

Town of Gouldsboro Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2018

Members present: Jay Bricker, Fred Cook, Mary Ann Higgins, Ray Jones, Janet Michaud, Dwight Rodgers, Dave Seward

Member not present: Ken Bahm

Alternates present: Deb Bisson, Amy Davis, Thoma Watson

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting as amended.

The committee reviewed the following departments proposed budget requests:

ASSESSORS

Gary Geaghan explained the following line item requests:

10-01 Salaries – This is Cindy’s salary corrected to \$15,377 which represents a 3% increase. The FICA and Medicare figures will need to be readjusted.

20-11 Tax Map Updating – The \$1,250 shown as expended in 2018 needs to be shown as expended in 2017.

20-21 Assessors Review – The \$2,000 expenditure showing in 2018 should be shown in 2017.

Gary is asking for \$3,500 for a new line item “Sales Analysis” for the next 3 years in order to get more accurate and updated figures on residential purchases and sales. He stated it would take him 10 days a year at \$350 per day (his current fee).

20-27 Independent Contractor – This includes a 3% increase that he said he hasn’t asked for in years.

Insurance – There needs to be a line item for Workman’s Comp.

RECREATION

Sherri reported on her meeting with Cheyenne who is requesting \$10,000 that includes paying \$2,500 to the YMCA for reduced membership fees for the town of Gouldsboro and a Porta Potty for when there are games and activities at the Community Center. The committee agreed that there’s no need for a Porta Potty since there are bathrooms in the Community Center and the decision to be a participating town at the Y should be a town decision. Sherri will check with the Y on actual figures for reduced membership fees.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

10-01 Salaries – Sherri will refigure salaries along with FICA and Medicare.

20-10 Records Management – This line item budget will be used to go back to generating and sending out the yellow car registration card reminders.

Sherri said the audit should be done in a few weeks.

Sherri will look into joining with several other towns to get a group rate for fuel from Acadia Fuel. She will also be getting a quote from No Frills.

The committee asked if Sherri could get the figures in and figures out for all of the Reserve Accounts.

Sherri will check to see if the \$30,000 for paving in Public Works went into the Reserve Account if it wasn't spent.

Postage will continue to be tracked by each department.

Chip Daley attended the meeting to ask that the town add back funding the Cemetery Reserve Fund at \$750. (Two years ago it was funded at \$500, and last year it was not funded, in part because it hadn't been spent.) There are 40 cemeteries in Gouldsboro and almost all are in need of repair and maintenance. Chip also said that individual donations are being solicited to help build the Fund. The committee suggested there should be a point person for this.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to recommend to the BOS to refund the Cemetery reserve Fund at \$750.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the Town Office.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Michaud

Secretary