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TOWN OF GILFORD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2017
7:00 PM

Members present: Sean Murphy, Timothy Sullivan, Harry Bean S. Peter Karagianis, Dale Chan Eddy, Norman Silber, David "Skip" Murphy, Dr. Leslie Suranyi Jr. and Susan Greene.

Members absent: Geoffrey Ruggles and Chris McDonough.

Chairman Norman Silber called the Budget Committee meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by introductions. Chairman Silber said the purpose of this meeting is to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman and other business as necessary.

Elections

Chairman Silber opened the meeting to nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman. Susan Greene made a motion to nominate Norman Silber as the Chairman of the Budget Committee; seconded by Les Suranyi. There were no further nominations for Chairman. Motion passed unanimously; (9-0)

Norman Silber made a motion to nominate Skip Murphy as the Vice Chairman of the Budget Committee; seconded by Susan Greene. There were no further nominations for Vice Chair. Motion passed unanimously; (9-0)

Other business

Chairman Silber handed out signup sheets for the Budget Committee Members Sub Committee Preferences. He grouped them together as they appear in the Town and School budgets. There needs to be at least three members on each subcommittee. He is asking everyone to sign up and return the forms to him so he can send out a finalized schedule to all members. Mr. Silber also handed out the Budget Committee Roster and asked members to let him know if any changes need to be made as soon as possible so that everyone has the most current contact information.

Chairman Silber asked Town Administrator Scott Dunn when the Town's budget books would be available. Town Administrator Dunn said the Selectmen have an all-day budget work session scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2017; they will be available shortly thereafter. Town Administrator Scott Dunn also said that the insurance numbers would be available in early October.

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Chairman Silber said the Town sub-committees and budget review will take place at the November Budget Committee meetings and the School Sub Committees and budget review would take place end of November and December meetings. Mr. Silber gave dates for elections, filing periods, tentative Deliberative Sessions and Public hearing on the budget. That means that the Budget Committee will have until January 11, 2018 to finalize their budget recommendations prior to the public hearings on the Town and School budgets. Mr. Silber reiterated that once the Town and School budget books become available, the Budget Committee needs to move quickly. Discussions ensued.

The Budget Committee will start their weekly budget review meetings on November 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm. (Schedule is forthcoming by the Chairman) These meetings will be weekly, on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm until January 11, 2018. The committee will not meet on Thursday, November 23, 2017. They also will not meet on Thursday, December 21, 2017, but will meet on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 instead of the 21st. Discussions ensued.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela Bovill, Executive Assistant