



Town of Antrim, New Hampshire

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Town Meeting Minutes - 2005

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 eighth (8th) day of March 2005 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.

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

2a. 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 VII Rural District to permit Condominiums and Cluster Housing as a use permitted by special exception. (Ballot vote) Defeated
- (2) Amend Article VII Rural District to delete multifamily dwellings (apartment houses) as a use permitted by special exception. (Ballot vote) Passed
- (3) Amend Article IX Rural Conservation District to delete Duplex dwellings as a permitted use and multifamily dwellings (apartment houses) as a use permitted by special exception. (Ballot vote) Passed
- (4) Amend Article VIII Lakefront Residential District to delete Duplex dwellings as a permitted use but allow them as a use permitted by special exception. (Ballot vote) Passed
- (5) Amend Article VIII Lakefront Residential District to establish a minimum lot size of 130,000 square feet and frontage of 300 feet for a duplex dwelling as no requirements currently exist. (Ballot vote) Passed
- (6) Amend Article XIV to permit Multifamily dwellings (apartment houses) only on property served by municipal water and sewer systems. (Ballot vote) Passed
- (7) Amend Article XXI to change the time for filing an appeal to the Zoning Board from a "reasonable time" to "thirty" days. (Ballot vote) Passed
- (8) Amend Article XI to establish the requirement for a Special Use Permit to disturb the 25' foot buffer zone adjacent to wetlands. (Ballot vote) Passed
- (9) Amend Article III to add a definition for "Change of Use" and revised definitions for "Home Occupation" and "Home Based Businesses". (Ballot vote)

2b. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning ordinance as proposed by a Citizen's Petition. (Not recommended by the Planning Board)

Amend the Zoning Map dated March 14, 1990 to rezone that portion of Route 9 from the intersection of Liberty Farm Road and Reed Carr Road westerly to the Antrim/Stoddard town line and a distance of one thousand (1,000) on either side of the center line of Route 9 from Highway Business District to Residential District. (Ballot vote) Defeated

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 tenth (10th) of March 2005 at 7 O'clock in the evening to act upon the following:

Moved by Mike Genest

3. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14-a, which authorizes the Selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to both the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendation by those bodies, and after recommendations from both bodies, they shall hold two (2) public hearings in accordance with RSA 41:14-a. This authorization in accordance with RSA 41:14-a shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Town.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Passed

Moved by Moved by Mike Genest

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand dollars (\$316,000) to be added to the present Capital Reserve Funds in the following manner and to appoint the Selectmen as agents for all these funds:

\$25,000 Town Building Repair Capital Reserve Fund
\$ 1,000 Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund
\$ 5,000 Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund
\$25,000 Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
\$ 5,000 Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund
\$25,000 Bridge Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund
\$30,000 Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund
\$150,000 Recreational Field Development Capital Reserve Fund
\$50,000 Library Building Capital Reserve Fund
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Passed

Moved by Moved by Mike Genest

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise, appropriate and withdraw from the Capital Reserve for Recreational Field Development One hundred and seventy five thousand (\$175,000) dollars, which will be used to purchase seventy two (72) acres, more or less, of land on West Street, and for the site preparation and basic field development of the recreation fields planned for this site, in order to meet the needs of the Town. This reserve was established for this purpose and to further authorize the Selectmen, as agents, to expend these funds. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until this purchase and work is complete or December 31, 2007, whichever is sooner.

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 one hundred and ninety five thousand dollars, (\$195,000) for the purchase of a 2004 Fire Truck, for use by the Antrim Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred thousand dollars, (\$100,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance will be raised by the issuance of notes not to exceed Ninety Thousand dollars (\$90,000) under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended) 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; and to authorize the sale or trade in of the current 1979 Fire Truck that will be replaced and to apply those proceeds towards this purchase. **(Ballot Vote required. 2/3rds majority needed for passage)**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Yes – 136 No – 27 Passed

Moved by Maria Issotti

7. To see if the Selectmen shall, with input from citizens, draft a letter to the President of the United States expressing the Town of Antrim's compassion and concern for American Indian Movement leader Leonard Peltier, and further, the selectmen shall urge President Bush to show compassion by granting Mr. Peltier executive clemency. This letter shall be sent no later than June 21, 2005. **(Ballot Vote)** (By Petition)

Yes – 37 No – 125 Defeated

Moved by Rick Edmunds

8. To see if the Selectmen will reclassify Bryers Lane from a Private Road, which is not owned, plowed or maintained by the Town to a Class V. Town maintained road. Bryers Lane is a one eighth (1/8) mile paved cul-de-sac off of Pleasant Street. Seven families, all with children, live on Bryers Lane. The buried power line, phone line and water line may not meet the current Antrim Water & Sewer codes. Therefore, The Tucker Brook Association which now owns and maintains Bryers Lane will continue to be responsible for any repair and waive any liability or damages that might occur to the power or water lines from town plows or road maintenance. **(Ballot Vote)** (By Petition)

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE #8

“THE RECLASSIFICATION OF BRYERS LANE WILL NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL THE TUCKER BROOK BUILDERS CLUSTER HOUSING ASSOCIATION BRINGS THE ROAD AND THE UTILITIES THERE UNDER, OR ALONG SIDE, UP TO THE CURRENT CLASS FIVE STANDARDS, WHICH WERE ADOPTED BY THE ANTRIM PLANNING BOARD

