

Minutes of Selectmens Meeting
February 10, 1997

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

Also present was Phil Dwight at 7 P.M.

The Board Meeting convened at 6:00 P.M. and upon proper motion
and roll call voted to move into Executive Session.

At 6:55 P.M. the Board reconvened in open session and at 7 P.M.
opened the Public Meeting on the Unified Elderly Exemption as
called for in RSA 72-39. Peter explained to the five attendees,
Otto and Louise Buerkert, Ben Pratt, Martha Pinello and Carter
Proctor the reasons for having to revote this when it had been
done last year. The few comments acknowledged the need for this
program.

At 7:15 this Public Meeting ended and Peter opened the Public
Meeting required by RSA 32 relative to the Proposed 1997 Budget.
He explained the changes since the informational hearing in
January and the addition of funds for the Highway and Fire
Reserves and also the warrant article relative to the Aiken
Building. There were questions about the need for another Town
Building when we have Town Hall. Peter explained those questions
could be answered by the proposed feasibility study.

The public meeting ended at 7:35 P.M. and the Selectmen's meeting
resumed.

The Selectmen approved the Minutes of the February 3rd and 5th
meetings and signed a Yield Tax Warrant for S.A.T. Partnership.
They then signed the 1997 Town Warrant.

The Selectmen voted to support the request by F.A.C.T. for a
grant request for a 2nd year of funding. See letter attached.

Carol Smith reported on her conversation with the Town Attorney
about the parking situation. It was requested that a meeting be
set up with the Morrill's for February 17th.

Upon unanimous vote, Craig Seavey was appointed to the Parks and
Recreation Committee.

The Board approved participation, similar to 1996, by anyone
interested in the St. Patricks parade in Manchester.

Phil reported on the Notice of Seizure by the IRS of property in
Antrim, map 1C lot 190. He pointed out the back taxes on this
property were over \$18,000.

The Selectmen reviewed the preliminary plans and cost estimates for the Gregg Lake Bridge submitted by Bettigole, Andrews & Clark. The plans were approved and Phil was requested to write and inform the State. It was also agreed that it would probably be in the best interest of the Town if the Craig Road bridge was upgraded by the Town. Bob will be asked to get estimates.

At 8:05 P.M. the Board upon proper motions voted to enter executive session.

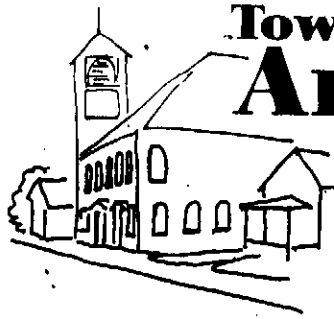
The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:45 P.M. and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.

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Andrea Gilbert
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PO Box 82
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February 11, 1997

Dear Ms. Gilbert,

The Grapevine gives residents of Antrim access to prevention education programs and social services which previously have not been locally available. We welcome and support its presence in the community.

We are committed to exploring the establishment of a community center to include The Grapevine. The article on this year's warrant asking voters for approval is as follows:

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.

While we are not in a position to commit town funds to this effort, it is our hope that voters will authorize us to seek CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds to engage in a feasibility study concerning the use of the town owned Aiken House as a community center.

Sincerely,

Philip T. Dwight, Business Manager
for the Board of Selectmen, as approved at
their meeting on February 10, 1997