

TOWN OF GILFORD  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2016

6:00 PM

Members present: Kevin Leandro, Kevin Roy, Sean Murphy, S. Peter Karagianis, Chris McDonough, Dale Chan Eddy, Timothy Sullivan, Susan Greene and Norman Silber.

Members absent: Dr. Leslie Suranyi Jr. and Harry Bean.

Chairman Kevin Leandro called the Budget Committee meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by introductions. Chairman Leandro stated the purpose of this meeting is to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman and other business as necessary.

New business

Town Administrator Scott Dunn provided the Budget Committee members with a copy of RSA: 32; a brochure on The Basic Law of Budgeting along with the most recent amendments to the Town's Personnel Policy. Finance Director Geoffrey Ruggles provided the April 2016 Town Financials to Budget Committee members.

Elections

Kevin Leandro announced he would not seek re-election as the Chairman due to time and family commitments and opened the meeting to nominations. Susan Greene made a motion to nominate Norman Silber as Chairman of the Budget Committee; seconded by Sean Murphy. There were no further nominations for Chairman. Motion passed 8-1. (Kevin Roy opposed)

Susan Greene made a motion to nominate Kevin Leandro as Vice Chairman of the Budget Committee; seconded by Norman Silber. There were no further nominations for Vice Chairman. Motion passed; 8-1. (Kevin Roy opposed) Kevin Leandro then turned the meeting over to Chairman Norman Silber and congratulated him.

Other business

Chairman Silber asked when the budget books are generally available; Town Administrator Scott Dunn said that they are usually given out on the first Thursday meeting in October. The second week of October is when the sub committees meet with the departments. And then the next Budget Committee meeting is usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in October. Kevin Leandro and Norman Silber explained the process to the new budget members.

Chairman Silber announced his intention to submit a warrant article relative to RSA 32:16 to adopt that the Budget Committee Develop the Towns and the School Districts Default budget due to the issue he has with the SAU's default budget. He feels it is very misleading to voters. Kevin Roy asked him how much more time this will take of the budget committee. Chairman Silber feels like the default budgets should be presented first and he will make that formal request of the SAU.

Mr. Silber felt, in his opinion that any member of the Budget Committee who feels or supports that the Budget Committee should be disbanded (as submitted as a warrant article in March) should step down. Kevin Roy spoke on the matter and stated it is his first amendment right of this country to put any sign that he wants in his front yard and that Mr. Silber is the only one who has said anything about it.

Adjourn

Motion made by Kevin Leandro to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM; seconded by Sean Murphy and passed with all in favor; 8-1.

Respectfully submitted,



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