

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
January 21, 2009

7:30PM

Fire Station Training Room

Approved: February 4th, 2009

PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHOOL AND TOWN BUDGET

Present at this meeting: Budget Committee Members: Judith Brotman, Richard Jones, Josh Kilham, Freda Swan, Jeff Lehmann, Mark Schiffman, William Lewis, Earl Strout, & Elizabeth Glanshaw. School: Jeff Valance, Gordon Schnare & Peter Glenshaw. Selectmen: Simon Carr. Scribe: Dina Cutting. Public: Julia Elder, Tim Cook, Jake Cooke, Dan Lynch, Jessica Lahey, Cheryl Cutting, Peter McGowan, Chris Murphy, Christina Farris, Mark Bollinger, Greg Lange, Cynthia Bognolo, Brian Cook, Elise Garrity, Tom Yurkosky, Lou-Anne Conroy, Lee Larson, Judy Russell, Alex Howell, James Graham, Marry & Paul Sansone, Nancy Turkington, Emily Denser, Andrea Colgan, Robert Meyer, Robert & Denby Coyle, Sam Greene, Dan Parish, Julie Goodrich, Kristin Roth, Margaret Minnock & children.

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

Mr. Schiffman moved to approve the minutes of the January 14th, 2009 meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Changes we offered and discussed. The minutes were voted 7 in favor with corrections noted. There was 1 abstention (Mrs. Swan).

Mrs. Brotman reviewed the agenda and gave opening remarks.

School Budget:

1130 Regular High School Tuition \$1,588,171:

- Mr. Jones moved line 1130 at \$1,588,171. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. Followed was a discussion concerning the projections for the 2009-2010 budget by Mr. Schnare. The revenues, and the number of high school students were also discussed. Mr. Valance reiterated that if something happens during the school year and the administration needs more money it has to come from the K-8 programs.

Public comments: Christen Farris and Emily Denser spoke to the issues of high school tuition.

Voted 6 in favor. 2 opposed (Lewis & Strout)

1230 High school Special Education \$167,905:

- Mr. Jones moved line 1230 at \$167,905. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. Voted unanimously in favor.

1100 Regular Education \$1,406,420:

- Mr. Jones moved line 1100 at \$1,406,420. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. Voted 6 in favor. 2 abstentions (Lehmann & Lewis)

1200 Special Education \$310,446:

- Mr. Jones moved line 1200 at \$310,446. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. Voted unanimously in favor.
- Mr Lehmann moved to reconsider his vote on line 1100 regular education. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Voted unanimously. Mr. Lehmann's vote was changed from in favor to abstaining.

2120 Guidance \$47,244:

- Mr. Jones moved line 2120 at \$47,244. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. Voted 7 in favor. 1 abstention (Lehmann).

2130 Health Services \$63,814:

- Mr. Jones moved line 2130 at \$63,814. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. Followed was a discussion concerning the school nursing position.

Public Comment:

Paul Sansone, Margaret Minnock and Cheryl Cutting all spoke in support of this being a full time position.

Voted 7 in favor. 1 abstention (Lewis)

2140 Psychological Services \$18,200:

- Mr. Jones moved line 2140 at \$18,200. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. Voted 5 in favor, 1 opposed (Lehmann), 2 abstentions (Lewis & Strout)

2150 Speech Services \$30,187:

- Mr. Jones moved line 2150 at \$30,187. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. Voted 5 in favor, 3 abstentions (Lewis, Lehmann & Strout)

2160 Physical/Occupational Therapy \$13,418:

- Mr. Jones moved line 2160 at \$13,418. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. Voted 7 in favor, 1 abstention (Lehmann)

2190 Other Student Services: \$2,000.00

- Mr. Jones moved line 2190 at \$2,000. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. Voted 6 in favor, 2 opposed (Lewis & Strout)

2210 Improvement of Instruction \$43,094:

- Mr. Jones moved line 2210 at \$43,094. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. Mr. Schnare and Mr. Schiffman spoke to this budget line. Voted 5 in favor, 3 opposed (Lehmann, Lewis & Strout)

2220 Library/Media \$16,791:

- Mr. Jones moved line 2220 at \$16,791. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman.

Public Comment: Jake Cook spoke to his credentials and what he does for the school as the media specialist. Mr. Cook noted that the Town Librarian does not work for the school.

Voted unanimously in favor.

2310 School Board \$21,884:

- Mr. Jones moved line 2310 at \$21,884. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. At this time Mr. Lehmann commented on concerns about the increase in this budget line over the years.
- Mr. Lehmann moved to amend this line to \$18,884 (decrease of \$3,000) Seconded by Mr. Strout. Voted 4 in favor, 5 opposed (Kilham, Glenshaw, Schiffman, Jones & Brotman)

The amendment failed.

