

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

Members Present: Brian Forst (chair), Mark Sawyer, Frank Gianni, Israel Willard, Steve Latici, Ella Jo Regan, Raymond Daigle

Members Not Present: Ralph Lavin (selectmen's rep.), Richard Bakos

Also Present: Annette Andreozzi (clerk), Steve Bedard

Meeting opened at 7:02 PM

1. Approval of March 28, 2012 Minutes

Motion by Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Willard to approve March 28, 2012 minutes. All approved.

2. Correspondence

There was an invitation from Genesis to informational meetings.

3. Committee Reports - none

4. Old Business (Agenda Items and Concerns of Committee Members)- none

5. New Business

New member appointment

The Chair read the 5 letters that had been received requesting appointment to the vacancy on the Committee. The members also had copies. Letters were received from Elena Ball, Steve Bedard, Lynn Paige, William Magee, & Martin Hough.

Mr. Forst said that when he was Selectmen they had to pull teeth to get anyone to volunteer for a vacancy. He read from the RSA which states the Budget Committee appoints a person to fill any vacancy until the next election.

There was a discussion about how to go about the appointment and what requirements were needed.

Mr. Latici moved to appoint Steve Bedard to the vacancy. Seconded by Mr. Gianni. Vote was 4 – for, 3 - opposed.

The Committee requested that letters be sent to all that had expressed interest and invite them to run for office in 2013 and attend Budget meetings, and send a letter to Mr. Bedard informing him to be sworn in with the Town Clerk.

SB2

Mr. Forst inquired at the LGC about having someone come to a meeting to clarify SB2 requirements. They said they no longer do that, but would do a webinar.

The Committee had reviewed written information from DRA about SB2 requirements, and copies of the relevant RSA's. It was determined that there would be 2 sessions. The first session is the Deliberative session, which is run like Town meeting, where the budget is presented, discussed, and amended by all residences that attend. This must happen in late January or early February. The second session is ballot voting day, the second Tuesday in March. There is no Super Saturday, but the function of the Budget Committee does not change.

There was discussion on how the Committee meetings would change, and that they would need to start meeting with the departments in September.

The question was raised if the Budget Committee's recommendation would be on the ballot.

Ms. Regan recommended that the Budget Committee set the date for when they want to start hearing the department budgets, and inform the Selectmen.

6. Public Input – none

7. Adjournment

Mr. Willard moved to adjourn, and Ms. Regan seconded. All in favor.

Adjournment at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
A. Andreozzi