

APPROVED

Town of Gilmanton
Budget Committee
Thursday, January 8, 2009
7:00 P.M. – Gilmanton Academy Building

Members present: Stan Bean, Robert Potter, Sr., Frank Bosiak, Mark Sawyer, Betty Ann Abbott, Russell Knowles, Tom Farley, Steven Latici and Dana Twombly. Brian Forst was absent.

Others present: Road Agent Paul Perkins, Town Administrator Timothy Warren, Michael Hatch and recording clerk Rachel Hatch.

Stan Bean called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation was given that this meeting had been duly posted on December 24, 2008 pursuant to RSA 91-A.

December 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes

On a motion made by Robert Potter, seconded by Betty Ann Abbott, the Committee approved the meeting minutes of December 18, 2008 as drafted.

Chairman Bean reminded members of the Budget Committee that they were meeting twice next week; on Tuesday evening to hear the Police Department budget presentation and on Thursday evening to hear the Fire Department budget presentation.

Highway Department Budget

Road Agent, Paul Perkins, stated that the highway department had been level funded and it included a 4% salary increase for the highway department employees.

Timothy Warren noted that the new budget format allowed for better explanation of the line items. The health and dental insurance and life insurance were now broken down in individual line items. The basic administrative costs include costs of the equipment operator and laborers particular of the administrative costs. Mr. Warren stated that the betterment grant line item has been moved to the end of the budget.

Mr. Perkins stated that there is an increase in repairs and maintenance on the 1976 international as well as an increase in the Other Professional – Loudon Plow line item. The supplies – paving materials has also increased. The block grant funds have also increased.

Steven Latici asked what truck is being leased? Mr. Perkins stated that it is the plow trucks. Russ Knowles inquired what qualifies to receive grant monies. Mr. Perkins stated that it is based on miles road that the town has. The town can choose or not choose to match the funds.

Mr. Latici asked what Mr. Perkins had done to reduce the bottom line. Mr. Perkins stated that he had reduced the amount allocated for the purchase of asphalt. Mr. Perkins inquired as to how much funds are in the highway salt shed capital reserve fund? Chairman Bean stated that there currently is \$184,527.00 in this fund.

Robert Potter asked if there is a deadline with the State of New Hampshire to rebuild the salt shed? Mr. Perkins stated that there was not but that the shed needs to be rebuilt in order to sufficiently house the salt and sand that the department utilizes. It is currently being stored outside.

Chairman Bean stated that a warrant article would be needed to withdraw money from this capital reserve fund.

Timothy Warren distributed an estimated revenues sheet for the committee to review. The estimated sheet shows a decrease in revenues generated from the issuance of building permits, current land use and interest on investments. He also indicated that there is a decrease in the fire department revenues from the ambulance billing completed by Comstar.

Next Meeting

Mr. Bean stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Iron Works Town Hall.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Robert Potter, seconded by Frank Bosiak, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully,

Rachel Hatch,
Recording Clerk