

Town of Gouldsboro Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2018

Members present: Dwight Rodgers, Deb Bisson, Ray Jones, Fred Cook,
Dave Seward, Maryann Higgins, Jay Bricker, Ken Bahm

Members not present: Janet Michaud,

Alternates present: Roger Dean **Alternates not present:** Thoma Watson, Amy Davis

Meeting Called to order: 6:00 pm

Minutes: Motion to accept February 28th minutes as amended - approved

Department Budget Presentations:

- **Community (Rec) Center** - Cheyene expressed her concerns and equipment needs. Board requested that she gather info regarding purchases made to date and put together a budget over the next couple of weeks and submit it to the budget committee.

Public Safety/Constable: Tyler Presented

- Overall budget increase approx. 3%
- Request for retirement match to increase an additional 6%
- Per Tyler the w/c figure was figured on salaries of \$117,000 based on anticipated increases (\$2,500 was an estimate). Per Dwight, this needs to be re-visited.
- Line item in the budget for retirement shows a zero balance. This needs to be looked into.
- Line item 15-02 (communications) increase is for an extra phone that was put in the office.
- Line item 30-03 (vehicle fuel) Per Tyler - may be reduced.
- Line item 30-08 (general supplies) was over spent for two years in a row. Board asked Tyler gather information to present for justification.
- Dwight questions whether or not the rule line should be lower if the police department consolidation takes place.

Public Safety/Fire Department: Tate Presented

- Line item 10-01 Increased to \$52,000 from previous year. This is to increase from part time to full time. (40 hours)
- Tate would like to decrease to \$42,640 and will forgo health insurance.
- Line item 10-06 (stipends) - Previous process was to pay firefighters/EMT's \$10 per call - This is difficult to track so they will now be given a set amount at the end of each year for traveling to calls and meetings. Tate

would like to give \$1500 to the Assistant Chief and \$750 to the Captain. Regular firefighters will receive \$250 and Firefighters with I and II and EMT will receive \$500.

- Line item 30-06 (computer software). Per Tate this is for uniforms and his cell phone reimbursement. Board has requested that these lines items be moved or created line items as follows: 15-03 Cell Phone (\$300) and 30-10 Uniforms (\$700)
- Line item 40-06 (fire prevention)- Dwight asked Tate to look into which grades will be participating this year.
- Line item 20-06 (ambulance) Tate noted that he will suggest to selectman that the town only enter into a one year contract with County Ambulance this year.
(Pleasant River may be a future option)
- Discussion regarding communications (phones in fire stations 2 and 3 have not worked since October 2017.) Tate has requested (he is authorized to make this decision), to eliminate these phones.
- Tate noted that the cleaning of the gutters at station 3 and repairing the ramp into the fire house at station 2 with hot top are urgent needs. He asked if funds could possibly come out of the Building & Grounds account.
- Tate would like to request \$25,000 for the Equipment Reserve Account. (previous year - requested \$7500). Dwight suggested this as a possible warrant article.

Jones Pond: Tate is looking to get a quote to finish the aluminum dock - (approx. 4' x 16'). Tate discussed possibly moving the location of the cabin when a decision is made as to whether or not the cabin is replaced, to the upper parking lot. It was stated that this decision is for the Board of Selectman.

CEO Budget: No changes from previous year

Next Budget Committee Meeting: March 14, 2018

Meeting Adjourned 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted: Deb Bisson