

TOWN OF GILFORD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2015

The Board of Selectmen convened a public meeting, budget work session at 6pm in Town Hall Conference Room B.

Selectmen present were: Chairman Gus Benavides, Vice-Chairman Richard Grenier and Clerk Dale Channing Eddy. Also present was Town Administrator Scott Dunn, Finance Director Geoff Ruggles, Fire Chief Steve Carrier, Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee, Police Lieutenant Jim Leach, Police Lieutenant Kris Kelley, and Town Clerk – Tax Collector Denise Gonyer.

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

The Town Administrator informed the Board the estimated tax rate for 2015 would be \$5.15 if no surplus fund balance were used other than the amounts voted to fund capital outlays. This was a 3.8% increase over 2014, but the total tax rate was estimated to be decreasing due to a large school surplus being returned. It was the consensus of the Board not to use surplus funds in 2015 so they could be used in 2016.

The Board made the following budget changes by consensus:

- Adjust Health & Dental Insurance costs based upon guaranteed maximum rates provided by Health Trust and eliminate \$90,000 in estimated health insurance refund revenues
- Delete \$10,000 for the GIS Capital Reserve Fund
- Delete \$10,000 from crack sealing
- Reduce vehicle fuel budgets from \$2.50 per gallon to \$2.40 per gallon
- Reduce Household Hazardous Waste Day from \$7,800 to \$7,091
- Add \$30,000 to revenues for the sale of Town Decals at \$5 each
- Add \$5,000 to Fire-Rescue Full-time wages
- Add \$375,000 to revenues from surplus fund balance

The net effect of these changes was a gross budget bottom line of \$12,773,948 which is a 2.99% increase over the 2015 budget. The estimated municipal tax rate is \$5.24 which is a 1.81% increase over the estimated rate for 2015.

R. Grenier made a motion to approve the revised budget numbers, seconded by Dale Chan Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

At 7:42pm R. Grenier made a motion to enter into non-public session to discuss the conveyance of real property, matters that may adversely affect someone's reputation, and a personnel issue, seconded by Dale Chan Eddy and passed on a roll call vote with all in favor; (3-0).

At 8:25pm Selectman Grenier made a motion to come out of non-public session, seal the minutes and adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Scott J. Dunn, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the ____ day of _____, 20____;
Attest:

Dale Channing Eddy, Clerk