

TOWN OF GILFORD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2016
6:00 PM

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

Chairman Norman Silber called the Budget Committee meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resignation

At the 10/20/2016 budget committee meeting, Chairman Silber announced that Kevin Roy resigned on October 19th. He was informed by the Town Clerk Tax Collector that the committee would need to formally accept Mr. Roy's resignation. Dale Chan Eddy made a motion to accept the resignation of Kevin Roy as presented; seconded by Sean Murphy and passed with all in favor; (6-0).

Other business

Chairman Silber reminded the committee members that all meetings are to start at 6:00 pm. Chairman Silber also made notation for the record that the budget committee reserves the right before the final approval of the budget to be submitted to the deliberative session to make any changes or any modifications to the budget.

The Chair has received one letter of interest for the vacant seat on the Budget Committee; it is from Geoffrey Ruggles and they will hear from Mr. Ruggles at their 11/03/16 meeting. Town Administrator Scott Dunn has provided new budget numbers that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at their 10/26/16 meeting for the FY2017 budget.

Sub Committee Reports

Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Elections and Registrations budgets: Norman Silber presented the subcommittee report on the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Elections and Registrations budgets and items that were discussed. Town Clerk Tax Collector Denise Gonyer was present to answer questions. Discussion ensued. Sean Murphy made a motion to approve the Town Clerk Tax Collector budget for \$385,041 and the Elections and Registration budget for \$8,305 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by S. Peter Karagianis and passed with all in favor; (7-0).

Parks & Recreation and Ice Skating Rink budgets: Sean Murphy presented the subcommittee report on the Parks & Recreation and Ice Skating Rink budgets and items that were discussed. Parks & Recreation Director Herbert Greene answered questions on staffing, seasonal wages and lifeguards. Discussion ensued. Harry Bean made a motion to approve the Parks & Recreation budget for \$234,347 and the Ice Rink budget for \$8,845 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Sean Murphy and passed; (7-1) (Kevin Leandro abstained)

Planning and Land Use/Conservation Commission budgets: Chris McDonough presented the subcommittee report for the Conservation District and items that were discussed. Discussion ensued. Carole Hall, the Conservation Chair answered questions. Sean Murphy made a motion to approve the Conservation Commission budget for \$21,300 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by S. Peter Karagianis and passed with all in favor; (8-0). Chris McDonough presented the subcommittee report for the Planning and Land Use and items that were discussed. Discussion ensued. Planning and Land Use Executive Director John Ayer answered questions referencing the GIS system. He then introduced Jeff Hayes, the Lakes Region Planning Commission Executive Director who gave a detailed overview of the Hazardous Household Waste Collection Day and answered the committee's questions regarding the functions, staffing and memberships of the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Lengthy Discussion ensued. Chris McDonough made a motion to approve the Planning & Land Use budget for \$314,151 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Sean Murphy and passed with all in favor (10-0).

Other Culture (Patriotic Purposes) Budget: Sean Murphy made a motion to approve the Other Culture (Patriotic Purposes) budget for \$125 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by S. Peter Karagianis and passed with all in favor; (10-0).

Finance/Appraisal and Technology Budget: Norman Silber presented the subcommittee report for the Finance/Technology/Appraisal budget and items that were discussed. Discussion ensued. Kevin Leandro made a motion to approve the Finance/Technology/Appraisal budget for \$612,494 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Norman Silber and passed with all in favor; (10-0).

Legal budget: Norman Silber presented the subcommittee report for the Legal budget and items that were discussed. Norman Silber made a motion to approve the Legal budget for \$54,000 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Leslie Suranyi and passed with all in favor; (10-0).

Insurance and Benefits Budget: Norman Silber presented the subcommittee report for the Insurance and Benefits budget and items that were discussed. Town Administrator Scott Dunn answered questions relative to the decrease from 2015. Discussion ensued. Norman Silber made a motion to approve the Insurance and Benefits budget for \$279,111 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Leslie Suranyi and passed with all in favor; (10-0).

Welfare Administration: Norman Silber presented the subcommittee report for the Welfare budget and made a motion to approve the Welfare Administration budget for \$50,169 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Leslie Suranyi and passed with all in favor; (10-0).

Debt Principal & Interest and Other Governments budgets: Norman Silber presented the subcommittee report for Debt Principal & Interest and Other Governments budgets and made a motion to approve the Debt Principal & Interest Budget for \$217,289 and the Other Governments budget for \$19,000 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Leslie Suranyi and passed with all in favor; (10-0).

Insurance/Tax Rates

Town Administrator Scott Dunn told the Committee he received the rates for Health Insurance for 2017 and the 2016 tax rate has been set. The Health Insurance will go up 14.4% as of 07/07/2017 (guaranteed maximum rate). The 2016 tax rate for the Town of Gilford is \$17.95 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Elected Officials Budget: Norman Silber presented the subcommittee report for the Elected Officials budget and made a motion to approve the Elected Officials budget for \$14,533 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Leslie Suranyi and passed with all in favor; (10-0).

Boards and Commissions Budget: Norman Silber presented the subcommittee report for the Boards and Commissions budget and made a motion to approve the Boards and Commissions budget for \$2,457 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Leslie Suranyi and passed with all in favor; (10-0).

Administration Budget: Norman Silber presented the subcommittee report for the Administration budget items that were discussed, namely the health insurance. Discussion ensued. Norman Silber made a motion to approve the Administration budget for \$273,894 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Leslie Suranyi and passed with all in favor; (10-0).

Other business

The Chairman announced that there will be a meeting of the Solid Waste Committee on Friday, November 4, 2016 at 10:00 AM at Town Hall to revisit the numbers from the engineering firm for the proposed recycling center/transfer station. This is a public meeting and all are welcome to attend.

Approval of Minutes

Dale Chan Eddy made a motion to accept the October 20, 2016 minutes as presented; seconded by Norman Silber and passed with all in favor (10-0).

Next Meeting

The next Budget Committee meeting will be on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Vacant Budget Committee Member position

Chairman Silber said interested members for the vacant position on the Budget Committee can submit their letter of interest until October 31, 2016. At the 11/03/16 meeting each applicant will have 5 minutes for a presentation. The committee will then vote.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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