

Minutes of the Selectmens Meeting
February 3, 1997

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

Also present were: Phil Dwight and others as indicated below.

The meeting opened at 6:00 P.M.

Bob Varnum reported briefly on the activities of the road crew relative to the current icy road conditions. 100 yards of sand is already gone and salt is becoming scarce. He indicated the Town Barn might need new doors and roof repair in the next year or so.

Brian Brown appeared briefly at 6:25 P.M. and there was discussion about the parking situation in the lot between the Village Store and the Video Store. The Selectmen will try to get more information and seek possible solutions to the problem.

At 6:35 Paula Clemente, Craig Seavey, Cathy Burke and Barbara Nichols presented their recommendation that no change be made for the gym coordinator's position this year. They felt that this should be studied by the Selectmen and a plan be developed in conjunction with all concerned about the duties of this job. The Parks & Recreation budget was finalized at \$18,550. Provisions for bathroom upgrade at the beach was included in the repair budget for Government Buildings.

At 7:00 P.M. the Board voted to go into executive session. The meeting resumed at 7:20 P.M. with members of the Memorial Park Committee, Nina Harding, Pat Webber and Bob Allison. They indicated that they planned to use the carried over Warrant Article funds to complete the drainage work, outdoor lighting and new electrical outlets at the tennis court. It was agreed that possibly instead of building a new toilet facility in the Park, they would look into developing a location for a temporary handicapped access "Temporary toilet". It was estimated that the cost for such rental would be about \$300 for four months each summer. It was also agreed that consideration of combining this committee with the Parks & Recreation Committee be studied in the coming year.

At 7:45 P.M. members of the Aiken Committee, Keith DuBois, Martha Pinello, Connie Kerwin, Ruth Zwirner and Carole Webber presented drafts of proposed warrant articles. After much discussion it was agreed that the following two articles would be included.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum up to SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000) for limited renovations and operations of the Aiken House.

To see if the Town will vote to approve that the Board of Selectmen apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to conduct a feasibility study to consider CDBG funded renovation of the Aiken House for use as a family and community resource center. The purpose of the study would be to address physical, financial, legal and organizational issues related to developing and operating such a center, and to answer questions such as: What would the center look like? Who would use it? Who would pay for it? Who would manage it? The cost of the study up to TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$12,000) will be paid for entirely by Federal Funds; and that Selectmen appoint a committee composed of representatives or designees of the Board of Selectmen, Tuttle Library, Antrim Historical Society, Aiken House Committee and other residents of the Town that the Selectmen deem appropriate to participate in and oversee the feasibility study and report to the Selectmen upon completion of the said study prior to finalizing the 1998 budget.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed the following:
Minutes of the January 27th Meeting.
Selectmen's Letter for the Town Report.
Yield Warrant: Thomas and Cleary
Intent to Cut: Robertson

The report from the State relative to some Red-listed Town bridges was reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.