



TOWN OF GILMANTON

Budget Committee

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Super Saturday – Town Budget

8:30 AM – Gilmanton Academy Building

Call to Order

Committee Members Present: Richard Adams, Anne Kirby Vice Chair, Brian Forst Chair, Alec Bass, Joanne Melle, Steve Bedard, Adam Mini, Vinnie Baiocchi

Also present: Town Administrator Heather Carpenter, Chief Hempel, Chief Currier, Patrick Hackley, Sarah Thorne

Line 4611 Conservation Commission – \$3,450.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: passed \$3450.00.

Warrant Article #14 Land Use Change Tax. Moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard.

Brief discussion on the impact to revenues. Will vary year to year depending on how much land is taken out of Current Use. Patrick: Commission needs a financial mechanism to use looking forward.

Vote: Budget Com supports Article 14.

Line 4220 Fire Department - \$752,072.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard.

Brian: Salary comment in general, not specific to Fire Dept. Substantial increase in wage adjustment. Employees at the lower end of wage scale, see a much smaller dollar amount than those at the top if using a straight % increase. Would encourage Selectmen to look at this to see if there is a solution. Selectmen are looking at salary schedules for employees.

Vote: passed \$752,072.

Article #4 Fire Truck Replacement. Moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: Budget Com supports Article 4.

Article #5 Fire Department Salary/Wages. Richard: What is the need? Concern by Chief to have proper folks on the clock 24 hours. Old system of call fire fighters is not working as well as it used to.

This article funds six months of salary. Next year would double. Need to make sure voters understand this. Voter guide and Chief's end-of-year report will explain this. Following year per diem and part time lines will look different.

Vote: Budget Committee supports Article 5.

Line 4210 Police Department - \$737,142.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard.

Vote: passed \$737,142.00

Article #9 Purchase Police Cruiser. Moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: Budget Com supports Article 9.

Article #10 Purchase Security System for the Public Safety Building. Moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard.

Discussion around wording of article. This is for security and cameras. Budget Com supports Article 10.

Article #11 Energy Upgrades to Town Facilities. Moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Budget Com supports Article 11.

Line 4130 Executive - \$515,041.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard.

Discussion on line 391 Professional Services. Heather: Structural engineer may be needed to look at condition of Academy. Concern about weight bearing/floor creaking. Steve questioned need for this. Motion by Bedard to remove \$2,000. No second.

Vote: passed \$515,041.00 with one no vote.

Line 4140 Election and Registration - \$19,068.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: passed \$19,068.00.

Line 4150 Financial - \$114,323.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: passed \$114,323.00.

Line 4151 TCTX - \$247,497.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard.

Discussion about Document Restoration. Work continues on this – welfare, building and ZBA almost complete, Assessing not done. New scanner is in. Will get all files on line. Vote: passed \$247,497.00.

Line 4152 Property Tax/Assessing - \$55,625.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Adams.

Question about future hiring. Next year Finance Director position will become full-time. No need for additional staff. Vote: passed \$55,625.00.

Line 4153 Legal - \$80,000.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: passed \$80,000.00.

Line 4191 Planning Board - \$13,535.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: passed \$13,535.00.

Line 4192 Historic District - \$624.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: passed \$624.00.

Line 4194 General Govt Buildings - \$104,769.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: passed \$104,769.00.

Line 4195 Cemetery - \$16,888.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: passed \$16,888.00.

Line 4196 Insurance - \$106,550.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: passed \$106,550.00.

Line 4240 Building Inspector - \$44,718.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: passed 444,7818.00.

Line 4290 Emergency Management - \$2,500.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: passed \$2,500.00.

Line 4311 Highway Administration – \$563,243.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard.

Discussion about gas and diesel lines. Difference between actual and requested. Amendment by Kirby, 2nd by Adams: to reduce line 635 by \$2,000.00. Vote: 5 to 3 in favor of amendment. No: Baiocchi, Bass, Bedard.

Vote: passed \$561,243.00.

Line 4312 Highways and Streets - \$440,100.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard.

Question about line 692. This is a new line to paint double yellow lines on Allen's Mill Rd, Middle Rte., Stage Rd to address safety issue. Vote: passed \$440,100.00.

