

**TOWN OF ANTRIM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2002**

PRESENT: Chairman Tenney, Selectman Dave Penny and Sherry Miller.

6:30 p.m. Meeting called to order –

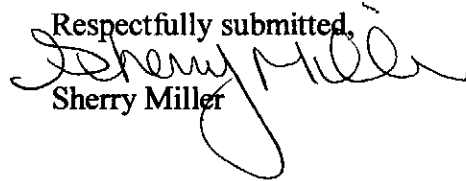
The Selectmen reviewed a letter being sent to Silas Little (Fernald, Taft, Falby & Little) from the Building Inspector regarding Mr. Kipka requesting Certificate of Occupancy for the apartments at 105 Main Street. The Selectmen agreed with the Building Inspector.

7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned for the Preliminary Budget Hearing.

8:45 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Non-Public Session –
No decisions were made.



Review and approve minutes –
The minutes of January 3, 2002 were reviewed and unanimously approved.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be on January 14, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Miller

PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING
JANUARY 7, 2002

Please sign in -

Mike Oldershaw

Ed Rowle

Peter Moore

Connie Kirwin

Dave Boule

Mike Genest

Lyman Gilmore

Pat Webber

Brian Brown

Sharon Dawling

Walter Neft

Dave Essex

**TOWN OF ANTRIM
PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING
JANUARY 7, 2002**

7:00 p.m. hearing called to order –

Chairman Tenney started with the top line of the proposed budget as shown on the attached sheet. It was noted that the health insurance has increased 37%. Mike Oldershaw asked if the Selectmen had any plans to increase the employee contribution. Chairman Tenney stated that the Selectmen have discussed this issue and will be looking into it.

Chairman Tenney stated that over the next year the Selectmen would be addressing the salary issue. They are intending to review each department to set up a "salary schedule" indicating a start and top salary for each position.

Dave Boule asked how the Richardson bequest money was going to be spent. Chairman Tenney indicated that the Parks & Rec Department had plans to possibly begin a skateboard park and that they will be implementing new programs. Pat Webber stated that a few years ago Dave Wilson had attempted to start a skateboard park in the memory of his son and was told that this would increase the town's insurance. Chairman Tenney was unaware of this and stated that it would be checked into and information would be available at the final budget hearing. Dave Boule asked who had control of how the money is spent. Chairman Tenney believes that the Parks department has control and they have all of the requirements for spending the money.

Peter Moore spoke regarding the Conservation's request for a warrant article to capture 50% (with a cap of \$5000) of the revenue received from Land Use Change Tax. Mr. Moore stated that according to RSA 36:A, 5 any money captured could be used after a public hearing and with authorization/approval of the Selectmen. Phil Dwight disagreed with Mr. Moore's interpretation of the RSA. Phil Dwight's interpretation is that the Conservation Commission would have full control over how the money is spent except that a public hearing would be necessary if the expenditure was to purchase real property. This will be looked into and if needed the town attorney will be contacted for clarification.

Peter Moore spoke regarding another request from the Conservation Commission for a warrant article to appropriate \$20,000 for a partial match toward a \$75,000 LCHIP Grant application to purchase the Cloutier property on West Street for the purpose of maintaining this land as a town forest for recreational and educational purposes. At Phil Dwight suggestion Peter Moore said he will re-write the article clarifying when the authorization would expire.

2002 Preliminary Budget Hearing Cont.

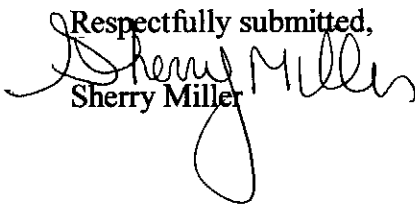
The Library submitted a warrant article for a \$650,000 for an addition to the Library. Lyman Gilmore stated that the total cost of the project is about \$900,000 of which \$650,000 would be from a bond issue and the remaining \$250,000 would be raised by fundraising. Mr. Gilmore stated that two years ago \$60,000 was put into Capital Reserves for the addition, they have used \$15,000 to study the project leaving \$45,000. Connie Kirwin asked if the 45,000 was still available? Phil Dwight stated that it was. It was agreed that decisions had to be made on how the warrant needed to be worded to cover situations such as the bond passing but fund raising falling short. The Library also wanted an article included if the bond issue failed to put \$100,000 into the Library Capital Reserve.

