

Town of Gilford
Budget Committee
Public Hearings & Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2021

Members Present: Chair Sean Murphy, J. Kevin Hayes, Kristin Snow, Johann Andersen, Michael Dowe, Amber LaTorre, David Tyler and Gretchen Gandini.

Members Absent: Dorothy Piquado, Steven Hepburn and Thomas Chase

Also Present: Town Administrator Scott Dunn (Acting Secretary), Superintendent Kirk Beitler, GES Principal Danielle Bolduc, School Business Administrator Amie Leigh, GAVWD Commissioner Jack Kelley, GHS Principal Anthony Sperazzo, and all of the Town Department Managers.

At 7pm Chairman Murphy convened a duly posted, public meeting of the Budget Committee in the Gilford High School Auditorium. He then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Murphy then introduced the members of the Budget Committee that were present.

Public Hearing on Gunstock Acres Village Water District Budget

Chairman Murphy opened the first public budget hearing and explained the FY2021 budget request for GAVWD was \$1,491,312, an increase of \$842,236 due to a \$1million grant request. He noted the net tax commitment would be \$177,392, a 21% decrease from the previous year. GAVWD Commissioner Jack Kelley came to the podium and explained the proposed expenses and revenues. He also noted there were no planned changes to the annual rates charged to property owners in the district.

There were no questions or comments. Chairman Murphy closed the hearing.

Public Hearing on Town Budget

Chairman Murphy opened the second public budget hearing and explained the FY2021 budget request as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee was \$15,701,466, and increase of 2.66% from the previous year. He also noted the default budget was \$14,189,402. He then gave a brief summary of the budget changes from the previous year.

There were no questions or comments. Chairman Murphy closed the hearing.

Public Hearing on School District Budget

Chairman Murphy opened the third public budget hearing and explained the FY2021-2022 budget request as recommended by the School Board and Budget Committee was \$26,723,313. He said if this was approved by the voters, it was estimated to result in a local education tax rate increase of 30 cents. He noted the default budget was \$26,786,027. He then gave a brief summary of the budget changes from the previous year.

There were no questions or comments. Chairman Murphy closed the hearing.

Approval of Minutes

Kevin Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes of January 7, 2021, as presented, seconded by Gretchen Gandini and passed with all in favor; (8-0).

Approval of GAVWD Budget

Michael Dowe made a motion to recommend a budget in the amount of \$1,491,312; seconded by David Tyler and passed with all in favor; (8-0).

Other Matters

Chairman Murphy announced the filing period to sign up for Town offices was January 20, 2021 through January 29, 2012.

Adjournment

At 7:13pm Kevin Hayes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Amber LaTorre and passed with all in favor; (8-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Scott J. Dunn, Acting Secretary

Approved by the Budget Committee on the 3rd day of June, 2021;
ATTEST:



Sean Murphy, Chair