

Gilford Budget Committee Minutes

April 18, 2013

7:00pm

Town of Gilford

Members Present: Phyllis Corrigan, Jeffrey Beane, Paul Blandford, Fred Butler, Susan Greene, Robert Henderson, Dave Horvath, Kevin Leandro, Kevin Roy, Allen Voivod

Members Absent: Gus Benavides, Richard Grenier

Phyllis Corrigan started the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and moved on to introductions.

Phyllis opened the floor for nominations for Budget Committee Chair. Sue Greene nominated Phyllis Corrigan, Kevin Leandro seconded. Phyllis Corrigan accepted the nomination and called for a vote. Nomination for Phyllis Corrigan as Budget Committee Chair passed with all in favor.

Dave Horvath nominated Kevin Leandro as Vice Chair, Sue Greene seconded. Phyllis Corrigan asked if Kevin Leandro would accept, he said yes. Phyllis called for a vote on the nomination of Kevin Leandro as Vice Chair, passed with all in favor.

Phyllis Corrigan asked how everyone felt with the way things went last year and asked if anyone would like to make changes. Dave Horvath stated the format of the sub-committee meeting notes was good. Discussion ensued regarding the minutes of the sub-committees Phyllis Corrigan stated she would take the sub-committee minutes and turn them in to Denise Gonyer. Kevin Leandro stated that they need to allow time for public comment.

Dave Horvath stated that he feels the School Budget does not get as much time as the Town budget and asked Paul Blandford if there was any way they could get their budget sooner. Paul stated he would look into it and stated they don't get insurance costs until a certain time and it does not give them a lot of time to turn it around, vote on it and get it to the Budget Committee by Thanksgiving. Paul stated they are in contract negotiations this year but he will talk to the School Board.

Phyllis Corrigan stated that even if they could get the presentation done prior to Thanksgiving would be helpful. Discussion ensued regarding the timing allowed for each budget and Paul Blandford stated he would speak with the School Board.

Phyllis Corrigan explained the process to the new Budget Committee members; budget is received in late September, Town makes its presentation, break into sub-committees, Chair of sub-committee sets appointment with Department Manger, review budget by line item, lead person on sub-committee writes up the recommendation of the sub-committee then presents it to the entire Budget Committee

who then votes to approve or not approve. Phyllis stated that things went smoothly last year they usually were able to vote the night of the presentation.

Discussion ensued regarding the RSA that covers the duties of the Budget Committee. Paul Blandford recommended putting a packet together for the new members of the Budget Committee.

Phyllis Corrigan stated that DPW is so large that maybe they should have 4 people on the sub-committee and split it so there are two presentations. Kevin Roy recommended speaking with Sheldon Morgan about it.

Discussion ensued regarding the time restrictions and legal dates that have to be met.

Phyllis Corrigan reviewed the list of Departments and stated they don't receive the Outside Agencies until the drop dead date, this year the Budget Committee was tied on many Outside Agencies and explained that a tie vote is a no vote, however the Town's people voted yes. Phyllis stated the Board of Selectmen vote no because they want the voters to decide on the Outside Agencies. Phyllis then asked the members which sub-committees they wanted to be on;

Allen Voivod – Fire, Administration and Library

Bob Henderson – Police, Fire and Department of Planning and Land Use

Jeff Beane – Administration, Parks & Recreation and Conservation Commission

Sue Greene – Police Department and Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Kevin Leandro – Public Works, Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Department of Planning and Land Use

Dave Horvath – Administration, Fire and Cemetery

Kevin Roy – Public Works, Cemetery and Library

Fred Butler – Parks & Recreation, Library and Department of Planning and Land Use

Phyllis Corrigan – Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Parks & Recreation and Public Works

Richard Grenier – Public Works, Police and Conservation Commission

Phyllis Corrigan asked if everyone wanted to wait to choose the School Department sub-committee's all stated yes. Phyllis asked if there was any other business.

Dave Horvath stated that he had seen ads for work in the SAU and asked if they were using leftover funds for projects at the SAU.

Paul Blandford stated that they have not spent any leftover funds, the ads were for projects that were approved in this year's budget and that they were to respond to the SAU not that the work was being done at the SAU.

Sue Greene asked when the School anticipated knowing the amount that would be turned back to the Town. Paul Blandford stated they would know sometime in June and would be finalized in July.

Discussion ensued regarding the tearing down of the building at the football field and whether a controlled burn would be a way to reduce the cost. Paul Blandford stated that the asbestos needed to be removed no matter what.

Phyllis Corrigan asked if there was anything further. Kevin Leandro moved to adjourn, Sue Greene seconded. Motion to adjourn passed with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mia Gagliardi
Recording Secretary

