



Town of Antrim, New Hampshire

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Town Meeting Minutes - 2004

TOWN OF ANTRIM 2004 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 Gym in said Town on Tuesday the twelfth (12th) day of March 2004 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.

To choose necessary Town Officers and Trustees for the ensuing year. (Ballot vote)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board. All supporting documents are available for review at the Antrim Town Offices.

Amend Article III to redefine "Conversion Apartments" so as not to conflict with the definition of "Duplexes" and to require owner residency in one of the dwelling units. (Ballot Vote) Passed

Amend Article XIII Special Exceptions to require that changes to create conversion apartments be in keeping with the existing architectural style of the building, permit conversion apartments in dwellings regardless of the date the building was constructed and to no longer permit the construction of conversion apartments in attached accessory structures. (Ballot Vote) Passed

Amend Article XIV Supplemental Regulations to establish specifications for the construction of duplex dwellings. (Ballot Vote) Passed

Amend Article III to add a definition for "Accessory Living Unit" (Mother-in-law apartments) (Ballot Vote) Passed

Amend Article XIII Special Exceptions to establish the requirements for the construction and usage of Accessory Living Units (mother-in-law apartments). (Ballot Vote) Passed

Amend Article VIII Lakefront Residential District to permit Accessory Living Units (mother-in-law apartments) as a special exception use. (Ballot Vote) Passed

Amend Article IX Rural Conservation District to permit Accessory Living Units (mother-in-law apartments) as a special exception use. (Ballot Vote) Passed

Additionally, pursuant to RSA 39:2-a and the vote of the Town at the March 10, 1981 Annual Meeting, you are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Town of Antrim on Thursday evening the eleventh (11th) day of March 2004 at 7 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following:

Meeting opened by Moderator Robert Flanders

Pledge led by Robert Flanders

Prayer led by Charles Boucher

Moderator will second all motions

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$185,000) DOLLARS for the purpose of constructing new sidewalks on West and Summer Streets, from Main Street to School Street, on upper Main Street on Route 31 and on Route 202 from Route 202/31 intersection towards Elm Street. All construction will be outside of the TIF district and are not part of the Downtown Sidewalk Renovation Project and to authorize the selectmen to negotiate for state and/or federal grants that may be available for such projects and to issue and negotiate such note and to

determine the rate of interest thereon and to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$185,000) DOLLARS

(2/3 Ballot Vote Required -Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Yes – 126 No – 52 Passed

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000) DOLLARS to be used by the Board of Selectmen to renovate the present Tuttle Library Building and to withdraw the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000) DOLLARS from the Library Building Fund which was established for such purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Passed

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000) DOLLARS to be used by the Board of Selectmen to renovate the present Tuttle Library Building. TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000) DOLLARS will be raised by taxes and TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000) DOLLARS will be raised by the Library Trustees. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Passed

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000) DOLLARS to be added to the Library Building Fund. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Passed

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a new Capital Reserve for Recreational Field Development and to raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND (\$30,000) DOLLARS for the purpose of studying, engineering, testing, and eventual purchasing and development of land to provide for the recreational needs of the Town and to appoint the Selectmen, as agents to administer this fund and to spend up to ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars for said purposes this year. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Passed

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

8. To see if the Town will vote to establish a new capital reserve fund pursuant to RSA 35 for the future cost of keeping the Town assessments in compliance with RSA 21-J:11-a and RSA 75:8-a; to raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND (\$30,000) DOLLARS to be deposited in said fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Passed

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ELEVEN THOUSAND (\$11,000) DOLLARS to build a two-bay/storage garage type building at Shea Field to be used by the Parks and Recreation commission. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Passed

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND TWELVE THOUSAND (\$112,000) DOLLARS to be added to the present Capital Reserve Funds in the following manner:

\$25,000 Town Building Repair Capital Reserve Fund
\$12,000 Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund
\$ 5,000 Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund
\$25,000 Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
\$25,000 Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund
\$20,000 Bridge Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Passed

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$65,000) DOLLARS for the purchase of a new Backhoe Loader for use by the Antrim Highway Department and to withdraw SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$65,000) DOLLARS from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Passed

