



**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
February 14, 2000**

**Attendees:** Timothy Seeger and Eric Tenney

**Absent:** Denise Dargie

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Items signed:** Intent to Cut -Olson and a revised letter to a resident

**The 2000 Warrant was reviewed.**

The original article #14 was removed due to discussion at the budget hearing held last Thursday. Also resulting from the discussion at this hearing, the phrase "for the intended use of the library" was added to article 8.

**Review and discuss the Public Hearing on Town Hall Bond Issue.**

It was noted that a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. The Town Hall Restoration Committee will run the meeting and prepare any necessary paperwork for those who attend.

**Meet with representative from the Town of Bennington**

At 6:20p.m., Bennington Selectmen John Cronin joined the meeting. A discussion took place as to why the Town of Bennington only asked for \$13,000 in their 2000 Warrant for their portion of the replacement of the Depot Street/North Bennington Bridge. Mr. Cronin noted that the Town chose to break their request up over two years and will be asking for the remaining portion of their funds on next years warrant. It was also noted that should one years warrant article fail, that the board has sufficient funds in a bridge account to cover one year. Further discussion took place as to why the application needed to be done this year and how both towns could insure that they were each paying an equal share in all respects. Both towns agreed that equal funding was only fair, yet their was some disagreement as to the merit of applying immediately. Mr. Cronin pointed out that he felt that even though the 2000 funds are allocated, it was important to get the request in for the 2001 funding, acknowledging that it normally takes 3 to 4 years for the request to be approved and funded. Chairman Seeger felt that because he believes that funding sources from the State are solid for the future ,that a 2001 application should be fine, also acknowledging that it takes a few years from application to completion. Antrim has recently obtained a preliminary contract from Town Counsel regarding the agreement between the two Towns in respect to a joint application (Mr. Cronin anticipated seeing this at their Wednesday board meeting). It was decided that a meeting between the two boards should commence within the next week or two to work on the specifics. Antrim's Town Administrator will be asked to coordinate this.

After the Bennington representative left the meeting, a discussion ensued as to how to proceed with Article 12 (Depot Street/North Bennington Bridge Replacement). After discussion the Board voted to drop this article and add \$3,500 to the Bridge Maintenance Fund capital reserve account. By doing this the Town will have enough in capital reserves to pay its share of the work, and it will allow time to determine if action needs to be taken to correct the wording of said capital reserve account so that the funds can be utilized for this project (as there is some ambiguity as to the allowable uses for the fund). Because an application of 2001 is feasible, it would also allow the two towns to explore each putting half of the total amount/state aid on their respective warrants.

**Congressional Candidate joins the meeting.**

Norman Jackman, a Lincoln resident and a potential candidate for the Democratic Primary stopped in to introduce himself to the Selectmen. He briefly discussed his plans for meeting the needs of the Towns and how in the months to come the Selectmen will be receiving further information.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle A. Hautanen