

Town of Gilford
Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2021

Members present: Sean Murphy, Amber LaTorre, David Tyler, Dorothy Piquado, Steven Hepburn (remote), Gretchen Gandini, and Angelo Farruggia.

Members absent: Kevin Hayes, Kristin Snow and Johann Andersen.

Also present: Town Administrator Scott Dunn, Executive Assistant Chrissy Blood and Finance Director Holly Burbank.

At 6:30pm, Mr. Murphy convened a duly posted, public meeting of the Budget Committee in the Gilford Town Hall. He then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Murphy had all members of the Budget Committee and Town Staff introduce themselves.

After a reading of a resignation letter received from Michael Dowe, Ms. Gandini made a motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Ms. LaTorre and passed with all in favor; (7-0). Mr. Murphy requested the Town Administrator post notice of a vacancy to solicit applicants in time for the next meeting on June 3. Mr. Dunn suggested a deadline of May 28 to apply and that was deemed acceptable.

There was no public input due to no members of the public being present in person or by remote participation.

Mr. Murphy asked Ms. Gandini in her capacity as School Board representative to run the meeting for the election of a Chair. Ms. Piquado made a motion to elect Sean Murphy as Chair, seconded by Ms. LaTorre and passed 6-0-1, (Mr. Murphy abstained).

Chair Murphy then asked for nominations for a Vice-Chair. Ms. Gandini made a motion to elect Kristin Snow as Vice-Chair, seconded by Ms. Piquado and passed with all in favor, (7-0).

Ms. Burbank gave a brief presentation on the Town budget expenses and revenue receipts to-date for fiscal year 2021. She said there were no specific concerns. Mr. Dunn added a comment about the likelihood that legal fees would be overspent and he briefly explained four current lawsuits the Town was defending.

Chair Murphy asked about the hiring of a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Dunn explained this was approved by the Board of Selectmen due to the workload, a transition in Building Inspector and enforcement matters that were falling behind. Ms. Gandini said she wished the Town had done more data analysis in making this decision.

Chair Murphy announced the Budget Committee would not be taking up subcommittee assignments or approving past minutes at this meeting.

Once again there was no public input due to no members of the public being present in person or by remote participation.

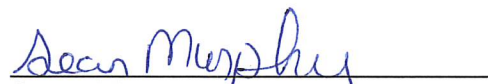
There were no other matters discussed.

At 6:51pm, Ms. Piquado made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Amber LaTorre and passed with all in favor; (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,


Chrissy Blood, Executive Assistant

Approved by the Budget Committee on the 3RD day of JUNE, 2021;
ATTEST:


Sean Murphy, Chair