

TOWN OF GILFORD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2016
6:30 PM

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

Members absent: Kevin Roy and Harry Bean.

Chairman Norman Silber called the Budget Committee meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administration & Finance Subcommittee

Chairman Norman Silber reported on 10/19/16 the subcommittee met with Town Administrator Scott Dunn and Finance Director Glen Waring to review their respective budgets. Mr. Silber said the numbers in the budget will change due to the fact that the Town received insurance rates for 2017. Mr. Silber said rather than going back and forth, they should let Town Administrator Scott Dunn run the numbers; the Selectmen will revise and adopt; then once the budget is revised it will come back to the budget committee to decide. All concur. Mr. Dunn did say that they could finalize the three budgets that are not affected by these numbers (welfare, legal and debt). Members unanimously agreed to wait and do these at the same time and do the Finance/Administration budgets as a whole. Mr. Silber did say that he has gripes about the cost the Town pays to the New Hampshire Municipal Association per year vs. what he feels they actually do for the Town. If the NHMA would like to send someone to defend those costs for the next meeting, they are welcome to. Discussion ensued.

Police/Fire/CIP Subcommittee Meetings

The Police Department subcommittee will meet on Monday, October 24th at 10:30 am at the Police Department. The Fire Department subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, October 25th at 4:00 pm at the Fire Department. The CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) subcommittee will meet Wednesday, October 26th at 4:30 pm at Town Hall, conference room B.

Budget Committee Meeting Schedule

Discussions ensued around the fact that the budget meetings may take longer now that the committee pushed back tonight's discussion until health insurance numbers are put in the budget. It was a unanimous decision of the committee to start their meetings at 6:00 pm from this point forward.

Bond for Solid Waste Facility/CIP request

Kevin Leandro asked about the Bond for the solid waste facility; in his opinion, he felt the numbers by the engineering firm were high and the project could be done for considerably less cost. Additional savings could be found in General Contracting ourselves, to bid out in phases and by doing the site work using staff. Norman Silber stated that before they can issue a number to request a bond, they need to have firm numbers for the warrant article so they don't run into the same situation as the Police Station project. There was discussion on how the General Contractor for the School Improvements came in with a guaranteed maximum amount not to exceed on that project. Discussion ensued. There was a general consensus to have the Solid Waste Committee meet with the Engineers again to review the numbers. Town Administrator Scott Dunn said that as an alternative, they could budget money for the design in the 2017 budget and then could have a firm number in the 2018 budget for completion. The majority agrees this is a worthwhile project; they just do not want to issue a bond that is not sufficient for the project. Discussion ensued. Motion by Susan Greene to have the Solid Waste Committee meet with the engineer to get firm numbers as well as what it will cost to do the plans and engineering work to put on the ballot only without the whole bond issue; seconded by Kevin Leandro and passed with all in favor; (9-0).

New Business

Chairman Norman Silber announced Kevin Roy resigned on October 19th. His term expires March of 2017. Mr. Silber read RSA 32:15 out loud and discussed option for how the committee could proceed. Discussion ensued. Kevin Leandro made a motion to post the vacancy on the website with a deadline of October 31, 2016 for submission; at the November 3, 2016 budget committee meeting they will allow each applicant to make a 5 minute presentation and then they will select a candidate ; seconded by Sean Murphy and passed with all in favor: (9-0).

Approval of Minutes

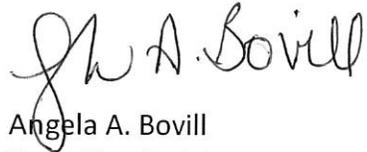
Dale Chan Eddy made a motion to accept the October 6, 2016 minutes as presented; seconded by Norman Silber and passed: (8-0-1). Kevin Leandro abstained; he was not present.

Other business

Chris McDonough said at the Department of Land Use/Conservation Commission subcommittee, they discussed the \$8,700 that is budgeted for the Lakes Region Planning Commission and asked the committee if they would like to invite the Executive Director (who came last year) to defend or justify. The committee agreed to invite him and the Chairman said in his opinion that he lied last year about the Hazardous Waste and he should be prepared to explain.

Mr. Silber announced Town Administrator Scott Dunn said that there is a new stipulation to the Roberts Rules; there is no longer a need to make a motion to adjourn a meeting. That being said, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela A. Bovill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Angela A. Bovill
Executive Assistant