

**TOWN OF GILFORD  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
January 25, 2017  
6:30 PM**

Members present: Timothy Sullivan, Sean Murphy, Harry Bean, Norman Silber, Geoffrey Ruggles, Chris McDonough, Susan Greene, Dr. Leslie Suranyi Jr. and S. Peter Karagianis (arrived at 6:43 pm).

Members absent: Kevin Leandro, Dale Channing Eddy.

Chairman Norman Silber called the Budget Committee meeting to order at 6:30 PM led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article #11 of Town Warrant: The Budget Committee discussed Article #11, namely the proposed cost to do the HVAC system at Town Hall (part of Phase II, Town Hall Improvements Plan). Chris McDonough feels very strong about the cost estimates that the Town has received. In his opinion, the estimates are too high. Discussion ensued regarding the original request, items that were included in Article #11 and undesignated fund balance. Some of the budget committee members did not like the last sentence of Article #11 where it stated: "*no amount to be raised from taxation*" as they feel it fools the taxpayers. At some point the money was raised through taxes and they feel this is misleading. Discussion ensued. Timothy Sullivan said they do not have a choice on the ADA compliance issue on installing new front doors at Town Hall entrance. All members agreed that the items on the list that make up Article #11 are all items that need to be done; they are just trying to formulate an appropriate cost (for the HVAC portion). Lengthy discussion ensued and the committee discussed whether they wanted to vote on the \$450,000 number now or wait until the deliberative session to change the proposed number if they are so inclined. It was the consensus of the committee to wait to vote until the Deliberative Session. Chairman Silber said he would also talk to Town Administrator Scott Dunn to see if the wording in Article #11 can be changed.

Approval of minutes: Norman Silber asked if there were any changes to the 01/10/17 minutes. Susan Greene corrected a typo on page two and Harry Bean corrected the spelling of his last name. Susan Greene made a motion to approve the 01/10/17 minutes are corrected; seconded by Sean Murphy and passed; (7-0-2). (C. McDonough and L. Suranyi abstained)

Norman Silber asked if there were any changes to the 01/12/17 minutes. Susan Greene made a change on page 2 (add Scott to Town Administrator Dunn) and Chairman Silber made a change to page 3 (change from Medicare to Social Security). Sean Murphy made a motion to approve

the 01/12/17 minutes as corrected; seconded by Chris McDonough and passed; (8-0-1). (G. Ruggles abstained).

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Bovill, Executive Assistant

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