town Budget for 1997 was opened. *List of attendees is attached. Each budget category was discussed. The major concern expressed regarded the use of winter salt and its environmental impact. The Pros & Cons of the use of sand as a substitute was brought up. The Board agreed that this was an important issue and asked the Conservation Commission to organize a group to study possible solutions.

The Board was also asked to consider how to handle hazardous waste, possibly at A.R.T.S; if not by another Hazardous Waste Day. Another question about A.R.T.S. was the suggestion that it be open on Sunday instead of one weekday and whether comingled recycling might be considered. The possibility of reinstituting the Solid Waste Committee was mentioned.

The public meeting adjourned at 8:45 and the Selectmen's meeting resumed.

The following were approved and/or signed:
Minutes of the 1/6 and 1/8 meetings
Intent to Cut for Herman
Yield Tax Warrant for Hodgson
Agreement - re: Steel Pond Hydro Co.
Letter to Gym Coordinator re: 1/20 meeting
Letter to Paula Clemente re: Ed Coughlan cleanup
Appointment of Bruce Cobb to the Fire Dept

Phil reported his conversation with John Cronin about setting up a reserve account for the replacement of the Bennington to Antrim bridge on Depot Street. Phil was asked to tell John the Selectmen felt this might be a prudent idea and Phil was asked to obtain additional information.

The date of February 10th was set as the legally required budget hearing. Town report will be sent to be printed no later than February 13th to be received by the legally prescribed date of

March 3rd.

The Selectmen voted to increase the Administration budget by \$480 to provide a 2% merit increase for 1997.

The meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.

TENDANCE BUDGET HEARING Add poss Ame MARSHAIN BERUCHAMI 29 BUTTER CUT LAIST Bethe/ 29 GOODELL ROAD Buhand L. EDMUNDS 18 Depot ST. MRIM 204 Keene Rd 44 WEST 57 64 PLASART Broken 1 Old Porend Road EXTMARION WINCHESTER 6 N. MAINST Linda Bryer 23 Summer St. Boul Quess. 15 Nosh main 11. Conne Kurion 103 old Pound Rd 11 Rober Zuriaer 5 Mysice Refer Beblashi P.O. Box 43 Hillsom Fuller Pab. Leb 318 Smith Rd ntrin Martha Pinello Boyd Quakerbush Joseph Smith Sr Sharen Dowling