

Gilford Budget Committee – Fire Department Subcommittee

Date: October 16, 2014

9:00 AM

at Fire HQ

S/C members present: Phyllis Corrigan, Bob Henderson, David Horvath and Norman Silber

Gilford Fire/Rescue: Chief Steven Carrier

Summary of Budget:

- Full-time wages for 14 uniformed personnel. Currently seeking 1 firefighter to fill vacancy due to retirement, should be filled by mid-November
- Starting pay/comps (16.25/hr) are low – looking to adjust upward for bottom 4 people.
- Seasonal/Call wages – desire to adjust up, for personnel retention and response incentive. Currently there are 20 call members.
- Retirement – NHRS increase as of July 1 requires higher funding
- Noted – health and dental rates less than estimated
- The overall increase in Wages and Benefits is 2.5%.
- Operations – Software/Support – increase due to new program (I M Responding)
- General Supplies – office equipment added.
- Vehicle Maintenance – with improved vehicle maintenance protocols, and D.P.W. doing work, combined with rehab of Engine 2, overall maintenance costs will be less.
- General Equipment – up due to new foam.
- Telephone costs – refer to Town Accountant.

CAP –

- Minor Vehicles – in light of a bid for purchase of a pickup truck with plow @ \$ 36,502., it might be better to purchase outright.
- CRF – question if there should be ^{more} ~~was~~ put into reserve account, looking to future major purchase (2017).

Subcommittee consensus was to recommend \$ 1,707,441. (BOS amount) for wages & benefits plus operating expenses.

Recommendation on CAP depends on committee feeling on lease purchase vs. outright purchase of pickup truck.

Subcommittee meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM

For the subcommittee:

