



Town of Griswold

Board of Finance
Special Meeting
June 3, 2019
7:00 PM

GMS Library Media Center, 2nd Floor
MINUTES



1. Roll Call/Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Board of Finance Members Present:

Scott Davis – Chairman
Steve Mikutel – Vice Chairman
Brian Baker
Valerie Grills arrived at 7:28PM
Gail Rooke-Norman
Dan Webster

Also Present:

Julie Marcotte, Director of Finance
Jeannette Bell, Recording Secretary
Todd Babbitt, First Selectman
Sean McKenna, Superintendent, Griswold Schools
4 Other People

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. New Business

a. Discussion and possible action on instructing Board of Selectmen to act upon the prior year's mill rate.

Discussion ensued regarding the decision of whether to delay sending out the tax bills or send out supplemental tax bills due to there being no budget passed as of yet. There was some discussion and it was noted the Tax Collector is not in favor of sending out supplemental bills. **MOTION:** G. Rooke-Norman made a **motion** that was seconded by D. Webster to take items out of order on tonight's Agenda and address item 4A prior to item 3A. All in favor; **motion carried.**

4. Old Business

a. Discussion and possible action on FY 2019-2020 budget.

There was much discussion with suggestions on how much to cut from each budget and how much to increase the mill rate. It was noted per the ordinance the budget can be increased no more than \$663,414.00 which does not include the three projects recently passed at referendum. The mill rate increase for the proposed budgets as presented are 1.42 for the General Government, Board of Education and Capital budgets. The three projects passed at the referendum are an increase of .36 mills for a total of 1.78 mill increase. It was noted a house assessed at \$200,000.00 would have an increase in their taxes of more than \$400.00. **MOTION:** G. Rooke-Norman made a **motion** that was seconded by S. Mikutel to increase the Capital Expenditure line item by 10% which is a

cut of \$311,677.00. G. Rooke-Norman and S. Mikutel in favor. D. Webster, B. Baker and V. Grills opposed; **motion fails.**

MOTION: G. Rooke-Norman made a **motion** that was seconded by S. Mikutel to reduce the Capital Improvement budget by \$311,000.00 less the \$50,000.00 from the Senior Center which comes to a total of \$261,000.00 and to allow the Capital Committee to make the recommendations to the Board of Finance. G. Rooke-Norman **withdrew** her **motion** and S. Mikurel **withdrew** his second. **MOTION:** S. Mikutel made a **motion** that was seconded by V. Grills to remove \$50,000.00 for the Grant Writer from the Senior Center budget. All in favor; **motion carried.**

MOTION: G. Rooke-Norman made a **motion** that was seconded by S. Mikutel to cut the Capital Expenditures budget by \$261,000.00 provided the committee makes recommendations to the board on how they will restructure the budget. G. Rooke-Norman and S. Mikutel in favor. B. Baker, D. Webster and V. Grills opposed; **motion fails.**

MOTION: B. Baker made a **motion** that was seconded by V. Grill to reduce the Capital budget by \$200,000.00. B. Baker, V. Grills and D. Webster in favor. G. Rooke-Norman, S. Mikutel and S. Davis oppose; **motion fails.**

MOTION: D. Webster made a **motion** that was seconded by B. Baker to set line item #5102 under 3201 to \$32,000.00 from \$73,058.00. D. Webster and B. Baker in favor, V. Grills, G. Rooke-Norman and S. Mikutel opposed; **motion fails.**

MOTION: G. Rooke- Norman made a **motion** that was seconded by S. Mikutel to take \$250,000.00 from surplus. G. Rooke-Norman and S. Mikutel in favor. D. Webster, B. Baker and V. Grills opposed; **motion fails.**

S. Davis stated we are here to create a budget to send to the taxpayers and suggested we reconvene on Thursday night with clearer heads and a fresher approach.

Item 3A – Discussion and possible action on instructing the Board of Selectmen to act upon the prior year's mill rate. **MOTION:** S. Mikutel made a **motion** that was seconded by B. Baker to have the Board of Finance instruct the Board of Selectmen to set the mill rate using the current mill rate for the purpose of sending out tax bills. All in favor; **motion carried.**

5. Adjournment

MOTION: D. Webster made a **motion** that was seconded by S. Mikutel to adjourn the meeting at 8:42PM. All in favor; **motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannette Bell
Recording Secretary