

Budget Committee Minutes - 6/8/2004

Members present: Sue Greene, Phyllis Corrigan, Don Sibson, Dick Hickok, Bill Phillips, Diana Goodhue, Sean Murphy, Connie Grant, Bob Brent, Dennis Doten, Derek Tomlinson, John O'Brien

All members were introduced and welcomed. The first issue brought up was why the Selectmen have not filled the p/t position in the Tax Collector's office. Alice Boucher was present and responded that legal council had advised against online automobile registrations, which would have been the primary function of that position. (Phyllis Corrigan was excused at this point).

Derek reviewed last year's process and explained how the "working groups" worked. New members were encouraged to attend as many meetings with departments as possible. There was a general discussion of the budget process. Phil's memo regarding the status of the MRI study and the master plan was reviewed. The committee members would like copies of the MRI study as soon as it's available. Derek explained the status of the CIP process.

Dick Hickok was elected Chairman (SG/DD/11-0) and Don Sibson was elected Vice Chairman (BP/BB/11-0). There was a discussion affirming the decision that the Chairman would vote, and would vote last to avoid creating a tie. Dick also commented that as a vocal member of the committee it is his intention to continue to voice his opinion while sitting as Chairman. The Committee agreed that his opinions are valuable and should be openly expressed.

The working groups were established as follows:

Admin/Technology	Dick, Sean, Connie
Police	Don, John, Diana
Fire	Sue, John, Diana
DPW	Sue, Don, Bill
TC/TC, Planning	Phyllis, Bob, Bill
Library, Parks & Rec, Outside Ag.	Phyllis, Bob, Connie, Sean

School Groups:

Admin/Tech/Special Ed	Connie, Bob, Dick, John
GES	Sean, Connie, Bill
GMHS	Don, Sean, Diana
GHS	Sue, Bob, Phyllis

The Committee agreed to adhere to the proposed schedule as presented as long as the budgets would be made available accordingly. The next meeting was scheduled for October 7, 2004 at 6:30.

Derek summarized the current projection for state education funding. Gilford is expected to receive approximately \$600,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 and the Committee proceeded to the Police station for a tour of the facility guided by Sergeant Kevin Keenan.