

TOWN OF GILFORD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2018
6:30 PM

Members present: Tracie Corbett, Thomas Chase, 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 led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes: The Budget Committee reviewed the meeting minutes and found two grammatical errors that need correction. Peter Karagianis made a motion to accept the 10/18/18 minutes as corrected; seconded by Sue Greene and passed; (8-0-1). Tracie Corbett abstained.

Public comment:

Chair Sean Murphy asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Fire/Recue subcommittee report: Sean Murphy reviewed the Fire/Rescue budget and the various items that subcommittee members asked including vehicle maintenance and overtime. Discussion ensued. Sean Murphy made a motion to accept the Fire/Rescue budget for \$2,051,179 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Kristin Snow and passed; (11-0).

Forestry Budget: Sean Murphy reported the subcommittee discussed the Forestry vehicle; Chief Carrier answered various questions regarding how many calls it responds to and what the new vehicle will be. Discussion ensued. Chief Carrier answered questions. Richard Grenier made a motion to accept the Forestry budget for \$2,693 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Tracie Corbett and passed; (11-0).

Emergency Management: Sean Murphy reported this budget is level funded. Peter Karagianis made a motion to accept the Emergency Management Budget for \$3,170 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Richard Grenier and passed; (11-0).

Fire Protection: Sean Murphy explained that this budget includes the payments to both Laconia Water Works and to Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid (LRMFA). Chief Carrier explained how 911 works to committee members. Chief Carrier also discussed the formula that LRMFA uses to calculate the amount needed from each Town. Discussions ensued and Chief Carrier answered questions. Peter Karagianis made a motion to accept the budget for \$130,465 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Tom Chase and passed; (11-0).

Health Officer: Sean Murphy explained that the biggest increase for this item was the retirement account, because the last Health Officer was in a different retirement bracket than Deputy Chief Ober (the current Health Officer). Discussion ensued. Selectmen Grenier made a motion to accept the Health

Officer budget for \$3,675 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Peter Karagianis and passed; (11-0).

Discussions ensued regarding Capital Items for the Fire/Rescue department. Budget Committee members asked Chief Carrier questions regarding radios, fire apparatus floor improvements and Capital reserve funds to name a few.

Town Administrator Scott Dunn answered the Budget Committee's questions regarding Fund balance and Capital improvements.

School Committee Assignments: The Budget Committee reviewed the School subcommittee assignments and designated one member to be in charge of conducting each subcommittee meeting, and minutes of the meeting.

Fiscal Updates: Skip Murphy asked the Chair when the next Fiscal Update from the Town would be. Chris McDonough suggested this update be done on a night when it is a short meeting. Chair, Sean Murphy will request a fiscal update from Glen Waring and Scott Dunn for their 11/01/18 Budget Committee Meeting.

School budget books: The Budget Committee had discussion on when they would receive their School budget books. Chris McDonough will get an official answer on this. Mr. McDonough said there will be a Gilford School Board Public Meeting on the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget on Monday, 11/5/18 at 7:00 PM at the Gilford High School.

Public comment:

Chair Sean Murphy asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Adjourn

With no further business to come before the Committee, Sean Murphy made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Tracie Corbett and passed unanimously; (11-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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