

**TOWN OF ANTRIM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2003**

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

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order --

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing / Aiken Barn Renovation --

Steve Griffin, Grant Administrator advised the public that this hearing is to update the public on the progress of the Aiken Barn Renovations and to answer any questions that people may have. Ben Pratt, Committee Member stated that himself, Jeff Parsons, Building Inspector and the crew have been meeting weekly. There have been some unplanned issues that have come up, but its know felt that they have overcome them and shouldn't run into anymore trouble. Mr. Pratt stated that he is very pleased with the progress.

Jeff Parsons, Building Inspector reminded everyone that this project was put out to bid with American Construction being the sole bidder. With this in mind Jeff states that American Construction has been very good to work with. They have done additional work that was not specified in the plans, and for the most part have remained on schedule, which is great considering the extreme weather that we have had. They are looking into seeing what the additional cost would be to add on additional clapboards, to date the cost was not available. Peter Moore inquired what was going to go above the 8 feet if clapboards were not purchased. Jeff stated that asphalt patch would be put in place. Jeff commented that Mr. Monahan, the Architect has been very involved in the project.

Steve Griffin stated that it is not a requirement of the grant to complete the outside to make it esthetically pleasing. It's more important to be sure that all safety issues are met first.

7:25 p.m. Post Office --

Dan French, Antrim Postmaster presented a framed Heroes 2001 stamp to the Fire Department and the Police Department which signifies the appreciation and recognition of all EMS personnel. Sergeant Hautenan accepted the award on behalf of the Police Department and Fire Chief Beauchamp and Rescue Chief Lovering accepted the award for the Fire and Ambulance personnel. Each was given Heroes 2001 pins to give to all Police and Fire/Ambulance personnel.

Selectmen's 2/24/03 meeting minutes cont.

7:30 p.m. Bond Hearing –

Sam Harding advised the public that a bond/note is being requested by warrant article for \$100,000 to purchase 24.5 acres of land owned by Mr. and Mrs. Roberts. The land is located off of Rte 202 and is going to be used for a recreational area and athletic fields. An additional \$20,000 is being requested this year for engineering and planning purposes. Sam stated that for the year 2003 the total amount requested is \$40,000 which would have approximately a .25 cent effect on the tax rate. In the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 the amounts are \$20,000 each year at no interest and would have an effect of approximately .12 cents each year.

Peter Beblowski spoke regarding the project and stated that it is an excellent idea and much needed and expressed his support for the project.

There was some concern regarding how close the fields were going to be to some abutting properties, Sam stated that the plans presented were preliminary and if approved at town meeting a committee would be formed (appointed by the Selectmen) to look at the project more closely.

Review and approve minutes of February 10, 2003 –

The minutes of February 10, 2003 were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Maternity leave request –

A request for maternity leave for Celeste Lunetta was reviewed and approved by the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Job Description –

The job description for the Water Front Director was reviewed and approved by the Parks & Rec Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Antrim Players –

It was noted that a letter was sent to the Antrim Players on February 11, 2003 regarding their requirement to pay a rental fee for the use of Town Hall. To date a response/payment and rental agreement has not been received. The Selectmen advised the Business Manager to send another letter.

W&S –

The Selectmen signed a letter to the Commissioners advising them of the year ending financial status for the Water & Sewer accounts and how the financials will be handled in the year 2003. In addition, the Selectmen would like to schedule a meeting with the Water & Sewer Commissioners.

Warrant & Budget –

The Warrant and Budget has been posted in accordance with RSA 39:5 and 669:2 at the Antrim Town Hall and the Antrim Post Office.