Public Comments: Dan Parrish, Kristen Roth, Lou-Anne Conroy, Julie Goodrich all spoke in favor of this line.

The original motion was voted 5 in favor, 3 opposed (Lehmann, Lewis & Strout).

2320 SAU Administration \$181,322:

- Mr. Jones moved line 2320 at \$181,322. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. Followed was a discussion concerning the SAU services. Mr. Lehmann commented on concerns about the increase in this budget line over the years.
- Mr. Lehmann moved to amend this line to \$158,332 (decrease of \$23,000) Seconded by Mr. Strout.

Public comments: Mr. Strout spoke to being responsible to the tax payers. Mr. Glenshaw discussed the benefits in this budget line.

Voted 3 in favor, 5 opposed (Swan, Kilham, Glenshaw, Schiffmann & Jones).

The amendment failed.

The original motion was voted 5 in favor, 3 opposed (Lewis, Lehmann & Strout)

2400 School Administration \$188,883:

- Mr. Jones moved line 2400 at \$188,883. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman.

Mr. Lehmann commented on concerns about the increase in this budget line over the years.

- Mr. Lehmann moved to amend this line to \$164,883 (decrease of \$24,000) Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Voted 3 in favor, 5 opposed (Swan, Kilham, Glenshaw, Schiffmann & Jones)

The amendment failed.

The original motion was voted 5 in favor, 3 opposed (Lewis, Lehmann & Strout)

2600 Maintenance \$229,938:

- Mr. Jones moved line 2600 at \$229,938. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. Followed was a brief discussion concerning fuel and building renovations. Motion voted 6 in favor, 2 abstentions (Lewis & Lehmann).

2700 Transportation \$89,371:

- Mr. Jones moved line 2700 at \$89,371. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. Voted 6 in favor, 1 abstention (Lewis) (Swan did not vote on this motion)

3100 Food Services \$69,360:

- Mr. Jones moved line 3100 at \$69,360. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. Voted unanimously in favor.

5100 Debt Service \$99,576:

- Mr. Jones moved line 5100 at \$99,576. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. Voted unanimously in favor.

5200 Lyme School Transfer Fund \$7,500:

- Mr. Jones moved line 5200 at \$7,500. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. Voted unanimously in favor.

The total budget for the proposed 2009-2010 school budget: \$4,595,524.

Town Budget:

4130-4139 Executive: \$134,013:

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$134,013. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw.

Mr. Lewis gave a statement concerning the employee wages & benefits. Mr. Carr and Mr. Jones responded.

Voted 6 in favor, 2 opposed (Strout & Lewis).

4140-4140 Elections, Registration and Vital Statistics: \$78,562.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$78,562.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw.

Voted 6 in favor, 2 opposed.

4150-4151 Financial Administration: \$48,329.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$48,329.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw.

Voted 7 in favor, 1 opposed (Strout).

4152 Revaluation: \$34,747.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$34,747.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw.

Voted unanimously in favor.

4153 Legal: \$30,000.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$30,000.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw.

Voted unanimously in favor.

4155-4159 Personnel Administration: \$57,512.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$57,512.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw.

Voted unanimously in favor.

4191-4193 Planning & Zoning: \$72,399.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$72,399.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw.

Voted 7 in favor, 1 opposed (Lewis).

4194 General Government Buildings: \$16,650.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$16,650.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw.

Voted unanimously in favor.

4195 Cemetery: \$47,054.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$47,054.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw.

Voted unanimously in favor.

4196 Insurance: \$46,315.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$46,315.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw.

Voted unanimously in favor.

4197 Advertising & Regional Association: \$2,385.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$2,385.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw.

Voted unanimously in favor.

4199 Other General Government: \$100.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$100.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw.

Voted unanimously in favor.

4210-4214 Police: \$201,238.00

- Ms. Swan moved at \$203,238.00. Seconded by Mr. Kilham.
- Mr. Lehmann amended the motion to \$200,000.00, (decrease of \$3,238.00 to come from the wage line) the intent of this is to eliminate the part-time police officer. Seconded by Mr. Lewis.
- Following a discussion Mr. Strout made a friendly amendment to Mr. Lehmann, total Police line at \$198,000.00. Mr. Lehmann and Mr. Lewis accepted this amendment. The amendment was voted 3 in favor, 4 opposed (Kilham, Swan, Brotman & Jones) 2 abstentions (Glenshaw & Schiffman). The amendment failed.

Followed was a discussion concerning the timing of the new Town Offices and when the Police may be moving out of the rental.

