Date: 01/07/04

Minutes of Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Meeting held at Antrim Little Town Hall @ 7:00 p.m. on 01/05/04

Selectmen Present: Michael Genest-Chairman, Michael Oldershaw and Bill Prokop Others in attendance: P. Lovering, M. Beauchamp, B. Brown, R. Haggett

1. The selectmen approved the minutes of the last meeting.

- 2. The selectmen reviewed the Ambulance budget request. The major discussion point was The cost of "supplies". P. Lovering explained the need for suits for all ambulance personnel. This would include jacket and pants. The suits cost approximately \$400.00 each and there Is a need for 15 sets. It was agreed at the meeting to increase this line item to \$5,000, however, it was agreed after the meeting to make the adjustment to \$6,000 which P.Lovering felt was needed. The total budget for the ambulance for 2004 will be \$32,615. The selectmen and P. Lovering also discussed the importance of starting an "awareness campaign" for Town residents regarding the possibility of the ambulance going to direct billing in 2005. This program has to be well coordinated and planned. It was agreed to begin looking into this soon after Town Meeting in March.
- 3. The selectmen and Chief Beauchamp agreed on the revised operating budget numbers. Chief Beauchamp will bring in the Capital request for the Fire Department on Wednesday, January 07. The operating budget for the Fire Department will be \$61,111.00

4. The selectmen and Chief Brown reviewed the revised Police budget request. The budget was agreed and will be approximately \$224,000 about the same level as 2003.

5. The selectmen met with R. Haggett representing the Library Trustees. The operating budget had been previously agreed. A discussion took place on the short and long-term needs of the library. It was agreed that a plan and cost estimate should be developed for making the major improvements needed in the present building, and adding enough space for a "Children's Room". The selectmen are not in favor of a temporary classroom type building. They favor a more permanent solution. It is hopeful that some preliminary numbers can be put together by Monday the 12th.

6.... The selectmen approved the wage grades for 2004 as were reviewed at the last meeting.

- 7. The selectmen agreed to hold the Public Budget Hearing on Wednesday, February 4th, at 7:00 P.M. in Little Town Hall.
- 8. The selectmen will hold a meeting with the Recreation Land Committee on Thursday night January 8th to make a decision on what actions should be taken on the purchase of land.
- 9. The selectmen approved the accounts payable and payroll for the week.
- 10. The selectmen reviewed various correspondences.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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No public Attendee's

Bill Prokop excused himself from Board of Selectmen to present Administrative Budget and a list of Objectives for Town Administrator in 2004.

- 1. The Selectmen reviewed a list of Town Administrator Objectives for 2004. The Selectmen felt comfortable with the objectives and felt that this would increase productivity with in the Town Hall Office and also create better custermor relations with the townspeople who use this office.
- 2. The Selectmen and Bill Prokop reviewed the Administration Budget ,one area that was adjusted was electricity in Government Buildings from \$12,000 to \$14,000. The Selectmen and Bill Prokop then agreed on revised budget for Administration.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10