Minutes of Board of Selectmen Meeting December 16, 2002

Present: Selectman Dave Penny, Michael Genest, and Bill Prokop

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The selectmen then met with Mr. Steve Jones who expressed his concerns about the Towns bidding process. Mr. Jones suggested that the Town should somehow inform the local contractors with up coming projects so they could bid on them if they had interest in them. Mr. Jones sited some examples and just wanted to be sure that the selectmen were aware of his and other contractors concerns. They selectmen thanked Mr. Jones for bringing this to their attention and explained that they were looking into improving our bidding process in the upcoming year.

The selectmen then met with Mr. Peter Beblowski, chairman of the Conservation Commission, who informed the selectmen that the Lchip Grant application for the Antrim Woods Project has been rejected by the state. The commission will come back to the selectmen with an update on the project. Mr. Beblowski also advised the selectmen of a Public Hearing in Deering on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>, that he would like Antrim to be represented at. The hearing is in regard to the "Junk Yard" that is operating in Deering, and its affect on the wetlands, rivers and streams in the region. The selectmen will try to have Antrim represented.

The selectmen then reviewed the overall budget request from the various departments and plan on having an overall review completed by the end of the year.

The selectmen then reviewed various correspondence and agreed to review at the next meeting any Warrant Article items that need to be formally carried over into the next year.

The selectmen agreed to hold an "executive session" on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>, to review and discuss personnel issues.

Meeting adjourned, the next meeting will be held on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00PM.