- Mr. Kilham moved line 4210-4214 Police at \$201,238.00. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. (a decrease of \$2,000.00 to come out of the building rent line). Voted 6 in favor, 1 opposed (Jones), 1 abstention (Lewis).

4215-4219 Ambulance: \$39,909.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$39,909.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor.

4220-4229 Fire: \$43,275.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$43,275.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor.

4290-4298 Emergency Management: \$1,750.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$1,750.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor.

4299 Other Public Safety: \$19,250.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$19,250.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor.

4312 Highway and Streets: \$687,139.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$687,139.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Voted 5 in favor, 3 opposed (Lehmann, Strout & Lewis)

4316 Street Lighting: \$2,310.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$2,310.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor.

4323 Solid Waste Collection: \$32,704.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$32,704.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor.

4324 Solid Waste Disposal: \$41,000.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$41,000.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor.

4415-4419 Health Agencies and Hospital and Other: \$16,522.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$16,522.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor.

4441-4442 Administration and Direct Assistance: \$7,150.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$7,150.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor.

4520-4529 Parks and Recreation: \$65,890.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$65,890.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Followed were questions concerning beach supervisor, Recreation Director and the common trees.

Voted 6 in favor, 2 opposed (Lehmann & Strout)

4550-4559 Library: \$131,995.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$131,995.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Voted 5 in favor, 3 opposed (Lewis, Strout & Lehmann)

4583 Patriotic Purposes: \$650.00

- Mr. Lehmann moved at \$650.00. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Voted unanimously in favor.

4611-4612 Administrative and purchase of Natural Resources: \$1,605.00

- Mrs. Swan moved at \$855.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw.

Mr. Larson asked the Budget Committee to consider putting \$750.00 back into this fund.

- Mr. Jones moved to amend line 4611-4612 to \$1,605.00. Mrs. Glenshaw seconded. The amendment was accepted by Swan & Glenshaw.

Voted 5 in favor, 3 opposed (Lehmann, Lewis & Strout).

4711 Principal Long Term Bonds: \$69,420.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$69,420.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw.

Voted unanimously in favor.

4721 Interest-Long Term Bonds: \$65,077.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$65,077.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw.

Voted unanimously in favor.

4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes: \$11,000.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$11,000.00. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw.

Voted unanimously in favor.

Proposed 2009 operating expenses for the Town Budget: \$2,005,950.00.

Capital Reserve Funds:

4901 Land and Improvements: 0

- Ms. Glenshaw moved at \$1.00. Seconded by Ms. Swan.

Followed was a discussion concerning the possibility of a warrant article to purchase land by the Conservation Commission. There was some confusion as to whether or not you needed to have \$1.00 in this line in order to move funds in to it to expend them. It was noted that the warrant article would take care of that.

Motion voted 3 in favor, 5 opposed (Lehmann, Lewis, Jones, Glenshaw, Strout)

- Ms. Glenshaw moved at \$ 00. Seconded by Ms. Swan.

Motion voted 7 in favor, 1 opposed (Schiffman).

4902 Machinery, Vehicles and Equipment: \$239,500.00

- Ms. Swan moved at \$239,500.00. Seconded by Kilham.

Voted 5 in favor, 3 opposed (Glenshaw, Schiffman & Jones).

4903 Buildings: \$15,000.00

- Mr. Schiffman moved at \$27,000.00. Seconded by Ms. Glenshaw.

Followed was a brief discussion on the proposed work for the Academy Building.

- At this time Mr. Strout amended the amount to \$10,000.00. Seconded by Lewis.

Voted 4 in favor, 5 opposed (Lehmann, Glenshaw, Schiffman, Jones, Brotman).

- Mr. Strout made a friendly amendment to the amount of \$15,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman.

Voted 5 in favor, 4 opposed (Lehmann, Glenshaw, Jones, Swan). This motion passes at \$15,000.00.

4915 To Capital Reserve Funds: \$224,500.00

- Mr. Lehmann moved at \$211,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Lewis.

Voted 4 in favor, 5 opposed (Swan, Glenshaw, Schiffman, Jones & Brotman).

- Mr. Jones moved at \$224,500.00. Seconded by Glenshaw.

Voted 5 in favor, 3 opposed (Lehmann, Lewis & Strout).

4916 To Expendable Trust Funds: \$70,000.00

- Ms. Glenshaw moved at \$70,000.00. Seconded by Schiffman.

Voted 7 in favor, 1 abstention (Lewis).

The Proposed budget for 2009 has been voted at this Public Hearing. Ms. Brotman announced that there was no need for the 2nd Public Hearing scheduled for next week. The next meeting will be February 4th and the Budget Committee will be addressing the warrant and other petitioned articles involving money.

At 10:30 Ms.Swan moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Jones. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting