

TOWN OF GILFORD BUDGET COMMITTEE
REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE
ON
FIRE RESCUE, FORESTRY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Budget Committee's subcommittee on Fire Rescue, Forestry & Emergency Management met at the Gilford Fire Department on December 11, 2017, commencing at 9 AM.

Present from the Fire Department were Chief Stephen Carrier & Deputy Chief Brad Ober.

Present from the Budget Committee were members Norman Silber, Sue Greene, Tim Sullivan & Sean Murphy.

The status of the new fire engine approved for lease/purchase last year was discussed. Fabrication of the new engine has started, and delivery is now expected to be approximately in March of 2018. The new engine will be designated Engine 3 and will replace existing Engine 4 that will be moved "downstairs" in reserve.

A new line item has been created for the lease/purchase of a new 27-foot fire boat, fully equipped, to be acquired in 2018, the estimated total cost of which is approx. \$242,000. The lease/purchase plan will call for payments of \$65,000 per year for 5 years after which we will own the boat free and clear.

The wage and benefits lines have increased by the hire of 2 additional firefighters this past June.

Each line item showing a change, plus or minus, was discussed at length, after which upon motion duly made, seconded and passed by a unanimous vote, the proposed budget of \$1,993,541 for the Fire Department was recommended for approval by the full Budget Committee.

Similarly, discussion of the proposed budgets for Forestry & Emergency Management was held, neither of which showed any changes in excess of \$1 each from last year. Accordingly, upon motions duly made, seconded and passed by unanimous votes, the proposed budgets of \$2,693 for Forestry and \$3,170 for Emergency Management were recommended for approval by the full Budget Committee.

Thereupon, the subcommittee meeting was adjourned at approximately 10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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