

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
November 4th, 2009
7:00PM
Town Office Conference Room

Approved: November 18, 2009

Present at this meeting: Budget Committee Members: Judith Brotman, Richard Jones, Josh Kilham, Freda Swan, Mark Schiffman, William Lewis, Tim Cook, Earl Strout, Richard Justice & Elizabeth Glenshaw. Selectman: Simon Carr & Charles Ragan.

Absent: Mort Bailey

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Brotman.

Mr. Strout moved to approve the minutes of the October 14th, 2009 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jones. Voted unanimously in favor.

Selectman Chair Simon Carr presented the proposed Capital Budget. Of note, the Selectmen are proposing a scheduled replaced of a 12-year old highway dump truck, a smaller highway one-ton truck (10 years old), a police vehicle, and a new computer for the town clerk and a new server. Following the presentation, Selectman Dick Jones reviewed the Capital Budget spreadsheets. The Board of Selectmen is also proposing that they be named as Agent for the Town Offices Major Maintenance & Repair CRF.

Following discussion of several capital items, Mr. Carr then reviewed specifics of the proposed Operating Budget, noting for the record that there will be no COLA wage increase this year. Health insurance premiums would have been up 16.4%, without the Selectmen choosing a higher drug co-payment plan limiting the increase to 10% from last year's premium. Mr. Jones noted that over the next two weeks "a few tweaks" will be made to the proposed operating budget and the Board of Selectmen have not yet voted on their recommended budget.

In addition, at the next meeting, the Selectmen expect to have an estimate of revenue projections for the upcoming year.

The next meeting will be November 18th at 7 pm.

Mr. Lewis moved to adjourn. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Lee Shelnuttt Brotman