

Gilford Budget Committee Minutes
October 25, 2012
6:30 p.m.
Town of Gilford

Members Present: Phyllis Corrigan, Dale Dormody, Gus Benavides, Fred Butler, Sue Green, Richard Grenier, Dave Horvath, Pat Labonte, Kevin Leandro, Rae Mello-Andrews, Kevin Roy

Members Absent: Allen Voivod

Phyllis Corrigan opened the meeting at 6:30pm and the Budget Committee recited the pledge of allegiance and thanked everyone for attending, then turned the meeting over to Fred Butler.

DPLU:

Fred Butler reviewed the DPLU Budget. Total recommended budget \$296,039.00 up 8.2% (\$22,494.00) from 2012.

- Wage & Bene biggest cost driver employee opted back into insurance.

- Part time coverage for Dave Andrade's vacation eliminated.

- Merit wages do not include Dept. Head

Discussion ensued regarding the budgeted amount of 3% for merit wages possible increase could be as much as 4%.

Operating budget down 0.1% (\$20.00) from 2012.

- \$1.00 hold for Technical services.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to place a \$1.00 hold on an account not necessary to keep it open.

- Master plan update done every 10 to 15 years should CRF be established for this.

- Professional development cut steadily sub committee recommends cutting another \$200.00 making this line item \$1,000.00.

- Meetings/dues \$500 for American Planning Assoc., International Code Council.

- Books/Publications, most expenditures are usually recouped.

Sub Committee recommends the budget of \$295,839.00 minus \$200.00 in Professional Development.

Discussion ensued regarding the fill in inspector @ \$54.00/hr. through MRI in Meredith, also what LRPC contributes.

Scott Dunn stated the \$200.00 in Professional Development is for John Ayer to attend training to fill in for Dave Andrade while he is on vacation.

Dale Dormody made a motion to approve the DPLU budget of \$295,839.00 reducing it by \$200.00

Sue Greene seconded.

10 yes

1 No

Motion to approve the DPLU budget of \$295,839.00 passed by a vote of 10 to 1 with Gus Benavides voting no.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Fred Butler reviewed the Parks & Rec budget. Total recommended budget is \$238,943.00 up 2.4% (\$5,679.00) from 2012. (CRF for skating rink will be addressed separately)

- Wages and Bene down 0.8% (\$1,496.00) from 2012. Rate for seasonal position @ beach is \$4/hr less with no OT.

- Merit wages do not include Dept. Head.

- Retirement and health insurance only other increases.

Operating budget up 5.3% (\$2,175.00) from 2012.

- Professional development/training increased \$675 Director will not attend NRPA National conference. Recommend further reducing this by \$300.00 would like to add \$300.00 to small equipment instead.

Discussion ensued regarding purchasing bathing suits for lifeguards one suit per year @ a cost of \$35 for boys and \$65 for girls. Gus Benavides reminded the Budget Committee that if they reduce that line item they do not change policy and will need to fund it from somewhere else.

Discussion ensued regarding no spending without funding, cost of electricity.

Sue Greene made a motion to reduce the Parks & Recreation budget by \$750.00 to not fund uniforms for lifeguards.

Dale Dormody seconded.

Discussion ensued regarding where bathing suits are purchased and what alternatives are available.

Phyllis Corrigan called for a vote to amend the budget by reducing the amount \$750.00

5 yes

6 no

Motion to reduce the Parks & Rec budget failed 5 to 6.

Gus Benavides made a motion to approve the Parks and Recreation budget as recommended in the amount of \$238,943.00

Kevin Roy seconded.

Discussion ensued regarding background checks for employees working with children.

Phyllis Corrigan asked if there were any further questions and called for a vote.

9 yes

2 no

Motion to approve the Parks & Recreation budget in the amount of \$238,943.00 passed 9 to 2.

WARRANT ARTICLES:

\$15,000.00 for 2 coats on tennis courts/basketball court and beach replenishment.

Discussion ensued regarding recoating the tennis/basketball courts wear coat not asphalt.

Cracks are a safety hazard will be less expensive to repair now than wait until it gets worse will get 5 to 7 years.

SKATING RINK:

\$8,666 recommended budget amount unchanged from 2012.

Discussion ensued regarding use of skating rink used also for curling, and rental for teams/parties etc.

Fred Butler made a motion to approve the skating rink budget of \$8,666.00

Gus Benavides seconded.

Motion to approve the skating rink budget of \$8,666.00 passed with all in favor.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Dave Horvath reviewed the TC/TX Budget. Total recommended budget is \$350,944.00.

- TC/TX position is unique as it is an elected position Sub-committee has questions regarding merit increase.
 - Denise Gonyer is looking to fill a part time position.
 - Health insurance and Retirement are up due to state mandate.

- Software is up.
- Shelving \$5,000.00 may be done in 2012 if funds are available if not will need to be funded for 2013.
- Only 1 election in 2013.

Sub-Committee recommends the budget as presented in the amount of \$350,944.00.

Discussion ensued regarding TC/TX elected position. There is no mechanism in place for annual review based on merit. TC/TX answers to tax payers not Town Administrator or Board of Selectmen. Department Heads may get money at the end of the year if funds are available in lieu of merit increase Gus Benavides stated he would not vote for that without including TC/TX also.

Gus Benavides made a motion to approve the Town Clerk Tax Collector budget as presented in the amount of \$350,944.00.

Kevin Leandro seconded.

Discussion ensued regarding previous TC/TX's salary and how long she held position to get to that wage. Dale Dormody recommended checking with other towns to get a comparable salary base and recommended bringing this up at Deliberative Session.

Budget Committee voted on the TC/TX budget,

10 yes

1 no

Motion to approve the budget as presented in the amount of \$350,944.00 passed 10 to 1.

ELECTIONS:

Dave Horvath stated that there is one election this year with a total budget of \$9,438.00 and moved to approve the budget as presented.

Gus Benavides seconded.

Motion to approve the Elections budget of \$9,438.00 passed with all in favor.

Phyllis Corrigan moved on to the approval of previous meetings minutes and found one error change the dollar amount to one million dollars and moved to approve the corrected minutes.

Gus Benavides seconded.

Motion to approve the corrected minutes passed with all in favor.

Discussion ensued regarding the Sub-Committee minutes needing to be signed and given to Denise Gonyer.

Gus Benavides made a motion to adjourn.

Richard Grenier seconded.

Motion to adjourn passed with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mia Gagliardi

Recording Secretary