

TOWN OF GILFORD  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 20, 2018  
6:30 PM

Members present: Joseph Wernig, Thomas Chase, Kristin Snow, Timothy Sullivan, Richard Grenier, Sean Murphy, S. Peter Karagianis, Chris McDonough, Susan Greene and Jack Kelley.

Members absent: Tracie Corbett and David "Skip" Murphy.

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

Approval of minutes: The Budget Committee reviewed the 12/13/18 meeting minutes and made one small correction. Chris McDonough made a motion to accept the 12/13/18 minutes as amended; seconded by Jack Kelley and passed; (9-0-1). Tom Chase abstained.

Public comment:

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

School District Food Services subcommittee report: Kristin Snow explained the accounting changes to this budget. In prior years, food service revenue was insufficient to pay for all expenditures. Therefore, some benefit items were sometimes paid from the General Fund in the past (such as health, dental, social security and retirement). For the upcoming budget year, \$163,000 has been added to the Food Services budget to cover the anticipated revenue shortfall. Dr. Snow said all associated salary and benefit costs are now shown in this budget; this method will be used going forward. Dr. Snow then reviewed the line-by-line review of Food Services budget, broken down into District Wide, Elementary School and Middle-High School accounts as explained in full detail by Jonathan Dupuis, Food Services Director. The grand total Food Services budget proposed by the School Board is \$669,390, which is a \$4,698. Increase over the previous years. Discussion ensued. Mr. Dupuis clarified Nutrikids and Nutrislice along with the costs for the Elementary and Middle Schools. Jack Kelley made a motion to approve the Food Services budget for \$669,390 as recommended by the School Board; seconded by Richard Grenier and passed; (10-0).

Review of School District revenues and vote on the total budget: Scott Isabelle handed out a spreadsheet that included Revenues and the Tax Rate. Mr. Isabelle explained the numbers in detail for actuals, current year and leftover at the end of the year (to offset taxes into the next year). Mr. Isabelle reviewed the various lines and matched them up with the budget so that members could see where the revenue sources come from throughout the budget. Lengthy discussion ensued and Mr. Isabelle answered questions. Joe Wernig made a motion to accept the Gilford School District Budget 2019-2020 for \$26,396,272; seconded by Tom Chase and passed; (10-0).

Miscellaneous items: Superintendent Kirk Beitler thanked the Budget Committee for their hard work; he felt that it was a good process this year. Sean Murphy asked Jack Kelley remind GAVWD that their budget request will be taken up at the next meeting on 01/03/2019. Chris McDonough discussed the last few meetings to see if they could be consolidated. Discussion ensued. Joe Wernig made a motion to cancel the Tuesday, 01/08/19 meeting and to vote on the Warrant articles at the 01/10/19 meeting; seconded by Selectman Grenier and passed; (10-0).

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, Richard Grenier made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Jack Kelley and passed; (10-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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