

TOWN OF ANTRIM 2007 MINUTES

To the inhabitants of the Town of Antrim, in the county of Hillsborough and said State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Antrim Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the thirteenth (13th) day of March 2007 at 8 o'clock in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

The polls will be open from 8 o'clock in the morning to 7 o'clock in the evening.

Article 1 To choose necessary Town Officers and Trustees for the ensuing year.
(Ballot Vote)

Article 2 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board. Supporting documents are available for review at the Antrim Town Hall office.

1. Amend Article III. Definitions: To modify, delete and add definitions to facilitate the administration of the Zoning Ordinances. (Ballot Vote) PASSED
2. Amend article XIV Supplemental Regulations, paragraph K.3 to establish the set Back from property lines for swimming pools to be the same as the set back for structures.(Ballot Vote) PASSED
3. Amend Article XIV Supplemental Regulations paragraph X to eliminate the requirement that the floor plan of each unit in a duplex dwelling be the mirror of one another and add that there shall be no interior egress between the units. (Ballot Vote) PASSED
4. Amend Article XIII Special Exceptions paragraph D.6 to combine subparagraphs a. & k. into paragraph a. which establishes where on a property the Accessory Living Unit may be built.(Ballot Vote) PASSED
5. Amend Article X Steep Slope District and Article XI Wetland District to establish the minimum lot size for duplex dwellings with more than five (5) bedrooms.(Ballot Vote) PASSED
6. Amend Article XIV Supplemental Regulations to establish new criteria for Home Based Businesses to insure minimum impact on the surrounding neighborhood.(Ballot Vote) PASSED
7. Amend Article XII Floodplain Development District to incorporate wording mandated by the Federal Emergency Management Administration as a requirement to participate in the National Floodplain Insurance Program.(Ballot Vote) PASSED

Meeting opened by Moderator Robert Flanders
Pledge led by the Cub Scouts
Prayer led by Rev Peggy Boyce
Moderator will second all motions

Additionally, pursuant to RSA 39:2-a and the vote of the Town at the March 1981 Annual Meeting, you are hereby notified to meet at the Antrim Memorial Town Gymnasium in said Town of Antrim on Thursday evening the fifteenth (15th) of March 2007 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following:

Moved by Ben Pratt

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One million one hundred seventy five thousand dollars, (\$1,175,000.00) for the purpose of improvements to North Main Street from the intersection of Route 31 to Smith Road which will include, installation of drainage, replacement of bridge, repair and replacement of Water and/or Sewer lines, installation of sidewalks and curbing, road widening, road resurfacing, wetlands permitting, engineering, and all other associated fees associated with the issuance of bonds (including bond counsel and the NH Municipal Bond Bank or other lending institutions). Two hundred thirty five thousand dollars (\$235,000.00) of the monies for this work will come from FEMA and NH State Bridge Grants, One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) will be withdrawn from the Emergency Bridge Fund which was established for this purpose. And to authorize the issuance of not more than Eight hundred and forty thousand dollars (\$840,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Antrim.

Yes – 110 No – 159 Defeated
(2/3rd majority needed for passage)

Moved by Ron Haggett

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred thousand (\$200,000) (gross budget) for the purchase of land or other property interests therein, for the protection of the natural heritage and rural character of the Town, as may be in the best interest of the Town, including any buildings or structures incidental to such land; and to authorize the issuance of not more than Two hundred thousand (\$200,000) of bonds, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1 et seq. as amended), and, further, to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take any other action they deem appropriate to effectuate the sale and/issuance of said bonds, subject, however, to the following limitation:

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that the Selectmen shall not issue such bonds until such time as they have presented to either an Annual or Special Town Meeting, a warrant article asking the meeting to ratify, by a simple majority vote, the particular parcel and the parcel ownership chosen by The Open Space Committee, and said meeting has approved the warrant article.

Yes – 175 No – 93 Defeated
(Ballot Vote required. 2/3rd majority needed for passage)

Moved by Mike Genest

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Capital Reserve Fund set up as the Recreation Field Development Fund created in 2004. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the Town’s General Fund.

Article 5 Withdrawn

Moved by Mike Genest

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to amend the purpose of the Capital Reserve Funds for the purchase of new Fire Trucks to include the purchase of any fire fighting equipment as may be required and to authorize the withdrawal of Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from the fund for the purpose of purchasing a Jaws of Life or similar equipment.

