

Town of Antrim Town Meeting Minutes
March 2012

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 2012 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) *Indicates Elected

Cemetery Trustee - Three Years -*Kathryn Chisholm 535
Library Trustee - Three Years -*Colleen Giffin 470, *Ronald Haggett 447
Planning Board - Three Years -*Sarah Vanderwende 399, *Stephen MacDonald 410
Trustee of Trust Funds - Three Years -* Paul Boule 526
Treasurer - Three Years -*Benjamin Pratt 532
Moderator - Two Years -*Arthur Merrill 291, Robert Flanders 252
Supervisor of the Checklist - Six Years - *Diane Chauncey 533
Supervisor of the Checklist - Four Years - *Kara Penny 521
Selectboard - Three Years - Mary Sherbourne 110, *Michael Genest 238,
Bob Edwards 224
Sewer & Water Commission - Three Years - *Melissa Lombard 257, Fernando Barsanti 224
Budget Advisory Committee - One Year *Bob Edwards 28, *Barbara Gard 20, *Gordon Allen 23, *Kara Penny 15, *Dave Boule 10, *Shelly Nelkens 6

Article 2: To vote by ballot on the following amendments to the Antrim Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board:

Amendment #1: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Antrim zoning ordinance as follows:

To adopt a Large Scale Wind Energy Facility Ordinance, the purpose and intent of which is to:

- Establish a process for the Planning Board to issue Conditional Use Permits, in addition to Site Plan approval, for Large Scale Wind Energy Facilities (as defined in the ordinance) that would be allowed to be located anywhere in town;
- Specify particular standards that address construction, public health and safety, noise, environmental issues, and visual impacts;
- Require as part of the application various impact statements and assessments to help gauge impacts of a proposal; and

- Establish a process and requirements, following an approval, whereby the Planning Board issues a Permit to Operate that must be renewed on a regular schedule? **244 YES 350 NO FAILED**
- Amendment #2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Antrim zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V – “Highway Business District” TO CORRECT REFERENCE under Section B, 1 Manufactured Housing Units (per Article XIV, Section U)
363 YES 199 NO PASSED

Amendment #3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Antrim zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III – “Definitions” - TO CORRECT REFERENCE under Section B Cluster Housing Development: An area of land, controlled by landowner or landowners organization developed as a single entity for a number of dwelling units in accordance with Supplemental Regulations, Article XIV-A.1 (Amended March 11, 2003)
380 YES 182 NO PASSED

Amendment #4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Antrim zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article XIV-B – “Personal Wireless Service Facility” (PWSF) CHANGE TO READ

Section 4. DISTRICT REGULATIONS, a.: Location – PWSFs proposed to be located in or on existing structures shall be permitted in all zoning districts. PWSFs shall be an allowed use in the Highway Business district, and by a Special Exception from the Zoning Board in the Rural, Rural Conservation, and Lakefront District. Ground-mounted PWSFs will not be allowed in the Residential or Village Residential Districts. In any district where ground mounted PWSFs are allowed by Special Exception no portion of the facility except roads, shall be located within 300 feet of any abutting structure.

347 YES 214 NO PASSED

Amendment #5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Antrim zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article XIV, Section O, 7 – “Supplemental Regulations” ADD REFERENCE
 7. Not show any exterior evidence of a home occupation except for signs as permitted in Article XVII, Section D – Signs Permitted in All Districts without Permit.

322 YES 227 NO PASSED

Amendment #6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Antrim zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article XVII Section E, 3 – “Sign Ordinance” CHANGE TO READ

3. All signs shall conform with all provisions of Section C of this Article (Signs Prohibited in All District)

345 YES

205 NO

PASSED

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) day of March 2012 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following:

Meeting opened by Moderator Robert Flanders

Pledge led Robert Flanders

Prayer led by Pastor Charles Boucher

Moderator will second all motions

Mike Genest – Mr. Moderator, I would like to make a motion to take up and deliberate Article 6 before Article 3.

