

Minutes of the Selectmens Meeting
January 19, 1998

Selectmen Present: Peter Moore, Carol Smith and Philip Dwight.

The meeting opened at 6 P.M.

The minutes of the January 12th meeting were approved.

The Board noted the receipt of a letter from Martha Pinello about seeking a warrant for funds for a "Millenium" celebration in Antrim. The Board asked Phil to request she come to next weeks Selectmens meeting to provide some additional information.

The Board reappointed Jim LaMothe as the Town's Health Officer.

It was agreed that Peter would write ^h the Selectmen's letter for the Town Report. Phil will write the article for the March 1st issue of the Limrik.

It was voted to include in the 1998 Warrants a request for \$250 for electric aggregation studies, also a warrant to discontinue a portion of Hattie Brown Road starting at a point where both sides are owned by the same landowner.

At 6:40 the Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss the Wage Survey prepared by NHMA.

At 7:00 the meeting resumed in open session to meet with the Aiken feasibility study committee represented by Bob Bernstein and Ben Pratt. Kristen Olson was also present.

Bob reviewed where the process stood and that the committee was going to meet Thursday to finalize their report and recommendation.

The following were the main areas of concern:

1) The provision in the grant contract that states that "Grantee shall certify and warrant that the Property shall be and remain in use as a Family Resource Center for Low and Moderate Income Persons for the useful life of the Project, which period shall be twenty (20) years from the date of Project completion."

Bob said that he had a verbal assurance that this was not really enforced and that if worse came to worse and the property remained vacant there would be no problem. The Board wanted written assurances.

2) Phil raised a question of the overall cost pointing out that based on the revised figures the overall cost would still be well over \$100 a square foot; costing more than constructing a new building. Ben Pratt pointed out that keeping and restoring the

Aiken building provided other benefits to the Town.

3) Carol felt that with the reduced budget and the resulting elimination of the general meeting room, the other groups that had expressed interest in having space would be left out. She felt this was not what had been originally promised and would not help in getting the project passed.

4) The issue of parking was also raised as a problem but no solutions were brought forward.

Bob indicated these concerns would be addressed at the January 22nd meeting of the feasibility committee and a final report would be ready to present to the Selectmen on Monday, January 26th at 6 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.