

Minutes of the Public Meeting
on the Preliminary Town Budget
for 1996
January 8, 1996

Present: Selectmen Thomas Davis, Peter Moore, Paula Clemente and Business Manager Phil Dwight. Ruth Zwirner, Connie Kirwin and Carter Proctor were also present.

The meeting opened at 7 P.M. and the attached over view of the budget was explained.

The main discussion concerned a possible warrant article to fund the request from the Tuttle Library for emergency egress from the first and second floor of the Library. The Selectmen felt they needed more specific information about costs and alternative solutions. They also suggested the possibility of establishing a capital reserve fund over a period of time to handle this cost. No decisions will be reached until further information is available.

Carter asked whether the Selectmen were going to take a position on the Adoption of Senate Bill 2 for School Meetings - they said probably not but would try to get information out about this and the other issues that will be voted on either at District Meeting or at the Town Election.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Philip T. Dwight Business Manager

PRELIMINARY PROPOSED BUDGET
OF
THE TOWN OF ANTRIM
1996

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1995 BUDGET	1995 ESTIMATED SPENT	1996 ORIGINAL REQUEST	1996 REVISED REQUEST
EXEC. OFFICE	\$51,500	\$45,971	\$48,950	
FINANCIAL ADMIN	\$26,950	\$26,233	\$29,700	
EMPLOYEE BEN.	\$122,675	\$110,209	\$95,500	1
GEN'L GOV'T. BLDGS	\$27,750	\$27,174	\$27,500	
GENERAL INSURANCE	\$27,125	\$28,378	\$30,000	
OTHER GEN'L GOVT	\$59,550	\$51,764	\$40,900	2
TOTAL GEN'L GOVT.	\$315,550	\$289,729	\$272,550	
POLICE DEPT	\$142,850	\$137,652	\$150,190	3
FIRE & AMBULANCE	\$43,500	\$43,421	\$39,800	
HIGHWAYS - GENERAL	\$263,600	\$260,753	\$264,000	
HIGHWAYS - SNOW REMOVAL	\$42,500	\$50,495	\$50,000	4
STREET LIGHTS & MISC	\$26,500	\$25,552	\$26,950	
A.R.T.S & LANDFILL	\$71,750	\$67,239	\$73,150	5
HEALTH & WELFARE	\$34,520	\$32,504	\$39,845	6
PARKS & RECREATION	\$19,600	\$16,848	\$18,000	
LIBRARY	\$39,600	\$38,514	\$40,350	
DEBT SERVICE	\$226,461	\$229,032	\$205,975	7
CAPITAL RESERVES	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$35,000	
WARRANT ARTICLES	\$59,150	\$58,550		8
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,318,581	\$1,283,289	\$1,215,810	

NOTES:

Budget includes a 3% increase for employees as of 4/1/96 (\$8,175)

1. Workmen's Comp premium down \$10,000; one less individual on benefits
2. Legal fees & Contingency fund budgeted at \$17,500 total. Actual costs in 1995 totaled \$29,750.
3. Reflects increased costs for 4 full time policemen all year.
4. Always hard to budget; 1994 spending was \$58,800.
5. \$2,500 more for landfill monitoring; 10% increase in waste removal.
6. Budgeting \$5,000 more for welfare.
7. Corrosion Control bond paid off in 1995 saves \$15,000. Interest costs down \$8,000.
8. Gregg Lake Bridge warrent article carried over to 1996. Other possible articles:
 - New truck for Highway Dept (from capital reserves)
 - Funds for Aiken House
 - Memorial Park
 - Bond issue for Water & Sewer sludge removal
 - Authorize applying for Bridge State Aid for Gregg Lake Bridge
 - Set up Economic Development Authority