

TOWN OF GILFORD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 2017

A duly posted, public meeting of the Board of Selectmen was convened at 8am in the Conference Room. The purpose of the meeting was to review the FY2018 budget requests and develop a budget to be recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen in attendance were: Dale Channing Eddy, Gus Benavides, and Richard Grenier. Also in attendance were Town Administrator Scott Dunn and Finance Director Glen Waring.

The Board met with Parks & Recreation Director Herb Greene. Following a discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to delete \$1800 as requested for professional development and \$7,461 for a pick-up truck. G. Benavides made a motion to recommend a budget of \$240,340 for the Parks & Recreation Department, seconded by R. Grenier and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

It was the consensus of the Board to recommend a budget of \$9,199 for the ice rink.

It was the consensus of the Board to recommend a budget of \$125 for patriotic purposes.

The Board met with Town Clerk – Tax Collector Denise Gonyer and Deputy Town Clerk – Tax Collector Jenn Mooney. Following a discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to recommend a budget of \$393,831 for the Office of the Town Clerk – Tax Collector and a budget of \$21,414 for elections and registrations.

The Board met with Conservation Commission Chairman Carole Hall, and Vice-Chairman Lee Duncan. Following a discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to recommend a budget of \$29,750 for the Conservation Commission.

The Board met with Director of Planning and Land Use John Ayer. Following a discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to recommend a budget of \$327,340 for the Department of Planning and Land Use.

It was the consensus of the Board to recommend a budget of \$14,533 for elected officials.

The Board met with Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee, Deputy Police Chief Kris Kelley and Police Lieutenant Jim Leach. Following a discussion, G. Benavides made a motion to recommend \$77,000 for 2 new police officers to be hired after April 1 and the deletion of \$77,000 from the police overtime account, seconded by R. Grenier and passed with

all in favor; (3-0). It was the consensus of the Board to recommend a budget of \$2,779,176 for the Police Department.

The Board met with Fire Chief Steve Carrier and Deputy Fire Chief Brad Ober. Following a discussion, G. Benavides made a motion to recommend a budget of \$1,993,541 for the Fire-Rescue Department, seconded by R. Grenier and passed with all in favor; (3-0). It was the consensus of the Board to recommend a budget of \$2,693 for forestry, \$3,170 for emergency management and \$129,688 for fire protection.

Following a discussion on the administration budget, G. Benavides made a motion to delete \$25,000 requested for a new telephone system, seconded by R. Grenier and passed with all in favor; (3-0). It was the consensus of the Board to recommend a budget of \$281,456 for administration.

It was the consensus of the Board to recommend a budget of \$2,406 for boards and committees.

It was the consensus of the Board to recommend a budget of \$54,000 for legal expenses.

Following a discussion, G. Benavides made a motion to recommend a budget of \$649,153 for finance, assessing and technology, seconded by R. Grenier and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

Following a discussion, G. Benavides made a motion to recommend a budget of \$291,466 for insurances, seconded by R. Grenier and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

It was the consensus of the Board to recommend a budget of \$54,919 for welfare assistance.

It was the consensus of the Board to recommend a budget of \$215,182 for debt and \$19,000 for other governments.

It was the consensus of the Board to recommend \$0 for outside agencies.

It was the consensus of the Board to recommend \$6,026,571 as estimated revenues.

Following a discussion, G. Benavides made a motion to approve a default budget in the amount of \$12,554,281, seconded by R. Grenier and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

The Board met with Head Mechanic Roger Weeks. Following a discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to recommend a budget of \$548,367 for vehicle maintenance.

It was the consensus of the Board to recommend a budget of \$188,642 for DPW administration.

G. Benavides made a motion to recommend a budget of \$29,000 for street lights, seconded by R. Grenier and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

G. Benavides made a motion to recommend a budget of \$0 for bridges, seconded by R. Grenier and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

G. Benavides made a motion to recommend a budget of \$2,313,330 for highways, seconded by R. Grenier and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

It was the consensus of the Board to recommend a budget of \$647,592 for solid waste operations.

G. Benavides made a motion to recommend a budget of \$3,203 for health administration, seconded by R. Grenier and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

G. Benavides made a motion to recommend a budget of \$751,139 for sewer, seconded by R. Grenier and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

The Board met with Cemetery Trustee Susan Leach. Following a discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to recommend a budget of \$49,955 for cemeteries.

The Board discussed the special warrant articles and capital budget requests. G. Benavides made a motion to recommend \$100,000 for the fire equipment capital reserve fund, seconded by R. Grenier and passed with all in favor; (3-0). It was the consensus of the Board to recommend a total of \$1,613,000 for special warrant articles.

The Board met with Head Custodian Dee Chitty. Following a discussion, G. Benavides made a motion to delete \$15,000 for a nifty lift, seconded by R. Grenier and passed with all in favor; (3-0). It was the consensus of the Board to delete \$11,782 for part-time staffing and add \$10,000 to contracted services for floor maintenance. It was the consensus of the Board to delete \$1,755 for Glendale expenses and add \$8,000 for Town Hall electricity. G. Benavides made a motion to recommend a total budget of \$338,338 for buildings and grounds, seconded by R. Grenier and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

At 12:15pm G. Benavides made a motion to enter into non-public session to discuss employee compensation, seconded by R. Grenier and passed with all in favor; (3-0). At 1pm the Board reconvened in public session and noted that no decisions had been made during the non-public session.

The Board met with Library Director Katherine Dormody and Library Trustees Mike Marshall, Diane Tinkham, Alexis Jackson and Betty Tidd. Following a discussion it was the consensus of the Board to delete \$775 for grounds maintenance and recommend a budget of \$531,802 for the library.

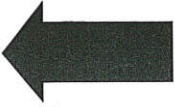
The Board was informed the total of its operating budget recommendations added up to \$14,526,752.

At 1:40pm the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

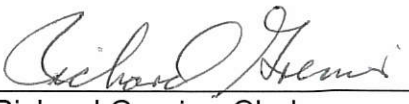
Respectfully submitted,



Scott J. Dunn, Town Administrator



Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 8th day of November,
2017; ATTEST:



Richard Grenier, Clerk