Line 4316 Street Lighting - \$4,500.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: passed \$4,500.00

Line 4319 Road Betterment - \$372,505.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: passed \$372,505.00.

Line 4323 Hazardous Waste Collection - \$3,583.00 moved by Forst 2nd by Bedard. Vote: passed \$3,583.00.

Line 4324 Transfer/Recycling center – \$408,152.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard.

Discussion about line 391 Mowing. Why is line growing if staff is doing the mowing? Rental of equipment is up. Vote: passed \$408,152.00.

Line 4414 Animal Control - \$1,280.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Kirby. Vote: passed \$1,280.00.

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Line 4441 General Assistance – \$25,050.00 moved by Forst, 2nd Bedard. Vote: passed \$25,050.00.

Line 4520 Parks and Recreation - \$31,724.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: passed with one no vote \$31,724.00.

Line 4550 Library - \$6,868.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: passed \$6,868.00.

Line 4583 Patriotic Purposes - \$1810.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: passed \$1810.00.

Line 4711-4712 Debt Services – none.

Sawyer Lake District Budget - \$111,983.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: passed \$111,983.00.

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article #3 Operating Budget - \$4,673,342 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: Budget Com supports Article 3.

Article #6 Adding to existing ETFs and CRFs - \$135,000.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: Budget Com supports Article 6.

Article #7 Town Driveways - \$80,000.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: Budget Com supports Article 7.

Article #8 Establish non-Capital Reserve Fund Infrastructure Repairs & Updates - \$100,000.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard.

Brian: At times with the line “with board of selectmen as agents to expend” can be problematic if there is a board that isn’t functioning well. Are we sure it’s the best way to move forward? Aired concerns for future.

Vote: Budget Com supports Article 8.

Article #12 Deeded Property Clean Up - \$7,000.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Plan is to auction two properties. Vote: Budget Com supports Article 12.

Article #13 Sale of Town Properties – moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Patrick Hackley addressed the process. Concerns that people from away are purchasing these non-conforming lots and then request variances. Local residents used to have first chance to purchase these lots. This is a conversation to have with Board of Selectmen.

Vote: Budget Com supports Article 13.

Article #16 Adopt All Veteran’s Tax Credit – moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: Budget Com supports Article 16.

Article #17 Support the GYRL (by petition) - \$47,100.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: Budget Com supports Article 17.

Article #18 Support the Gilmanton Youth Organization - \$5,500.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: Budget Com supports Article 18.

Article #19 Support the New Beginnings Without Violence & Abuse - \$1,000 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: Budget Com supports Article 19.

Article #20 Support the Community Action Program - \$5,000.00 moved by Forst, 2nd Bedard. Vote: Budget Com supports Article 20.

Article# 21 Support the Lakes Region Mental Health Center - \$7,500.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: Budget Com supports Article 21.

Article #22 Support Rte. the Gilmanton Snowmobile Association - \$2,500.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Kirby: Need to see documentation from them next year. Vote: Budget Com supports Article 22.

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Article #23 Support the Gilmanton Iron Works Library - \$1,000.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: Budget Com supports Article 23.

Article #24 Support the Granite VNA formerly Central NH Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice - \$7,600.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: Budget Com supports Article 24.

Article #25 Support CASA of NH - \$1,000.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: Budget Com supports Article 25.

Article #26 Support the Rocky Pond Association Milfoil – \$1,000.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Discussion as the whether or not this should be by petition. Vote: Budget Com supports Article 26.

Article #27 Support the Gilmanton July 4th Association - \$5,000.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: Budget Com supports Article 27. Adam Mini recused himself.

Article #28 Support the Mid-State Health Center - \$270.00 moved by Forst, 2nd by Bedard. Vote: Budget Com supports Article 28.

Estimate Revenues 2022. Selectmen recommend \$1,851,736.00. Motion by Forst, 2nd by Bedard to accept as recommended by Board of Selectmen. Vote: Budget Com accepts BOS recommended number of \$1,851,736.00.

Motion to adjourn – moved by Baiocchetti, 2nd by Forst. Adjourn at 12:24.