

**TOWN OF GILFORD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

The Board of Selectmen convened a public meeting, budget work session at 8am in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Selectmen present were: Chairman Richard Grenier, Vice-Chairman Dale Channing Eddy and Clerk Gus Benavides. Also present was Town Administrator Scott Dunn.

Chairman Grenier led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Board met with Parks & Recreation Director Herb Greene to review the FY2017 budget requests and recommendations for the Parks & Recreation Department. They discussed seasonal wages, the skating rink and Patriotic purposes. It was the consensus of the Board to make the following budget recommendations:

- \$75,730 for seasonal wages
- \$8,845 for Skating Rink
- \$125 for Patriotic Purposes

The Board met with Town Clerk Tax Collector Denise Gonyer and Deputy Town Clerk Tax Collector Jenn Mooney the FY2017 budget requests and recommendations for the Office of Town Clerk-Tax Collector and Elections & Registrations. It was the consensus of the Board to make the following budget recommendations:

- \$383,939 for TC/TC
- \$8,306 for Elections and Registrations

The Board met with the Chairman of the Conservation Commission Carole Hall to the review the FY2017 budget requests and recommendations for the Conservation Commission. It was the consensus of the Board to make the following budget recommendations:

- \$21,300 for Conservation Commission

The Board met with Director of Planning and Land Use John Ayer to review the FY2017 budget requests and recommendations for the Department of Planning and Land Use. It was the consensus of the Board to make the following budget recommendations:

- \$313,921 for DPLU

The Board met with Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee, Lt. James Leach and Lt. Kris Kelley to review the FY2017 budget requests and recommendations for the Police Department. It was the consensus of the Board to make the following budget recommendations:

- \$2,667,987 for Police Department

The Board reviewed the budgets for Elected Officials and Legal. It was the consensus of the Board to make the following budget recommendations:

- \$14,533 for Elected Officials
- \$54,000 for Legal

The Board met with Fire Chief Steve Carrier, Deputy Chief Brad Ober, Board of Fire Engineers Bill Akerley, Don Spear and Jack Lyman to review the FY2017 budget requests and recommendations for the Fire-Rescue Department, Forestry, Emergency Management and Fire Protection/Water Supply. It was the consensus of the Board to make the following budget recommendations:

- \$1,798,652 for Fire/Rescue
- \$2,692 for Forestry
- \$3,169 for Emergency Management
- \$129,268 for Fire Protection

The Board met with Director of Public Works Peter Nourse and DPW Operations Manager Mia Gagliardi to review the FY2017 budget requests and recommendations for the DPW budgets. It was the consensus of the Board to make the following budget recommendations:

- \$258,019 for Public Works Administration
- \$310,931 for Buildings & Grounds
- \$2,205,449 for Highway
- \$0 for Bridges
- \$29,500 for Street Lighting
- \$508,513 for Vehicle Maintenance
- \$647,871 for Solid Waste
- \$742,905 for Sewer
- \$3,202 for Health Officer

The Board met with Cemetery Trustees Chairman, Dee Chitty to review the FY2017 budget requests and recommendations for the Cemetery budget. It was the consensus of the Board to make the following budget recommendations:

- \$48,440 for the Cemetery

The Board reviewed the budgets for Capital Outlay, Administration, Boards & Committees, Finance, Appraisal, and Technology, Insurances, Welfare, Outside Agencies, Debt and Other Governments to review the FY2017 budget requests and recommendations. It was the consensus of the Board to make the following budget recommendations:

- \$1,958,000 for Capital Outlay
- \$272,888 for Administration
- \$2,458 for Boards and Committees
- \$616,625 for Finance Appraisal and Technology (this was 2-1 with Selectman Eddy opposed)
- \$285,814 for Insurances with the following stipends:

- New employees have HMO Choice only
- Employees who switched from Blue Choice 3-Tier (POS) plan in 2016 can NOT go back to this plan.
- A deductible reimbursement incentive for grandfathered employees only.
- \$50,169 for Welfare
- \$0 for Outside Agencies
- \$217,289 for Debt Service
- \$19,000 for Other Governments

The Board took a forty-five minute recess for lunch (12:00pm – 12:45 pm).

The Board met with Library Director Katherine Dormody and Library Trustees Mike Marshall, Diane Tinkham, Alexis Jackson and Kate Bishop Hamel to review the FY2017 budget requests and recommendations for the Library budget. It was the consensus of the Board to make the following budget recommendations:

- \$512,991 for the Library

The Board reviewed the budget for Revenues. It was the consensus of the Board to make the following budget recommendations:

- \$5,728,767 for Revenues

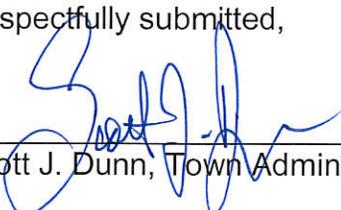
The Board had lengthy discussion and it was a unanimous consensus to eliminate \$4,000 from the Police Department's budget and \$1,000 from the Town Clerk Tax Collectors Budget.

The total default budget was \$12,145,615.

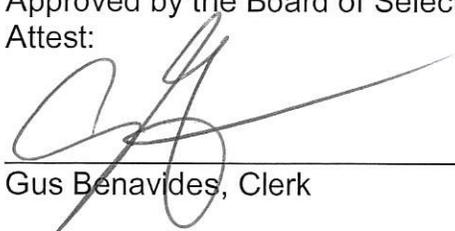
Selectman Eddy made a motion to approve the FY2017 gross budget in the amount of \$14,325,353; seconded by Selectman Benavides and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

At 1:27 pm Selectman Eddy made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Benavides and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Scott J. Dunn, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 28 day of September, 2016;  
Attest:

  
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Gus Benavides, Clerk