Mike Genest – Article 6 is the funding article to add money to the Capital Reserve fund for bridge maintenance where Article 3 is the enabling article to expend those funds.

MOTION PASSED

Mike Genest – Mr. Moderator, I would like to make a motion to take up and deliberate Article 9 at this time.

Mike Genest– I understand that there is to be a petition to hold a ballot vote on this article which will require the polls to remain open for an hour and by moving this article up, we can still conduct other business during that time period.

Moderator stated he had been given a petition signed by at least 5 registered voters to have a ballot vote on article 9.

MOTION PASSED

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000.00) for the purpose of plans, engineering, acquisition and construction of facilities for the Police Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI. and will not lapse until the project is completed or December 31, 2017, whichever date comes first.

MIKE GENEST MOVES TO AMEND ARTICLE 9 (BALLOT VOTE)

AMENDMENT - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing Lot 103-091 (0.65 acre lot in front of the Post Office) for \$72,500.00 to be used for the future construction of a Police Station and to develop engineering and construction plans for a building. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI. and will not lapse until the project is completed or December 31, 2017, whichever date comes first.

Mike Genest – The increase is for the purpose of purchasing Lot 103-091 (0.65 acre lot in front of the Post Office) for \$72,500.00 to be used for the future construction of a Police Station and to develop engineering and construction plans for a building. The Police Department is currently located in the Town Hall but the space is inadequate for their needs. There is no holding area, no separation for juveniles, no conference/interview room; file cabinets are in the hallway, insufficient office space for officers and assistant. This lot is in the center of town, very level and is service by water and sewer thus keeping site costs down. This lot will allow for a single story building and utilizes the existing parking area. The other option that has been discussed is to build at the Clinton Street Fire Station as we already own the land and while this is a viable option, the site costs could be higher. The septic system would have to be replaced to support both departments, a new well would be drilled, and the land requires a two story building which would need excavation for a foundation and driveway to access the lower level of the building. A two story building has ADA compliance issues that need to be taken into consideration when designing and building the structure where a single story building has minimal ADA issues.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 9 PASSES by Ballot Vote 90 YES 46 NO

Article 9 as Amended Passed

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing and outfitting a Police cruiser and to authorize the sale or trade-in of the current 2004 Ford Expedition that will be replaced and to apply those proceeds towards this purchase. This appropriation is to be drawn from the General Fund (surplus).

MOVED BY John Robertson

John Robertson– The 2004 Expedition has 107,000 miles and requires repairs to rocker panels and other maintenance. This will replace the oldest vehicle.

Article 4 PASSED

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-eight thousand dollars (\$88,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing and outfitting a 1-ton truck for the Highway Department and to authorize the sale or trade-in of the current 2002 Ford F550 that will be replaced and to apply those proceeds towards this purchase. To further authorize the withdrawal of thirty-nine thousands dollars (\$39,000) from the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund and forty-nine thousand dollars (\$49,000) of this appropriation is to be from the General Fund (surplus).

MOVED BY MIKE GENEST

Mike Genest– The current truck is starting to show rust on both the body and chassis. This vehicle will be used as a general all around utility truck as well as for plowing and sanding.

Marshall Gale – Amendment to article 5

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-eight thousand dollars (\$88,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing and outfitting a 1-ton truck for the Highway Department and that the current 2002 Ford F550 be transferred to the Fire Department to be repaired and refurbished for a forestry truck by the Fire

Department or for its sale and to apply those proceeds towards the purchase. To further authorize the withdrawal of thirty-nine thousands dollars (\$39,000) from the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund and forty-nine thousand dollars (\$49,000) of this appropriation is to be from the General Fund (surplus).

