

**TOWN OF ANTRIM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA
January 24, 2000**

6:00 p.m. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

**6:30 p.m. NON-PUBLIC SESSION TO INTERVIEW A CANDIDATE FOR
LANDUSE SECRETARY**

**7:30 p.m. MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL RESTORATION
COMMITTEE**

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Review and discuss letter from resident regarding maintenance of sidewalk on the eastside of Main Street.
- Review and discuss Mr. Lawless' resignation from Zoning Board and appointment of a replacement full member.
- Review and discuss letter from resident regarding salt use and alleged damage to trees.
- Review and discuss resident's suggestion that we discontinue road.
- Review and approve minutes of the January 10, 2000

- **BUDGET ITEMS:**
 - Set a snow date for public hearing on budget.
 - Review timetable for Budget/Warrant/Town Report.
 - Decision on mowing, voting booths, parking lot at North Branch Fire Station.

Miscellaneous Items to be Signed

Non-Public Session, as required

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**TOWN OF ANTRIM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2000**

6:00 p.m. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Chairman Seeger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Tim Seeger, Selectmen Denise Dargie and Eric Tenney and Town Administrator Kelley Collins

6:33 p.m. NON-PUBLIC SESSION TO INTERVIEW A CANDIDATE FOR LANDUSE SECRETARY

Chairman Seeger made a motion to go in to Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II-b, the hiring of any person as a public employee at 6:33 p.m. Selectman Dargie seconded. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Seeger – yes; Selectman Dargie – yes; Selectman Tenney – yes.

The Selectmen interviewed a candidate for the position of Landuse Secretary. Chairman Seeger made a motion to leave Non-Public Session at 7:00 p.m. Selectman Tenney seconded. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Seeger – yes; Selectman Dargie – yes; Selectman Tenney – yes.

The Selectmen voted unanimously to hire Mr. Howard Mabry as the new Landuse Secretary at an hourly rate of \$10/hour. Mr. Mabry's starting date will be Wednesday, January 26, 2000.

7:30 p.m. MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL RESTORATION COMMITTEE

The Selectmen met with the members of the Town Hall Restoration Committee (Chairman Bill Nichols, Nina Harding, Tom Davis, Bob Edwards and Bruce Armer from Armer Construction). The Committee supplied the Board with the final proposal for restoration of the Town Hall building at \$852,141, as well as numbers for bonding for 5, 10, 15, and 20 years. Considerable discussion took place regarding the fact that the plan did not include temporary housing or moving costs for offices. Bob Edwards would be happy to get estimates on temporary housing (trailers), the Town Administrator will get a ballpark figure on moving and Mr. Edwards will check on the cost of bond anticipation notes and whether that interest can be included in the bonding request. The Committee's recommendation would be a 10-year bond. The Committee has set aside February 17, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. for the public hearing on the bond. The Town Administrator will take care of the public notices.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Review and discuss letter from resident regarding maintenance of sidewalk on the eastside of Main Street.**

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the letter submitted by Ms. Shelly Nelkens regarding the maintenance of the sidewalk on the eastside of Main Street. The Board discussed this

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matter several weeks ago and still feels strongly that the proper maintenance of the sidewalks is the Road Agent’s responsibility. The Board trusts Bob Varnum’s professional discretion in the proper treatment of snow and ice on sidewalks. The Town Administrator will draft a letter to Ms. Nelkens for the Board’s signature.

• **Review and discuss Mr. Lawless’ resignation from Zoning Board and appointment of a replacement full member.**

The Selectmen generally reviewed the fact that Tom Lawless has resigned from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Board would like the Town Administrator to draft a letter of appreciation for their signatures. This resignation creates an opening for a full member of the Board. The Selectmen voted unanimously to authorize the Town Clerk to swear Ben Pratt in as a full member of the ZBA (Mr. Pratt currently serves as an alternated to this Board).

• **Review and discuss letter from resident regarding salt use and alleged damage to trees.**

The Board of Selectmen carefully reviewed Mr. Forster’s letter regarding the condition of his sugar maples. The Board was under the impression that the Road Agent had discontinued the use of salt in the area of Mr. Forster’s residence. The Town Administrator noted that we have discontinued the use of straight salt but that even our sand is mixed with a small amount of salt to keep it moving. Sand that is stored (not taken out of a bank run each snow event) must be mixed with a small amount of sand to keep it from freezing either in the pile or in the hopper of the sanders when they are out plowing. The mix is approximately one bucket load to every 4-5 truck loads. This practice appears consistent with the Towns of Sutton, Deering and Hillsborough. It may also be noted for this discussion, that a portion of Mr. Forster’s property directly fronts on Route 202. The State of New Hampshire uses a sand/salt mixture, as well as straight salt when weather conditions warrant. The State of New Hampshire also uses a plow with a wing attachment. It is possible that salt/sand is thrown as far as 30 feet off Route 202. Mr. Forster notes that Hillsborough uses sand on their portion of Old Turnpike Road. That is due to the fact that Hillsborough’s portion of Old Turnpike Road is dirt. The Selectmen expect that the Road Agent will continue to use the minimum amount of salt necessary to maintain adequate public safety. The Town Administrator will draft a letter to Mr. Forster, for their signatures.

• **Review and discuss resident’s suggestion that we discontinue road.**

The Town Administrator and Selectman Tenney made the Board aware that they were approached by Bill Harris regarding the possibility of discontinuing a portion of Whiton Road. There was considerable discussion regarding why Mr. Harris was interested in a discontinuance, as well as the impact on his neighbors. The Selectmen did not feel that they had enough information to support a discontinuance at this time. They are particularly concerned regarding how abutters to the property or road may feel. The Town Administrator will write to Mr. Harris with the Board’s general feelings.

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- Review and approve minutes of the January 10, 2000
The Selectmen unanimously approved the minutes of the January 10, 2000 meeting, as submitted.

- **BUDGET ITEMS:**

- **Set a snow date for public hearing on budget.**

- The Selectmen chose Tuesday, February 15, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. as the snow-date for the public hearing on the budget.

- **Review timetable for Budget/Warrant/Town Report.**

- 2/1/2000 – post a draft budget and warrant (without petition articles)

- 2/8 – due date for submission of petitioned warrant articles

- 2/10 – public hearing on 2000 budget

- 2/15 – snow date for public hearing on 2000 budget

- 2/17 – deadline for town reports to printer

- 2/22 – 2/24 – Town audit

- 2/28 – deadline to post final warrant & budget

- 3/3 – Town Report ready to distribute

- 3/14 – Town Elections

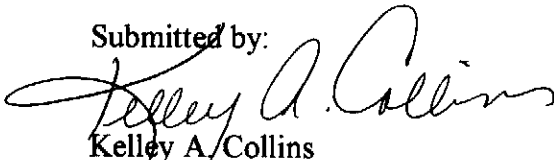
- 3/16 – Town Meeting.

Budget: The Selectmen reviewed and set a tentative budget for the public hearing. There are a couple of changes to be made to the warrant prior to the public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by:



Kelley A. Collins
Town Administrator