

Town of Antrim
Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes
February 3, 2003

PRESENT: Chairman Dave Penny, Selectman Mike Genest, Selectman Mike Prokop and Sherry Miller.

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order –

7:00 p.m. Bond Hearing – Public Hearing

The Selectmen held a public hearing in accordance with RSA 33:8-a to discuss the bonding of \$1,300,000 for the renovation and expansion of the James A. Tuttle Library. A list of attendees is attached. There were some questions as to why the Trustees hadn't attempted to fundraise or obtain grants for this project. Ron Haggett advised that in the past fundraising proved unsuccessful and Library Director Kathy Chisholm stated that she has been actively searching for grants however, there are not any available for building they are mainly for programs. Ron Haggett stated that by obtaining a \$1,300,000 bond the effect on the tax rate would be approximately \$1.19.

After a brief discussion the Selectmen unanimously agreed not to recommend this article all agreeing that this isn't the time to bond such a large amount of money and both Selectman Prokop and Selectman Genest felt that the expansion was too large for Antrim at this time.

7:30 p.m. Public hearing to declare Bryers Lane an Emergency Lane –

The Selectmen met with some residents of Bryers Lane who have requested to have Bryers Lane declared an Emergency Lane, which would allow the town to plow their road without having to maintain it as a town road. After some discussion the Selectmen felt that they did not have enough information to make a decision. This item will be continued until further research is completed.

Review and approve minutes –

The minutes of January 27, 2003 were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Roberts Land –

Selectman Genest met with some members of the preliminary committee to discuss whether or not the request for the money to purchase the land for the future recreational and athletic fields should be appropriated in 2003 or if a bond – note issue should be sought. After discussing this issue the Selectmen unanimously agreed to obtain a note with Mr. and Mrs. Roberts for five years.

Windows contract –

The Selectmen unanimously agreed to sign a contract with Window Master to replace/fix the windows on the first floor of the Town Hall in 2003.

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Finalize budget –

The Selectmen have been struggling to understand the Police Departments overtime policy, which Chief Brown had increased from last years \$5000 to \$13,000 this year. The Selectmen have met with Chief Brown several times in an attempt to understand how the scheduling, overtime and on call time works. The Selectmen agreed to include the additional \$8,000 in the budget, but will not disburse any until an overtime and pay policy is clearly defined, reviewed by Town Counsel, and agreed to by the Chief of Police.

There will be a public hearing relative to the process of the Aiken Barn renovation project, which is funded through Community Development Block Grant on Monday, February 24, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

We have received notification from Mr. and Mrs. Bethel that their mortgage is now complete and the closing will be on Friday, February 7. The Business Manager will pick up the necessary papers on Friday for the Selectmen to sign Monday night, February 10, 2003 and she will return them on Tuesday.

Respectfully submitted,


Sherry Miller

Feb. 3, 2003 Band Meeting -

Pan Haggert, Connie Kimmwin

Mike Ockershaw

Mantra Brown

Kathy Chisolm

Melissa Lawless

Sid

Dave Essex

Tom Lawless

Peter Bobrowski

Scott Burnside

Linda Bryer

Ruth Benedict

Ruth Zwierner

Sharon Dowling

~~Pete~~ (Pete Plagens)??

Lynnen Guilmine

Russ Russell