

TOWN OF GILFORD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2018
6:30 PM

Members present: Thomas Chase, Tracie Corbett, Kristin Snow, Timothy Sullivan, Richard Grenier Sean Murphy, S. Peter Karagianis, Chris McDonough, Susan Greene, Jack Kelley and David "Skip" Murphy

Members Absent: Joseph Wernig (excused).

Chairman Sean Murphy called the Budget Committee meeting to order at 6:30 pm, established there was a quorum present and Selectman Richard Grenier led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes:

Jack Kelley requested an edit to the draft 05/24/18 minutes. Skip Murphy also requested an edit. Susan Greene made a motion to accept the 05/24/18 minutes as amended; seconded by Tracie Corbett and passed: (9-0-2) Richard Grenier and Chris McDonough abstained (they were absent).

Schedule for Budget Committee: Chairman Sean Murphy wanted to set the Budget Committee's schedule tonight so everyone has the dates for the upcoming budget season. Discussions took place at the last meeting that suggested the Budget Committee add two dates for the School's budget on 11/27/18 and 1/8/19. Discussions ensued regarding the schedule, start dates, etc. Superintendent Beitler gave the Budget Committee a list of Budget Committee meetings for the School that he had prepared anticipating the Budget Committee's intent to add the 11/27/18 and 01/08/19 meetings. He also broke down review of the various departments on each date. Discussion ensued. Peter Karagianis made a motion to adopt the School's schedule for seven possible review dates as presented; seconded by Susan Greene and passed with all in favor; (11-0). Committee members reviewed the meetings for the Town budget. Discussions ensued. Skip Murphy made a motion to move Parks & Recreation, Ice Rink, Other Culture and Other Governments from November 15, 2018 to October 18, 2018. That leaves the Library and Special Warrant Articles on November 15, 2018 with room for further Town budget review if needed (or a snow date); seconded by Kristin Snow and passed with all in favor; (11-0).

Recycle Center:

Chairman Sean Murphy asked Richard Grenier to give a brief update on the Recycle Center Project. The one bidder on this project came in over bid. Twenty-two test bores have been done, they all came back fine, and Meridian Construction in Gilford will be doing the project. The Town needs \$400,000 more to complete the project as is. This will be put as a warrant article in 2019 and the funds will come from fund balance. The original bid came in around \$1.7 and the Town is doing for around \$1.2-\$1.3 million, so there is still a savings. In the future, the Recycle Center will also have a glass crusher, will crush the glass and use the material. The Town may be able to get a glass crusher free if they become a regional glass intake hub for glass. Discussion ensued.

Narrative from the 05/24/18 Budget Committee Meeting: Skip Murphy distributed a script that he created from listening to the tape of the 05/24/18 Budget Committee meeting with a discussion between him and Joe Wernig. Kristin Snow said that this should wait to be discussed when Joe Wernig

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is present to be fair. Skip Murphy then directed a question to Sean Murphy; *"if the role of the Budget Committee is not to manage General Ledger accounts, then what is the role of the committee"*? Sean Murphy said he simply meant that the Budget Committee's role is not to tell the Board of Selectmen and the School Board what to do. They have a School Board, Board of Selectmen and Professional Managers who manage the day-to-day operations of the Town and School. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Other business:

Kristin Snow congratulated the Gilford High School Graduating Seniors.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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