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000) DOLLARS for the purchase of a new Police Expedition type vehicle including all necessary equipment, for the use of the Police Department and to withdraw the sum of TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000) DOLLARS from the Police Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Passed

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND (\$20,000) DOLLARS for the construction of a foot bridge on West Street to improve safety for pedestrians, and to withdraw the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND (\$20,000) DOLLARS from the Emergency Bridge Fund created for that purpose.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Passed

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000) DOLLARS 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 (\$10,000) DOLLARS.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Passed

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND TEN (\$2,130,710.00) DOLLARS to pay the normal operating costs of the Town (as set forth in the Town Budget – including TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND AND SIX (\$278,006.00) DOLLARS for the Water & Sewer Department and excludes all warrant articles) or take any action thereon.

Amended by NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$9,500.00) DOLLARS. SIX THOUSAND (\$6,000.00) DOLLARS FOR ARTS new testing that is required. THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$3,500.00) DOLLARS for Antrim Harvest Day. Budget now TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TEN (\$2,140,210.00) DOLLARS.

Passed

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

16. To see if the Town will vote to approve the study of the fees paid to all elected officials of the Town and to make a comparison with other towns within New Hampshire and to make the necessary adjustments in the budgets that will be presented for the 2005 operating year.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Amended to say Approve study of fees and bring adjusted figure back to Town Meeting.

Passed

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

17. To see if the Town will vote to modify the Elderly Exemption from property tax in the Town of Antrim, based on assessed value, for qualified full time resident taxpayers to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$25,000; for a person 75 years up to 80 years, \$50,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$65,000. To qualify, the person must have resided in the State of New Hampshire at least 5 consecutive years preceding April 1, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married or a domestic partner for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$36,000, and own assets not in excess of \$75,000; excluding the value of the property this exemption is applied to and which is the person's primary residence. (Ballot Vote)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Passed

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

18. To see if the Town will vote to reserve the site of the former Aiken House for the future expansion needs of the James A. Tuttle Library.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

Passed

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer title to Martha E. Brown, a parcel of land taken by the State of New Hampshire and subsequently transferred to the Town. The land in question lies between Route 9 and the entrance to Pinehaven Cottages, which is the property of Martha E. Brown. This property has no lot designation on the Town land records. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Passed

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

20. To see if the Town will designate that portion of Pleasant St. from #83 (Tax Map 1A, Lot 66) to #266 (Tax Map 2, Lot 10) inclusive, as a scenic road, or take any other action relating thereto.

Passed

(By Petition)

21. Whereas Leonard Peltier, a Chippewa-Lakota, was wrongfully and illegally convicted of the murders of two FBI agents during a massive firefight on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota on June 26, 1975, involving approximately 35 Indian men, women and children and over 150 FBI agents, BIA police, US Marshals and local police; and;

Whereas, Leonard Peltier was targeted as a member of the American Indian Movement (AIM) for "neutralization" by COINTELPRO, the US Government's Counter Intelligence Program; and

Whereas, The US Government now admits that the affidavits which were used to arrest and extradite Peltier were falsified, that witnesses were coerced, evidence fabricated, and exculpatory evidence withheld in violation of his Constitutional rights; and

Whereas, worldwide, numerous and responsible law, political, and religious groups, including Amnesty International, 55 members of the US Congress, and 60 members of the Canadian Parliament, have filed "Friends of the Court" briefs calling for a reevaluation of the Peltier; and

Whereas, Peltier's appeals have been denied on technicalities and the Parole Board has continued to deny him relief; and

Whereas, the Government has stated numerous times that they do not know what involvement Peltier may have had in the agents' death; and

Whereas Peltier's health continues to deteriorate due to degenerative jaw disease which resulted in two surgeries performed that have furthered his medical condition; and

Whereas Peltier's inability to ingest and digest food properly, further complicating his medical condition; and

Whereas. Peltier is in need of Immediate specialized medical care; and

Whereas, no justifiable purpose is served by Peltier's continued incarceration'

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Antrim calls on President George W. Bush to grant Executive Clemency to Leonard Peltier.

Defeated

(By Petition)

22. To hear reports of the committees and act thereon.

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

True Copy "ATTEST"

Mary R. Hammond

Town Clerk
