

# Gilford Fire/Rescue

## Budget Committee Sub-Committee Report

The Gilford Fire/Rescue Budget Committee Sub-Committee Report met on 17 Oct 2018 at the Gilford Fire Station. Budget Committee members present were Sean Murphy-Budget Committee Chair, Jack Kelley and Kristin Snow. Tim Sullivan was absent. Gilford Fire Department members present were Fire Chief Steve Carrier, Deputy Chief Brad Ober and Bill Ackerey-Chair of the Board of Fire Engineers. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

**Fire-Rescue:** Jack Kelley asked about the overtime account and Chief Carrier explained what went into this account. Questions were asked about the vehicle maintenance account and what this expense goes for. Chief Carrier explained that this account goes for the parts for vehicle maintenance and not the labor that goes into vehicle maintenance. The sub-committee recommends the budget as proposed by the Board of Selectman at \$ 2,051,179 down \$7,362 or 0.36%.

**Forestry:** Even though it will be a special warrant article Jack Kelley asked about the Forestry vehicle (8F1). Chief Carrier talked about the vehicle's purpose, how many calls it responds to and what the proposed new vehicle will be. The sub-committee recommends the budget as proposed by the Board of Selectman at \$ 2,693 which is level funded.

**Emergency Management:** No questions were asked and the sub-committee recommends the budget as proposed by the Board of Selectman at \$ 3,170 which is level funded.

**Fire Protection:** Chief Carrier explained the payments to both the Laconia Water Works and also to Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid. Jack Kelley asked how 911 works and Chief Carrier explained. The sub-committee recommends the

budget as proposed by the Board of Selectman at \$ 130,465 which is in increase of \$ 777 or 0.60%.

**Health Officer:** Chief Carrier explained that the biggest increase was the retirement account because the last health officer was in a different retirement tier than Deputy Chief Ober. The sub-committee recommends the budget as proposed by the Board of Selectman at \$ 3,675 an increase of \$473 or 14.75%.

We then proceeded to talk about the capital items (Alvah Wilson Road fire pond, radios, forestry vehicle and the fire station renovations). We were then given a tour of the station and the meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sean Murphy  
Gilford Budget Committee Chair