

2015 BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 6, 2015

At the Gorham Town Hall at 6:00 pm

Members Present: Mike Waddell, Glen Eastman, Robert Demers, Dan McCrum, Diane Bouthot, Terry Oliver

Others: Town Manager Frost, Denise Vallee, and Patrick Lefebvre .

Absent: Reuben Rajala

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Review and accept minutes from the Budget Committee Meeting held on November 19, 2014:

A Motion to Accept the meeting Minutes of November 19, 2014 was made by Terry with a second from Diane, all were in favor.

Town Manager Frost and Denise Vallee, Finance Dir. presented an overview of the proposed 2015 budget. The question was asked "is this everything?" The response was no. The following items were discussed as potential budget changers:

- A. Possible raises for the 2015 budget year;
- B. Union contract between the Police Department & the Dispatchers
- C. Moose River estimate from Josh McAllister
- D. Emergency contracts between Shelburne, Randolph, & the County (\$52,500)
- E. Possible purchase of the vacant funeral home property
- F. Tinker Brook repairs
- G. Town garage roof repairs
- H. Assessing and Legal expenses spreadsheet for review

The Budget Committee discussed the following parameters for this year's budget process:

- A. All information that is to be presented at the coming budget committee meetings will need to be provided in advance to all members so that there is adequate time to review said materials;
- B. A 9:00 p.m. cap will be placed on all meetings;
- C. The Recreation budget presentation will need to be moved to a further date as there are too many budgets to be reviewed on the date of January 8, 2015;

Action List for next meeting: The following information was requested:

- A. Department budget handouts prior to meeting
- B. Outside EMS Contracts with background information
- C. The Assessing costs that were given to the Selectmen at their last meeting
- D. A report on the current health costs with a clear breakdown of plans provided to town employees
- E. The Tinker Brook engineering estimate
- F. The Cascade playground town/mill agreement

Old Business:

New member Patrick Lefebvre was in attendance at the meeting. He would like to be a full voting member for the 2015 Budget Committee season. TM Frost will see to it that he has an appointment slip so that he can be sworn in at the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 8, 2015.

TM Frost asked the committee if they would like a Warrant Article setting the number of members to nine. The consensus was yes. Robin also asked the Chair if Water and Sewer should still have an ex officio and the Chair said he would check with Lee Carroll at Water and Sewer.

New Business:

None at this time.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made by Dan with a second from Bob. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.