Passed

(2/3 rd majority required for passage)

Moved by Ron Haggett

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the up date of the Town assessments in compliance with RSA 21-J:11-a and RSA 75:8-a; and to withdraw the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the Capital Reserve set up for this purpose.

Passed

Moved by Ben Pratt

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to be added to the present Capital Reserve Funds in the following manner and to appoint the Selectmen as agents for all these funds:

- \$ 35,000 placePlaceTypeTown PlaceTypeBuilding Repair Capital Reserve Fund
- \$ 15,000 Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund
- \$ 20,000 Highway/Engineering Capital Reserve Fund
- \$ 5,000 Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund
- \$205,000 Bridge Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund
- \$ 20,000 Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

Passed

Moved by Mike Genest

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) for the purpose of assisting in the financing of infrastructure improvements in the downtown, exterior improvements to Town buildings located within the TIF District, provide parking in the downtown, and continued improvements in Memorial Park and around Mill Pond, and/or other downtown improvement projects such as the purchase of digital projection, and sound equipment that can be used to show films, assist with community presentations, and private functions in Town Hall, and to withdraw from the Downtown Antrim Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District account the sum of One hundred twenty five thousand dollars

(\$125,000) for these purposes.

Amendment to Article 9

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for the purpose of providing funding for downtown infrastructure improvements, exterior improvements to town buildings located within Antrim's TIF District, provide improved or expanded downtown parking and continued improvements to Memorial Park and the general Mill Pond area and to withdraw said funds from the TIF District Account established for that purpose.

Passed

Moved by Ron Haggett

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of business development and improvement projects in the Downtown Antrim Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District and to withdraw from the Downtown Antrim Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District account the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for these purposes.

Passed

Moved by Ben Pratt

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for major repairs to our government buildings, including, but not limited to a new heating system at the fire station if needed, and improvements at the Recycling Center, the Town Gym, the Aiken Barn, improvements to the beach house, Town Hall improvements, etc. and to withdraw from the Town Building Repair Capital Reserve Fund Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) from this reserve account set up for this purpose.

Passed

Moved by Mike Genest

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to create a Capital Reserve for Recreation Land Purchase and Development for the purpose of underwriting the cost associated with the future acquisition of recreational land needs of the Town, as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission, and approved by the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen shall be the agent responsible for expenditures from the fund. To raise and appropriate from the General Fund the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars, \$100,000.00 to be placed in said fund.

Article 12 Withdrawn

Moved by Ron Haggett

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to install fencing, and provide improved maintenance at Shea Field and the Antrim Town Gym. Six thousand dollars (\$6,000) of this will come from the ConVal School District maintenance budget and the balance, Six thousand dollars (\$6,000) will be raised by taxes. The Park and Recreation Commission will be responsible for the administration of the funds, and completion of the required work.

Passed

Moved by Mike Genest

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Twenty nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$29,500.00) for the purchase of a new police cruiser vehicle and to withdraw the Twenty nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$29,500.00) from the Police Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose.

Passed

Moved by Ben Pratt

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for Professional Engineering services as is required for the updating of our infrastructure improvements and to withdraw Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the Highway/Engineering Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose.

Passed

Moved by Ron Haggett

Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to support the establishment of a Teen/Community Center. The cost of which, for 2007 will not exceed Six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) of Town funds and will be financed out of the current operating budgets or TIF funds. No funds will be allocated until an operations plan, and a grant application has been completed and approved to provide any additional funding that will be required. This plan and application shall be reviewed by the TIF Advisory Board and the Board of Selectmen. Further, a complete operations program will be prepared and presented at the 2008 budget hearings to justify and request any additional funding by the Town.

Passed

Moved by Mike Genest

Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three million one hundred thirty thousand two hundred ninety seven dollars (\$3,130,297.00) to pay the normal operating costs of the Town (as set forth in the Town Budget-including Three hundred thirty five thousand five hundred dollars (\$335,500.00 for the Water & Sewer Department) and excludes all warrant articles or take action thereon.

Amendment to Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three million two hundred ten thousand two hundred ninety seven dollars (\$3,210,297.00) to pay the normal operating costs of the Town (as set forth in the Town Budget-including Three hundred thirty five thousand five hundred dollars (\$335,500.00 for the Water & Sewer Department) and excludes all warrant articles or take action thereon.

Passed

Moved by Peter Beblowski

Article 18 Petitioned Article To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the

future of the people of Antrim.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of Antrim encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices.

Passed

Article 19 To hear reports of the committees and act thereon.

Article 20 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

True Copy "ATTEST"

Donna Hanson
Deputy Town Clerk