

**TOWN OF GILFORD  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 2, 2020  
6:30 PM**

Members present: Johan Andersen, Thomas Chase, Kristin Snow, Jack Kelley, Richard Grenier, Sean Murphy, Gretchen Gandini, Susan Greene, Dorothy Piquado and Michael Dowe.

Members absent: Joseph Wernig and David "Skip" Murphy.

Approval of minutes: The Budget Committee reviewed the 12/19/19 minutes. There was one grammatical error under GHS subcommittee report. Johan Andersen made a motion to approve the 12/19/19 minutes as amended; seconded by Michael Dowe and passed; (10-0).

Public comment:  
Chairman Sean Murphy asked for public input. There was none.

School Warrant Articles: Scott Isabelle reviewed the three proposed warrant articles.

- Article 1 – School Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for the School District to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be added to the school buildings maintenance and improvement capital reserve fund, the sum to come from June 30 unrestricted fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1 of this year. Discussion ensued. Michael Dowe made a motion to approve Article 1 as written, seconded by Richard Grenier and passed; (10-0).
- Article 2 – School Buildings Roof Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for the School District to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$62,500 to be added to the school buildings roof maintenance capital reserve fund, the sum to come from June 30 unrestricted fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1 of this year. Discussion ensued. Thomas Chase made a motion to approve Article 2 as written, seconded by Kristin Snow and passed; (10-0).
- Article 3 – School Buildings Technology Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund for the School District to raise and appropriate the sum up to \$30,000 to be added to the School Districts technology infrastructure capital reserve fund, the sum to come from June 30 unrestricted fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1 of this year. Discussion ensued. One correction to remove the word "and" (written twice in the first line). Richard Grenier made a motion to approve Article 3 as amended, seconded by Thomas Chase and passed; (10-0).

School District Revenues: Scott Isabelle gave the committee a spreadsheet for Revenue and Credit (2020-2021). Mr. Isabelle said the estimated tax rate is \$8.11 and reviewed the local revenue sources, federal revenue sources and state revenue sources in detail. Mr. Isabelle answered the committee's questions.

Default budget: Scott Isabelle directed the budget committee to the 2020 MS-DSB Default Budget form and explained how the School District comes to the default budget number. This was particularly helpful for the new budget committee members. Mr. Isabelle answered the Budget Committees questions.

Vote on Gilford School District Proposed 2020-2021 Budget: Kristin Snow made a motion to approve the School District Proposed Budget for 2020-2021 for \$26,440,987 as recommended by the School Board, seconded by Johan Andersen and passed; (10-0).

Other business: Superintendent Kirk Beitler said that by next Thursday's Budget Committee meeting, they should be presenting the teachers' contract for the Budget Committee to ratify.

Chair Sean Murphy reminded members they need to bring both the Town and School budget books to next week's meeting and for Ms. Bovill to contact Commissioner Sceggell, Gilford Village Acres Water District, to present their budget as well.

Public comment:

Chairman Sean Murphy asked for public input. There was none.

Adjourn

With no further business to come before the committee, Richard Grenier made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Johan Andersen and passed; (10-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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