Mike Oldershaw inquired if there was money in the budget to demolish the Aiken House? Mr. Gilmore stated that they did not incorporate that in their budget and asked if the Selectmen had any plans. Phil Dwight (member of the Aiken House Committee) stated that the Committee has not met for several months but at one point agreed to tear down the back half for Library expansion. The consensus of the attendees was that it made no sense to remove only the back half with the possibility of demolishing the rest of the building at a later date and to have the Selectmen put in a warrant article to appropriate money to demolish the Aiken House. The Selectmen agreed to do this. Mr. Prokop indicated it was possible to use T.I.F. funds for part of the cost.

On the purchase of vehicles the only major question was did the town really need a new truck and why couldn't mutual aid cover this?

Discussion on an addition to the Town Barn to house equipment for which there was no room at present raised a question as to what are the costs verses the savings. The Selectmen indicated they would pursue this.

Respectfully submitted,


Sherry Miller

PROPOSED BUDGET
OF
THE TOWN OF ANTRIM
2002

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2001 BUDGET	2001 ESTIMATED SPENT	2002 ORIGINAL PROPOSAL	N O T E S	INCREASE/ DECREASE FROM 2001 BUDGET
EXEC. OFFICE	\$50,750	\$49,975	\$66,450	1	\$15,700
FINANCIAL ADMIN	\$39,800	\$40,500	\$43,000	2	\$3,200
EMPLOYEE BEN.	\$141,115	\$134,500	\$143,575	3	\$2,460
GEN'L GOV'T. BLDGS	\$35,700	\$36,980	\$39,300	4	\$3,600
GENERAL INSURANCE	\$20,000	\$21,079	\$20,000		\$0
OTHER GEN'L GOVT	\$60,885	\$41,500	\$60,750		(\$135)
TOTAL GEN'L GOVT.	\$348,250	\$324,534	\$373,075		\$24,825
POLICE DEPT	\$202,780	\$202,000	\$210,640	5	\$7,860
FIRE & AMBULANCE	\$70,300	\$71,300	\$78,300	6	\$8,000
HIGHWAYS	\$454,800	\$452,050	\$464,200	7	\$9,400
STREET LIGHTS & MISC	\$45,250	\$37,200	\$46,400		\$1,150
A.R.T.S & LANDFILL	\$85,400	\$85,000	\$105,375	8	\$19,975
HEALTH & WELFARE	\$37,427	\$33,100	\$37,305		(\$122)
PARKS & RECREATION	\$41,530	\$40,500	\$49,430	9	\$7,900
LIBRARY	\$67,850	\$67,500	\$65,310		(\$2,540)
DEBT SERVICE	\$317,779	\$314,978	\$275,672	10	(\$42,107)
CAPITAL RESERVES	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$123,000	11	\$10,000
WARRANT ARTICLES					
GRAND TOTAL TOWN BEFORE WARRENTS	\$1,784,366	\$1,741,162	\$1,828,707		\$44,341

REVENUE Estimated to be about the same as 2001

NOTES TO PROPOSED
2002 ANTRIM BUDGET

1. \$15,000 to update computer hardware.
2. Additional hours budgeted.
3. Slight increase in medical insurance.
4. Fire station repairs; Electricity in Town Hall
5. New equipment; Increase in salary line.
6. Restore ambulance budget to level in year 2000.
7. \$3,000 sidewalk snow removal; salary increases; estimated equipment repairs increased cost.
8. \$10,000 for equipment to improve recycling; \$2,500 hazardous waste day; additional funds for waste removal.
9. New programs proposed
10. \$19,540 bond paid off in 2001; \$7,000 reduction in others bonds; \$15,000 reduction in interest costs.
11. Increase is additional \$10,000 to fire equipment reserve.

**2002 Budget
Breakdown for all Proposed Warrant Articles**

W.A. #	Total Amt. Purpose	Taxes	Borrowing	From Cap. Rese
1	5,000 Conservation	5,000		
2	20,000 Cloutier Land	20,000		
3	650,000 Library Addition		650,000	
3A	100,000 if Art. 3 fails	100,000		
3B	45,000 if Art. 3 Passes			45,000
4	161,000 Fire Truck			161,000
5	22,000 Police Cruiser			22,000
6	44,426 Highway Truck			44,426
7	29,805 Town Barrn Addition			29,805
8	84,000 T.I.F. Sidewalk Project			84,000

?'s to resolve

Gov't Building Repairs
 Fire Station
 Goodell Park Fence
 Additional work to T.H. (auth. Use of int. from bond issue)
 Aiken House

Non-Money Items

Discontinue Milk Road
 Discontinue road between Brown Ave & Cemetery Rd.
 Authorize sale of Algonquin Ave land