

Town of Gilsum Budget Meeting

Meeting began at 6:00PM on Tuesday, July 7, 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 7:00PM)

Vicki Ayer - Member

Norman Houle - Member

Jason Ballou – Chairman

Town Bookkeeper: Lenoir Law

Fire Chief: Dee Denehy

Lenoir provided the committee with department expenditures against 2026 budget.

- Discussion around the Sheriff's budget and that the town did not approve all of it at Town Meeting in March and that the Sherriff had not been notified in writing.
- Questions came up regarding the Used highway truck the town purchased this year and that it had broken down on way to Gilsum from the dealership. The Budget Committee had presumed a new truck was being purchased. The consensus was that a new vehicle would be less expensive than the useful life compared to a 4yr old vehicle.
- Lenior informed the committee that the highway department was bringing on a temporary worker for 3-4wks to assist with Hammond Hollow work. This brought up considerable conversation regarding the need for this.
- Vicki brought up the importance of State Rates for sand and gravel and vehicle purchases.
- Chief Denehy discussed expenses to date and department building repairs for the chimney and entrance doors at the Fire Department.

- Next meeting date was discussed and agreed to be Tuesday September 1, 2026, at 6:00PM. Gilsum Public Library

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM

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