

## APPROVED

Town of Gilmanton  
Budget Committee Meeting  
Thursday, January 7, 2010  
7:00 P.M. – Gilmanton I.W. Town Hall

Members present: Stan Bean, Frank Bosiak, Mark Sawyer, Michael Hatch, Betty Ann Abbott, Steven Latici, Robert Potter, Sr., Dana Twombly and Brian Forst.

Others present: Paul Perkins, Frank Gianni and recording clerk Rachel Hatch.

Stan Bean called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Confirmation was given that the meeting had been posted on December 29, 2009 in accordance with RSA 91-A.

### Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2009

**On a motion made by Frank Bosiak, seconded by Mark Sawyer, members of the Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the meeting minutes of December 17, 2009.**

### New Business

Chairman Stan Bean introduced resident Frank Gianni to members of the Budget Committee. He stated that Mr. Gianni had written a letter of interest to serve on the Budget Committee as a result of Tom Farley's recent resignation. Mr. Gianni is interested in serving until March of 2010, at which time, he may consider his candidacy for this position until the remainder of the term that was previously served by Mr. Farley.

Mr. Gianni shared a brief overview of his career before retirement, his willingness to give back to the community and his interest in serving on the Committee.

**Frank Bosiak made the motion to appoint Frank Gianni as a member of the Budget Committee in replacement of the former member. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer and unanimously voted in the affirmative.**

Selectmen representative, Betty Ann Abbott, stated that Town Administrator Timothy Warren was not present this evening as he was attending a family friend's funeral.

Amended budget sheets were distributed for replacement in the budget books from the December amendments of the budget.

### Highway Department Budget Presentation

Road Agent, Paul Perkins, gave an overview of the proposed Highway Department budget. He stated increases in the following line items:

- Electricity (\$1,000.00) – anticipation of increased costs;
- Diesel fuel (\$1,600.00) – anticipation of increased costs;

- Computer (\$200.00) – upgrade of computer;
- Service plowing (\$2,000.00) – known increase from contractors;
- Gravel and stone (\$1,100.00) – increase in costs;
- Sand (\$1,600.00) – increase in costs;
- Salt (\$1,000.00) – increase in costs;

Mr. Perkins stated that the one-ton pick up truck was due to be replaced this year but that he was recommending that it not be replaced until next year. He stated that the motor on the one-ton had been replaced. He stated that his overall operating budget shows an increase of two percent.

Discussion followed with regard to the increase in health insurance costs. Mr. Latici inquired if the selectmen had considered selecting an insurance plan with a higher deductible? Betty Ann Abbott stated that the selectmen had changed the health insurance plan offered to employees to a higher out-of-pocket/RX expense to \$10/\$20/\$45 for prescription coverage. This reduced the cost of health insurance to the town from 16.5% to 13%. She stated that the selectmen had decided not to have the employees pay an increase in premiums this year.

There was considerable discussion with regard to the possibility of looking into the town self-funding the employees' health insurance. That is, having a higher deductible to provide for a lower premium and establishing an account where the town would have funds set aside to self-fund the employees' deductibles. It was noted that it was too late to research this possibility in this current fiscal year. Betty Ann Abbott indicated that she would bring this proposal to the Board of Selectmen for consideration when drafting next year's budget.

#### Amendment to Budget

Betty Ann Abbott disclosed to the Budget Committee that the Board of Selectmen had added \$12,000.00 in capital outlay for the funding of site plan work for the proposed public safety building. She stated that Paul Darbyshire had done previous site plan work for the former proposed public safety building and that he would amend the site plan to allow for the currently proposed public safety building. It is imperative that this work be completed for the contractors that will be bidding on the facility. She stated that some of these funds will be expended prior to the town meeting held in March.

Ms. Abbott stated that a public hearing will be held on the public safety building on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Academy and a public hearing on the bond will be held on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Academy. Two public informational sessions have been scheduled. The first will begin at the Police Department on Wednesday evening, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and the other will begin at the Corners Fire Department on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Betty Ann Abbott stated that the Board of Selectmen will firmly decide on the amount to ask for to be bonded by February 1, 2010 and a decision on the plan will be made by February 5, 2010. She stated that the deadline for bidders to submit bids for the construction of the public safety building is January 21, 2010 at noon time.

**Adjournment**

**On a motion made by Frank Bosiak, seconded by Robert Potter, members of the Budget Committee adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

Respectfully,

Rachel Hatch,  
Recording Clerk