

TOWN OF GILMANTON  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012

Members Present: Stan Bean (chair), Mark Sawyer, Frank Gianni, Brian Forst, Israel Willard, , Steve Latici, Michael Hatch, Ralph Lavin (selectmen's rep.)  
Frank Bosiak

Members Not Present: Richard Bakos

Also Present: Tim Warren (Gilmanton Administrator), Annette Andreozzi (clerk)

Meeting opened at 7PM

1. Proof of Posting - Yes
2. Approval of January 11, 2012 Minutes

MOTION by Mr. Bosiak to approve January 11, 2012 minutes, seconded by Mr. Forst.  
Motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence - None
4. Committee Reports - None
5. Old Business - None
6. New Business

Other Presentations

Dawn from Genesis, a private non profit mental health services organization, stated that 84 Gilmanton residents used their services in 2011. They requested \$6717, an increase over last year of \$848.

Phil Eisenmann spoke for the GYO, which is a non profit doing soccer, baseball, & basketball programs in town. They asked for the same \$2000 as last year. Enrollment in all the programs has increased. There are 145 kids just in soccer. They serve Gilmanton K-6 grades, which do not have a school sports programs. The town dollars are generally used for general operations. In order to allow more kids to be able to play, the application fee has not been increased.

Susanna spoke for GIW Library, which is primarily open in summertime. They need support for operating expenses.

Ann Kirby and Steve Bedard, represented the GYR Library's request for funding. They have been open 2 years, and have had 2 years of town support. Volunteers efforts keep the library costs down. About 182 patrons per weeks use the library. The library loans & borrows items to & from other libraries throughout the state. New members keep joining. The \$45,000 requested for 2012 is less than last year's amount. The 2012 operating budget hasn't changed from last year's \$70500. The Library Association has a separate budget that does not use any town money.

Pricilla Ploude from Rocky Pond is asking for \$1000 to go toward the milfoil problem in their lake. She stated that the treatment the Pond got last year was terrific, but some milfoil has come back. The cost of the June treatment was \$16,000, and it took 2 years to raise that money. Mr. Latici asked about making a Rocky Pond District. Ms. Ploude said that would be on the agenda in July , which is the first meeting. Last year the Rocky Pond Association collected \$5800 in dues.

Candace Daigle, Cemetery Trustee, stated that their duties are regulated by state statues. There are 39 cemeteries in Gilmanton; the Trustees care for 36. Issues this year have been with trees damaged by ice and snow. In 2012 they plan to do a tree inventory, develop a policy for loose grave stones that come to them, and plan a policy on geocaching. Their work is funded by care funds and the town budget. Fifty-one percent of grounds keeping expenses are covered by care funds. Most of their projects are too expensive to fund in only one budget year.

Mr.deSeve, from the Conservation Commission stated that the biggest increase was salary and related for an administrative assistant. They now have a lap top computer to maintain, which they use to do GIS mapping. They are continuing the professional forester line because they may be doing a cut in the Thompson town forest. The Commission has added pieces of property this year. Mr. Forst asked why the forester isn't paid from the cut. Mr. deSeve stated that the forester looks at all the forests and verifies where the borders are. Mr. Bean stated that for the town budget, money has to be appropriated to enable it to be expended, regardless of where the money comes from. If money is not spent it stays in the general fund. Mr. Warren will ask the DRA if the town needs to appropriate money to be able to spend it for a forester, or if the payment can be rolled into a contract to cut.

Mr. Leavitt, SWD, said the SWD budget bottom line is \$3700 less than last year. Mr. Latici asked about the status of the concrete pad under the scrap heap. Mr. Leavitt said that will wait until DES decides the heap has to be dug out. There is enough money in capital reserve for the concrete pad. New trailer storage units were replaced last year because it was the most cost effective thing to do. The roof trusses specs have been put out to bid. The scrap metal line is to cover if there should be a charge for metal or the markets changes and SWD needs to pay to haul or get rid of metal.

7. Public Input - None

8. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn made by Mr. Bosiak, seconded by Mr. Gianni.

Adjourned at 7:57PM

Respectfully submitted,

A. Andreozzi