

**Budget Committee Meeting  
Town of Gorham  
Gorham Public Library  
January 23, 2017**

**WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEW  
LIBRARY BUDGET REVIEW**

**Members Present:** Mike Waddell, Chairman, Diane Bouthot, Vice Chairman, Reuben Rajala, Secretary, Robert Demers, Lee Carroll, Terry Oliver, Selectmen's Rep, Todd Lamarque, Dan McCrum

**Town Staff Present:** Robin Frost, Town Manager, Jeff Tennis, Interim Superintendent, Jessica Jacques, Clerk

**Water & Sewer Commissioners:** Roger G. Goulet, Theodore A. Miller, Lee F. Carroll

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**Library Trustees:** Elizabeth Thompson, Director, Aaron Gorban, Chair, Peggy LaPerle, Alternate

**Minutes Taker:** Lisa White

**AGENDA ITEMS & DISCUSSION**

1. Call to order 5:00 PM
2. Approve Minutes 1/12/17: Motion to approve Terry Oliver with a second from Robert Demers. All in favor.

**Water & Sewer Budget review:**

The Water & Sewer Budget was presented by Roger Goulet. The 2017 budget shows no major increases in the budget. The current impacts to the budget are the rise in fringe benefits caused by new employee hiring(s), health insurance and training. He also noted that outdated equipment may need to be replaced as needed at the Water treatment plant. He stated that at this time the water & sewer rates are expected to remain flat.

**PROJECTED 2017 PROJECTS:**

2017 projected projects include: NH DOT construction regarding the 3 major arteries in town that will require assistance from the Water & Sewer Department: Berlin-Gorham Road project; manholes will need to be raised and/or replaced; Lancaster Road project: Overlay which will include manholes to be raised and/or replaced; and Glen Road project, covers will need to be raised and/or reconstructed.

Evans Street project: Prep work to replace approximately 700 feet of drainage pipe.

Cascade Flats: Replace approximately 30-40 housing units from the old water source main that was approximately 8" to the new 12" Main.

**Library Budget review:**

The Library review was presented by Elizabeth Thompson, Director and Aaron Gorban, Chair. The 2017 proposed budget is \$161,895.00 which is an increase in 1.2% and includes a proposed 2% pay increase; the budget is level funded.

The Murphy fund had been used in 2016 for improvements to the library which included improvements to the children's room and old siding and cement boards that needed to be replaced.

Projected repairs in 2017 include replacing the long bar at the entrance, and replacing the foundation that is rotting out at this time; and other building repairs & maintenance as needed.

Elizabeth will forward the proposed 2017 budget figures that were not included in her handout.

**DISCUSSION:**

It was agreed by the Budget Committee Members to pass over the discussions of Old Business and New Business to the next scheduled meeting date on 1/24/17 in order to complete tonight's meeting and members could attend the Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 if they choose to.

Diane Bouthot made a motion to adjourn at 5:55 PM seconded by Terry Oliver.

**The next scheduled Budget Committee Meeting is Tuesday, January 24, 2017**