

TOWN OF GILFORD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 4, 2014

The Budget Committee convened a duly posted, public meeting on Thursday, Dec 4, at 6:30pm in the 1st floor Conference Room at Town Hall.

Member of the Budget Committee in attendance were: Chairman Phyllis Corrigan , Sue Greene, Selectmen's Representative Richard Grenier, Kevin Leandro, School Board Representative Karen Thurston, Robert Henderson, Norman Silber, David Horvath, Kevin Roy, & Patricia Polichronopoulos, Secretary.

F. Butler was absent, A.Voisod left at 7:30& J. Beane arrived late.

Present were Superintendent Hemingway, Scott Isabelle, Sue Allen Chair, Kirk Webber, Jack Landau, & Gilmanton Rep Frank Weeks

P. Corrigan led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

N.Silber made a motion to approve the minutes of November 20th, seconded D. Horvath and voted 9-1 : K.Leandro abstained.

SCHOOL BUDGET:

Superintendent Hemingway presented the budget summary increases and decreases. He ran a detailed slide show during his presentation. The committee had no questions.

FEDERAL PROJECTS:

Scott Isabelle presented findings indicating a \$49,000 increase. In a discussion regarding grants, Esther Kennedy, Special Services Director and Tracy Brickly explained the differences between Title 1 (lowest 20% of population) & Title 2(Professional development) and explanation of pre-school grant

D Horvath submitted the findings of the Sub Committee, the question of what happens if revenue does not come in, what happens to budget and were advised that they would adjust their budget to accommodate

P.Corrigan moved to accept the Federal Projects budget of \$472,299.00, was seconded by N Silber and passed all in favor 9-0

FOOD SERVICE:

Discussion of new software being introduced, \$26,000 decrease

N. Silber Moved to accept budget of \$654,522.00, seconded by K Leandro and passed all in favor 9-0

DISTRICT WIDE ADMIN & MAINTENANCE:

D Horvath submitted the findings of the Sub Committee for the Admin & Maintenance budget.

K Leandro opened a discussion regarding use of car (Honda Accord) for SAU office for off site travel and whether to hang on to the vehicle or sell.

School Board Stipends: 2 out of the 3 subcommittee members were against funding these. Merit pay up by 2.5 %. Sue Allen gave input on stipends and what the employees do for this bonus

D. Horvath moved to reduce the budget by \$5500.00 for stipends, K. Leandro seconded, failed by vote 3-6

N. Silber made a motion to reduce stipend line item by \$5500 to \$500 per member of the school board seconded by K. Leandro and passed 5-4

Merit Raises (Longevity Pay): Bonus for administrators who have been there for a long period of time N. Silber moved to accept, seconded by K. Leandro & passed 5-4

D. Horvath made a motion to reduce the overall budget by \$16,990 and each salary that includes longevity pay get reduced gets reduced by \$1 in each line item. This will be up to school board to pay and still have surplus but will not go to taxpayers to fund. Seconded by K.Leandro. This passed with a vote of 5-4

Maintenance Budget : D Horvath summarized the findings by the subcommittee. There is a \$21, 773.00 increase due to hiring of temporary summer help. This is actually a shifting in line items and not an actual increase, garbage disposal which is contractual and fuel costs are up. There was also a brief discussion on preparing for Cadillac Health Plan Tax, several things were noted but budget committee was informed that the school board has one issue they are working on and working on this currently and will be proposed in 2018.

D. Horvath made a motion to reduce budget by \$33,442.50 by lowering the gas price from 3.65 to 3.32.5 Seconded by S. Greene. This will reduce the budget to \$2,001,651.00 This was passed 6-4 (J. Beane joined meeting late)

PLAYGROUND: CIP (Imagination Station), the school board is requesting this be torn down and rebuilt with composite materials. This is due to Safety issues with splintering and worn out

play areas. This will be tabled to next meeting at which time Danielle Bolduc provide board with photos

The following next two paragraphs (Subcommittee Assignments and Remaining meetings for 2015 budget) will stay on the minutes for the duration of the term for reference

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Federal Project/Food Service, District Wide Assignments and Maintenance (12/1): **D. Horvath, K. Roy and K. Leandro**

Middle School (12/11): **N.Silber, F. Butler & J.Beane**

High School (12/11): **N. Silber, K. Leandro & R Henderson**

Elementary (12/18): **P. Corrigan, S. Greene & J. Beane**

Special Ed (12/18): **J. Beane, R. Henderson & P.Corrigan**

Technology: (12/18): **A. Voivod, F. Butler & K. Roy**

School Budget/Default Budget &Warrant Articles January 8

Gunstock Acres Village Water District January 8

Budget hearing must be between the 13th-20th: Committee decided on 13 &15th of January

School Tuesday (1/13)

Town Thursday(1/15) Both meetings to commence at 7 PM at the High School

Deliberation Session of Town Meeting 2/3

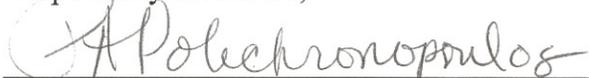
Deliberation Session of School District Meeting 2/4

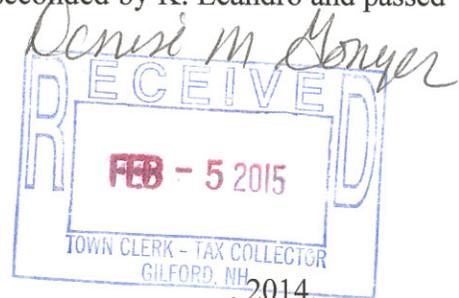
Meeting at High School @ 7PM

P. Corrigan advised all members to make sure the signed copies from the sub committees are turned into the town clerk

At 9:24PM N. Silber made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by K. Leandro and passed all in favor (10-0).

Respectfully submitted,


Patricia Polichronopoulos, Secretary



Approved by the Budget Committee on the ____ day of _____, 2014.