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Budget Committee Town of Gilmanton, New Hampshire

Meeting

April 10, 2019

6:00pm. – Gilmanton Academy

Committee Members Present:

Chairman Brian Forst, Vice Chairman Anne Kirby, Joanne Melle, Mike Wilson- Selectmen's Rep, Alec Bass, Malcom Macloed- School Board Rep., Patrick Hackley-Sawyer Lake Rep.

Also present: Danielle Bosco- recording Secretary

5:30pm Chairman Forst opened up the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Forst said the first order of business is to elect officers.

Mrs. Kirby made a motion to nominate Brian Forst as Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Bass. All were in favor.

Chairman Forst made a motion to nominate Anne Kirby as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Mrs. Melle. All were in favor.

Minutes:

1/2/2019, 1/5/2018, 1/9/2019, 1/12/2019

Mr. Bass made the corrections- Brian Forst present, lower suits

Mrs. Kirby made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Mr. Bass. All were in favor. Mike Wilson abstained.

Chairman Forst asked the Board what their thoughts on the season were. Chairman Forst said the school presents a budget that is well put together. Chairman Forst said the Town portion has not been. Mr. Hackley said the Town has many Department Heads and that could be the issue.

Chairman Forst spoke about the school Bond and said he hopes that the school listens to the

suggestions that the Committee made on the Bond process. The cost savings of moving the SAU building makes the project actually smaller he stated. Mrs. Kirby said she is interested in going to the School Board meetings to hear what is going on with the High School. Mrs. Kirby said it doesn't have to go for a Town vote. Mrs. Kirby said that the Town Budget process will hopefully go smoother since they should have a Town Administrator that isn't just starting. Mr. Wilson asked the Committee what they would like to see done differently. Chairman Forst said they don't want to see any surprises and they want concrete plans. Chairman Forst said they don't want to see projects that need to be done right away put into Capital Reserve Funds they would like to see them in the budget. Chairman Forst said Capital Reserve Funds should have concrete prices and goals. Mrs. Melle said Department Heads should be looking at 10 year plans. Chairman Forst said that last year there was mention of starting an equipment repair Capital Reserve Fund in case any Town equipment needs repairs, this wasn't brought forward this year. Chairman Forst said that with the rotating Selectboard and Town Administrator things aren't going to be consistent. Mr. Hackley suggested taking training classes for Budget Committee members. Mr. Hackley also suggested sitting down and talking about the Capital Reserve Funds with Department Heads. Mr. Wilson asked if there was an outline that could be handed out to all the Department Heads to have them start looking over their budget. Mr. Hackley suggested the Chairman sit down with the Town Administrator and go over the concerns he has. Mrs. Kirby said she could see the Town Administrator leading the Department Heads on this. Mr. Hackley said priorities need to be set on things that need replacement. Chairman Forst said that everything should be presented to the Selectman and handled before coming to the Budget Committee. Mr. Hackley said they would also like to see the money be spent that was put into the budget. Chairman Forst said Department Heads shouldn't come back year after year and ask for money they aren't spending. Mr. Bass brought up the amount of paperwork that got handed out and said it seems like a waste of paper. Chairman Forst said historically it's always been like that. Mrs. Kirby said when the pages that change are the only new pages that helps. Mr. Bass also suggested having the minutes emailed rather than printed out for each meeting. Mrs. Bosco said she will make sure to send the minutes to Committee members and will get everyone's email from Heather.

Adjournment: Mr. Bass made a motion to adjourn at 6:28, seconded by Mrs. Melle; All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Bosco

Recording Clerk