ARTICLE 5 PASSED AS AMENDED

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) to be added to the present Capital Reserve Funds in the following manner:

\$ 15,000 Library Fund
\$ 10,000 Renovation – Town Buildings
\$150,000 Bridge Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund

MOVED BY JOHN ROBERTSON

John Robertson- This article is to fund our Capital Reserve Funds for special projects. The \$10,000 is being put aside in anticipation of repairs being needed to Town buildings such as roofs, boilers, heating systems, floors or other maintenance items of government buildings. The \$15,000 is being put aside in anticipation of repairs being needed to the Library such as roof repair, replacing old electrical wiring or other maintenance items. The monies for bridges is to fund our portion of the required match to repair and/or replace bridges. The \$150,000 is funding for Depot Street bridge.

ARTICLE 6 PASSED

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars, (\$135,000.00) and to authorize the withdrawal of these funds or 10% of the project cost from the Bridge Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, these funds represent Antrim's share of half (50%) of the 20% cost of replacement of the shared Antrim/Bennington bridge being managed by the Town of Bennington as part of the State of New Hampshire Bridge Aid Program. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI. and will not lapse until the project is completed or December 31, 2017, whichever date comes first.

Moved by Eric Tenney

Eric Tenney – This is the bridge that is shared by the Town's of Antrim and Bennington and is one of the three bridges on Depot Street that pass through the 1500-foot wide floodplain of the Contoocook River. All three bridges and most of Depot Street are below the 50-year flood elevation and therefore are not economical to correct for flooding but to address structural deficiencies. This bridge is on the State of NH DOT's redlist for structural deficiencies and is to be replaced with a steel girder bridge. NOTE: This article authorizes the bridge replacement, the funding is covered in article #6

ARTICLE 3 PASSED

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to support the Teen/Community Center. These funds will be contributed to the Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center– a non profit service organization – which is responsible for the operation of the Teen Center.

MOVED BY MIKE GENEST

Mike Genest- Yearly contribution to the Teen Center – Kristen Vance and Dave Kirkpatrick spoke in support.

ARTICLE 7 PASSED

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Recreation Field Development Capital Reserve Fund. This appropriation is to be drawn from the General Fund (surplus).

MOVED BY ERIC TENNEY

Eric Tenney- This article starts to replace the \$100,000 Capital Reserve money that was approved by the 2009 Town Meeting Warrant Article #4 but was disallowed by the DRA.

ARTICLE 8 PASSED

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three million, six hundred and five thousand, nine hundred and fifty-six dollars (\$3,605,956) for general operating costs of the Town (as set forth in the Town Budget-including three hundred sixty thousand, nine hundred and forty-one dollars (\$360,941) for the Water & Sewer Department) and said sum excludes all Warrant Articles addressed or action taken thereon.

MOVED BY JOHN ROBERTSON

ARTICLE 10 PASSED

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for the purpose of restoring and/or replacing the Town's War Monument. This will be a non-lapsing account until completion of the project or December 31, 2017 which ever occurs first. This appropriation is to be drawn from the General Fund (surplus).

MOVED BY ERIC TENNEY

Eric Tenney recognized Al Gould. Al Gould spoke of the importance of the War Monument.

ARTICLE 11 PASSED

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Tax Incremental Funding (TIF) account of \$115.89 and any accrued interest and to transfer these funds in to the Town General Fund.

MOVED BY MIKE GENEST

Mike Genest – This article closed out the TIF bank account.

Article 12 PASSED

Article 13. To hear reports of the committees and act thereon.
No reports.

Article 14. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

John Robertson honors longtime road agent Bob Varnum with a sign to be displayed at Town Garage.

Andrew Chapman recognizes Fernando Barsanti for his service to the town of Antrim Water and Sewer department.

Mike Genest recognizes Bob Flanders for his service as town moderator and that there will be a reception in his honor in the near future.

MOTION MADE BY ALICEMAY FLANDERS to change the terms of the budget committee from 6 members to 3 in 2013 and to alternate members terms to expire every 3 years.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

True Copy "ATTEST"

Donna Hanson
Town Clerk