

## Town of Gilsum Budget Meeting

Meeting began at 6:02PM on Tuesday, September 1, 2026

This was a non-voting meeting with emphasis of reviewing expenditures to date and better understanding spending going into the 2027 budget planning process.

Members Present: Karen Hastings - Member

Jim Lombara – Member (Jim left at 7:15PM)

Vicki Ayer - Member

Norman Houle - Member

Jason Ballou – Chairman

Clem Louder- Non-voting Selectboard Member

Town Bookkeeper: Lenoir Law

Members of the public: Bruce Murphy and Debra Reilly

Lenoir provided the committee with Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual to date along with Trust Fund balances and 2026 Expenditures through 7/31/2026

- Discussion around the Sheriff Services to date. Sheriff is fully staffed and service hours are up.
- Questions came up regarding the Used highway truck the town purchased this year and repairs. Clem stated that the repairs had been covered under warrantee.
- Hammond Hollow discussion: Norman Houle asked for verification that no paving was being performed this year.
- Direct Assistance: Over budget and expected to increase in coming years. Discussions regarding other resources, can the town recoup any money. Also noted that the is the only Budget line that is unlimited. If a town has reached the approved budget amounts across all departments. The DRA can approve of utilizing further funds to assist.
- Viki provided the committee with State of NH Aggregate and Delivery rates along with the list of Salaries of town positions for NH towns under

1,000. She expressed concerns regarding some hourly rates in town and wanted to ensure the committee is best informed

- Discussion regarding Monadnock Disposal transferring its waste license to Casella. This is happening and other towns have seen a 30-40% increase in contract rates. Would it be best for Gilsum to run the transfer station? Ayer to gather information from Marlow and Ballou from Fitzwilliam.
- 2027 Department Budgets: Lenoir to inform dept heads of budgets needing to be in by mid-October. Ballou commented that the committee wants itemized budgets.
- Next meeting date was discussed and agreed to be Tuesday November, 2026, at 6:00PM. Gilsum Public Library

Meeting adjourned at 7:34PM

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Ayer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some capitalization.