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# Town Meeting Minutes - 2006

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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 fourteen (14<sup>th</sup>) day of March 2006 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 III Definitions to clarify the definitions of "Structure", "Building" and "Lot Area" to facilitate the administration of the Zoning Ordinances.

**(Ballot Vote) Passed**

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 centerline of Route 9 from Highway Business District to Residential Conservation District. **(Ballot**

**Vote) Defeated**

**Meeting opened by Moderator Robert Flanders**

**Pledge led by the Cub Scouts**

**Prayer led by Rev Charles Boucher**

**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 sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) of March 2006 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 raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred and Forty Six thousand dollars, (\$946,000) for the purpose or repair, restoration, furnishings, and construction of an addition, and fees associated with the issuance of bonds (including bond counsel and the NH Municipal Bond Bank) on the James Tuttle Library, and to authorize the withdrawal of ninety six thousand dollars (\$96,000) from the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. And to authorize the issuance of not more than Eight Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000) 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. **(Ballot Vote required. 2/3rds majority needed for passage)**

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

**Yes – 222 No – 53 Passed**

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**Moved by Ben Pratt**

4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the purpose of the Capital Reserve Funds for Highway Equipment to include the fees of services for Professional Engineering as is required for major infrastructure improvements and to authorize the withdrawal of \$60,000 from the fund for these purposes for the engineering required for North Main Street and other road improvements planned for 2006. **(Ballot Vote required 2/3rds majority needed for passage)**

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

**Yes – 182 No – 29 Passed**

**Moved by Ron Haggett**

5. To see if the Town will vote to approve the "betterment assessment plan" for Bryers Lane, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$98,000, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue bonds or notes in the amount of \$98,000 in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds, to determine the rate of interest thereon, and take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such notes or bonds as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Antrim. Bryers Lane would be upgraded to class V road standards, and the full cost of this project will be borne by the property owners of the Tucker Brook Builders Housing Association (Bryers Lane). There has been a public hearing on this project, and the Board of Selectmen will arrange for proper charges and repayment plans for each of the property owners. The Town will bear no cost for this project. **(Ballot Vote required. 2/3rds majority needed for passage)**

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

**Yes – 187 No – 26 Passed**

**Moved by Mike Genest**

6. To see if the Town will vote to create a "Revolving Fund" pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of ambulance services. The fund will be called the "Ambulance Services Revolving Fund". All revenues received for the billing of ambulance and rescue services will be deposited into this fund, and any monies left in the fund in excess of the department's yearly operational and capital expenses shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's General Fund Balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon the request of the Fire Chief and approval of the Board of Selectmen, and only for the purposes for which the fund is established. No further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. **(Ballot Vote Required)**

**(Required)**

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

**Yes – 183 No – 26 Passed**

**Moved by Mike Genest**

7. To see if the Town will vote to close the Capital Reserve Funds for the Ambulance and to transfer the balance in this fund to the "Ambulance Services Revolving Fund" established at this meeting, for the operation of the ambulance services. **(Ballot Vote Required)**

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

**Yes – 183 No – 26 Passed**

**Moved by Ron Haggett**

8. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B2 II. The money received from fees and charges for recreation programs and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the Town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon the request of the Recreation Director and approval of the Board of Selectmen (no further town meeting approval required). These funds may be expended only for recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other Town funds which have not been appropriated for that purpose. **(Ballot Vote Required)**

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

**Yes – 186 No – 29 Passed**

**Moved by Ben Pratt**

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of

Two Million Nine Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eight Dollars **(\$2,989,508.00)** to pay the normal operating costs of the Town (as set forth in the Town Budget-including Three Hundred Forty Thousand Fifty Eight Dollars **(\$340,058.00)** for the Water & Sewer Department) and excludes all warrant articles or take action thereon.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

**Passed**

**Moved by Ron Haggett**

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$5,250) to support the services of the Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center, or to take other action thereon.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

**Passed**

**Moved by Mike Genest**

11. To see if the Town will vote to continue the work of the Open Space Committee and to support the final report and recommendations of the Antrim Open Space Committee entitled "Open Space Conservation Plan for Antrim" and dated November 11, 2005.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

**Passed**

**Moved by Ben Pratt**

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000) for the repair and replacement of flood damaged roads and bridges, such as White Birch Point Bridge, Liberty Farm Road, Elm Avenue Bridge, etc. Six Hundred Thousand Dollars of the monies for this work will come from FEMA and State Grants and One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) will be withdrawn from the Emergency Bridge Fund which was established for this purpose. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the projects are completed or December 31, 2008, whichever is sooner.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

**Passed**

**Moved by Ron Haggett**

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the update of the Town assessments in compliance with RSA 21-J:11-a and RSA 75:8-a; and to withdraw the sum of Twenty Five Thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the Capital Reserve set up for this purpose.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

**Passed**

**Moved by Mike Genest**

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Dollars (\$162,000) 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  
 \$10,000 Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund  
 \$ 1,000 Highway Capital Reserve  
 \$ 1,000 Fire Department Capital Reserve  
 \$80,000 Bridge Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund  
 \$20,000 Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund  
 \$25,000 The Recreation Field Development Fund

**(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 Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for completion of the repair of the Mill Pond (Cutler) Dam.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

**Passed**

**Moved by Ron Haggett**

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) for the purpose of assisting in the financing of infrastructure improvements such as the repair of the Bandstand ,exterior improvements to the Library and Aiken Barn property, and improvements in Memorial Park and around Mill Pond, the purchase of an easement of land on Touchwood Square, and/or other downtown improvement projects, and to withdraw from the Downtown Antrim Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District account the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand dollars (\$120,000).

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

**Passed**

**Moved by Mike Genest**

17. 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 Ron Haggett**

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand dollars (\$40,000) for

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major repairs to our government buildings, including, but not limited to, a new heating system at the Fire House Station 1, and improvements at the Recycling Center and at the Aiken Barn, 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.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

**Passed**

**Moved by Ben Pratt**

19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the piece of Town Property known as Map 1A- Lot 172 (Antrim Video/Cutter Building Parking lot) to the abutting property owners for the price of \$1.00. It will have a condition attached to the sale that will stipulate that this piece of land can only be used for a parking lot or green space. The Town will have no further responsibility for maintenance or insurance on this property.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

**Defeated**

**Moved by Mike Genest**

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to install fencing, dugouts, and maintenance at Shea Field. 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 these funds.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

**Passed**

**Moved by Ron Haggett**

21. To see if the Town will vote to amend Warrant Article 2 of the 2002 Warrant, which provided the Conservation Commission with 50% of the annual land use change tax, up to a maximum of \$5,000 in each year. The amendment would be to continue with the 50% contribution, but the \$5,000 limit would be removed in each year. This is requested by the Conservation Commission.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

**Passed**

**Moved by Ben Pratt**

22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint the Tax Collector on an annual basis.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

**Passed**

**Moved by Mike Genest**

23. To see if the Town will allow the adoption of an ordinance per RSA 80:52-c which will allow the Town to accept payment of taxes and/or fees by use of a credit card. A service charge of three (3) percent will be added for use of the credit card.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)**

**Passed**

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

25. 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

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