ON DECEMBER 18TH, 2003 AND ARE BASED ON THE NEW HAMPSHIRE STANDARDS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION. THE SELECTMEN WOULD BE WILLING TO CONDITIONALLY LAYOUT AND RECLASSIFY THIS ROAD UPON COMPLIANCE WITH BETTERMENT ASSESSMENTS, AS PROVIDED UNDER RSA 231:28-33. THE SELECTMEN WILL CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS MATTER. THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION SERVED BY BRYERS LANE SHALL HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS AND REMEDIES AS PROVIDED UNDER THE RSA, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUBMIT, WITHIN 10 DAYS FOLLOWING THE HEARING, A PETITION NOT TO CONDITIONALLY RECLASSIFY BRYERS LANE. THE COST ASSESSED AGAINST THE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS BY THE SELECTMEN SHALL REFLECT ONLY THE COST TO BRING BRYERS LANE UP TO THE STANDARDS OF PLEASANT STREET. HOWEVER, THIS SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING BOARD OR THE SELECTMEN TO IMPOSE MORE STRIGENT CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS AS A CONDITION FOR APPROVING THE RECLASSIFICATION.

Yes – 93 No – 68 Passed

Moved by Mike Genest

9 To see if the Town shall adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II; RSA 72:29-a; and RSA 72:35, I-a; These will increase the Veterans Tax Credit to \$500.00, a Veterans Surviving Spouse Tax Credit to \$2,000 for veterans killed in combat, and a Permanently and totally Disabled Veterans Tax Credit to \$2,000 on residential property that is owned and is the prime residence of the Veteran and/or spouse. This will replace the current tax credit in its entirety. **(Ballot Vote)**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Yes – 152 No – 10 Passed

8:10 p.m. Voting was open for Warrant Articles 6-7-8-9.

9:12 p.m. Voting closed for Warrant Articles 6-7-8-9.

Moved by Mike Genest

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand dollars (\$12,000) for the purchase of a Speed Monitoring Trailer, for use of the Police Department and to withdraw the sum of Six Thousand dollars (\$6,000) from the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created for the purpose. The balance will come from a state grant offered for this purpose.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Passed

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

11. To see if the Town will vote to approve the adjusted fees paid to all elected officials of the Town. This is based on the study that was completed and authorized by warrant article #16 at the 2004 Town Meeting. These fees were all explained at the Town Public Budget Hearing and are included in the 2005 budget. The total cost of the adjusted fees will be eighty nine hundred dollars (\$8900.00). These fees will be effective as of January 1, 2005. The fees are as follows:

Selectman -	\$2,400.00 per year
Selectman, Chair -	\$2,500.00 per year
Moderator -	\$100.00 per session
Supervisor of the Check List -	\$10.00 per hour
Trustees of the Trust Fund -	\$250.00 per year
Treasurer -	\$1,200.00 per year
*Town Clerk/Tax Collector -	\$24,000 per year.
Sewer & Water Commissioner -	\$900.00 per year

*This position requires the incumbent to work at the Town Hall at least 24 hours per week, and to be open to the public a minimum of sixteen (16) hours per week and at least three (3) hours on a Saturday once per month. This position will also have the following wage grade assigned to it, the fee will be based on performance and experience – Grade VI.- Minimum Rate \$15.40 per hour, Mid-Point Rate \$19.50, Maximum Rate \$24.10. The rate for the incumbent for this position will be increased on an annual basis at the average percentage increase of all other Town office employees and will be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Passed

Moved by Mike Genest

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Three Thousand dollars (\$23,000) to install irrigation, fencing, and maintenance at Shea Field. Seven Thousand dollars (\$7,000) of this will come from the ConVal School District maintenance budget if approved and the balance, Sixteen Thousand dollars (\$16,000) will be raised by taxes. The Park and Recreation Commission will be responsible for the administration of these funds.

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 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.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Passed

Moved by Ben Pratt

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Eight Thousand dollars (\$108,000) for the purpose of assisting in the financing of infrastructure improvements such as the repair of the Mill Pond Dam, exterior improvements to the Library and Aiken Barn property, and improvements in Memorial Park and around Mill Pond. In addition to assist in the purchase of the necessary equipment to plow and maintain our sidewalks 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 One Hundred and Eight Thousand dollars.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Passed

Moved by Ben Pratt

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand dollars (\$140,000) for the repair of the Mill Pond Dam. Of which, one half the cost, up to Seventy Thousand dollars (\$70,000) will come from the Downtown Antrim Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District fund and the balance will be raised by taxes. The selectmen will be appointed agents for the expenditure of these funds.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Passed

Moved by Mike Genest

16. 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).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Passed

Moved by Mike Oldershaw

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000) for major repairs to our government buildings, including, but not limited to a new roof for the Fire Station, and the Town Garage, new windows in the Town Hall, and improvements at the Recycling Center and at the Aiken Barn, and to withdraw from the Town Building Repair Capital Reserve Fund Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000) from this reserve account set up for this purpose.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Passed

Moved by Mike Genest

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Two dollars (\$2,548,572.00) to pay the normal operating costs of the Town (as set forth in the Town Budget-including Four Hundred and Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen dollars (\$404,518) for the Water & Sewer Department and excludes all warrant articles or take action thereon.

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 9:30 p.m.

True Copy "ATTEST"

Mary R. Hammond
Town Clerk

