

Town of Antrim 2010 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 ninth (9th) day of March 2010 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 (Two Years)	*Kathryn R. Chisholm-428
Cemetery Trustee (Three Years)	*Anne Chisholm-Enman-419
Library Trustee (Three Years)	*Margaret C. Warner-362 *Molly Moore Lazar-401
Treasurer (Three Years)	*Benjamin Pratt-438
Selectman (Three Years)	*Eric Tenney-429
Trustee of Trust Funds (Three Years)	*Loyall C. Allen-425
Planning Board (Three Years)	Doris Shelley Nelkens-73 Stephen R. Schacht-210 *David Dubois-263 *Jesse Lazar-272
Sewer & Water Commission (Three Years)	*Chris M. Rawnsley-423
Supervisor of the Checklist (Six Years)	*Sheila E. Nichols-417
Moderator (Two Years)	*Robert B. Flanders-387
School Board (Three Years)	*Mary Allen-425

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 Office.

1. Amend Article III - Definitions, Section B. - **ADD** - Mixed Use -- Any combination of residential, commercial, public, etc.

356 YES 98 NO Recommended by the Planning Board

2. Amend Article IV - Village Business District, Section B, 1. Principle Permitted Uses: **ADD** - Mixed Use (Any combination of residential, commercial, public, etc.)

358 YES 93 NO Recommended by the Planning Board

3. Amend Article V - Highway Business District, Section B, 1. Principle Uses: **ADD** - Mixed Use (Any combination of residential, commercial, public, etc.)

350 YES 86 NO Recommended by the Planning Board

4. Amend Article XI - Wetlands District, Section G. Special Use Permit (Adopted March 10, 2005) - **ADD** - This ordinance is an innovative land use control subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Planning Board.

297 YES 145 NO Recommended by the Planning Board

5. Amend Article XIV-B - Personal Wireless Service Facility (PWSF) -

Section 3. Definitions, **CHANGE** - Average Tree Canopy Height - to read "An average height found by inventorying the height of all trees over twenty feet (20') in height within the area that extends for a distance of **one-hundred fifty feet (150')** from the base of the mount, security barrier, or designated clear area for access to equipment, whichever is greatest. Trees that will be removed for construction shall not be used in this calculation". (Currently specifies distance from base of the mount at fifty feet [50']).

271 YES 99 NO Recommended by the Planning Board

6. Amend Article XVII - Sign Ordinance

Section A., Purpose and Intent (paragraph to be added before "Definitions") - **ADD** - The purposes of this section are to protect and improve community appearance and aesthetics and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens without inhibiting the vitality of local businesses and organizations for whom adequate signage is of high importance. This section recognizes that establishments need identification and the public needs direction. This section aims to encourage the use of street graphics that are compatible with community character, are legible and clear, and are maintained in good repair.

382 YES 84 NO Recommended by the Planning Board

Section D. Signs Permitted with Permit from Building Inspector - **ADD** - 6. Application for sign must be co-signed by both the business owner and the property owner.

391 YES 71 NO Recommended by the Planning Board

7. Amend Article XVIII - Administration & Enforcement

Section C, 1. Duties and Powers of the Board of Selectmen or the Zoning Officer (**CHANGE TO READ**) Pursuant to RSA 155-A and RSA 674-51, building permits will be administered in accordance with the State of New Hampshire Building Code.

378 YES 70 NO Recommended by the Planning Board

Section D, 2. When a Building Permit is Not Required

(CHANGE TO READ) No building permit shall be required for any construction, repair, alteration or similar activity for freestanding structures less than 200 square feet. New freestanding structures less than 200 square feet will require a zoning permit.

345 YES

110 NO

Recommended by the Planning Board

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 Eleventh (11th) day of March 2010 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following:

**Meeting opened by Moderator Robert Flanders
Pledge led by the Cub Scouts
Prayer led by Rev Charles Boucher
Moderator will second all motions**

Moved by Stephen Schacht

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand seven hundred dollars (\$9,700) to purchase two (2) thermal imaging cameras and authorize the withdrawal of nine thousand seven hundred dollars (9,700) from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. These cameras will be placed in engines to be used for search and rescue in heavy smoke and limited visibility environments. **(Majority vote required).**

Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0)

PASSED

Moved by Mike Genest

Article 4. 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 that was started in 2007. These funds will be contributed to the Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center, which is responsible for the operation of the Teen Center. **(Majority vote required).**

Recommended by Board of Selectmen (2-1)

PASSED

Moved by Gordon Webber

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred-ninety-four thousand-seventy-seven dollars (\$194,077.00) from the TIF Fund account to be transferred to the Town's General Fund, and to withdraw from the Downtown Antrim Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District account the sum of one hundred-ninety-four thousand-seventy-seven dollars (\$194,077.00) for this purpose. **(Majority vote required).**

Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0)

PASSED

Moved by Stephen Schacht

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000.00) for the purpose of reducing the general fund deficit pursuant to RSA 41:9, V. **(Majority vote required).**

Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0)

PASSED

Moved by Stephen Schacht

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three million one hundred seventy thousand eight hundred sixty one dollars (**\$3,170,861**) for general operating costs of the Town (as set forth in the Town Budget-including two hundred ninety-seven thousand one hundred seventy-five dollars (**\$297,175**) for the Water & Sewer Department) and said sum excludes all Warrant Articles addressed or action taken thereon. **(Majority vote required).**

Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0)

PASSED

Moved by Rick Seavey

Article 8. By petition of Christopher McQuillan and others to see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President. Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage."

By Petition (Majority vote required)

47 YES 64 NO

FAILED

Moved by Alice May Flanders

Article 9. By petition of Justin E. LeMay and others "We the undersigned residents of Antrim request that the Town of Antrim adopt the provisions of RSA 32 and establish an elected Budget Committee with the initial members to be appointed by the Moderator to serve until the next annual meeting." **By Petition**

(Majority vote required)

Moved by Bob Edwards

Mary Allan Seconds

Amendment to Article 9

Amend Article 9 to read: To see if the Town will vote to create an Antrim Advisory Budget Committee comprised of 6 members-at-large appointed by the Town Moderator for a term to expire effective at the town's next annual meeting and to be elected by ballot vote thereafter and to complete said appointment and begin the Committee's organizational efforts within 30 days after the official adjournment of the 2010 annual town meeting. The purpose of this Committee is to work mutually in good faith and in the best interests of the Town of Antrim with the Select Board and Town Department

Heads on all budgetary matters influencing the formation, evaluation and reporting of the ensuing year's town budget, inclusive of warrant articles that contain a funding provision.

Amended Article 9 Passed

Moved by Stephen Schacht

Per RSA 40:10 to restrict reconsideration on Article 9

PASSED

Article 10. By petition of Douglas Stone and others "We the undersigned residents of Antrim request that should the Town adopt an elected Municipal Budget Committee, as per RSA 32, the Municipal Budget Committee shall consist of six members-at-large." **By Petition (Majority vote required)**

Article 9 Failed Article 10 Not Necessary

Moved by Gordon Webber

Article 11. To hear reports of the committees and act thereon.

Moved by Gordon Webber

Article 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Joan Blood thanked the Town of Antrim for all their love and support since the passing of her husband Steve Blood.

Ben Pratt:

The Town of Antrim is going through a difficult period. We still have a way to go to put our financial problems behind us, but we are on the right path. The fact that we are making good progress is due, in large part, to the efforts of our Town Administrator, Galen Stearns. He began his work here last October and was immediately confronted with serious cash flow and budgetary problems. He has worked tirelessly and effectively with the Board of Selectmen to improve our systems and procedure so we can prevent any reoccurrence of our recent problems. On behalf of the people of Antrim, I would like to express our appreciation for his capability and hard work. Thank you.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m

True Copy "ATTEST"

**Donna Hanson
Town Clerk**