

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
October 14th, 2009
7:00PM
Town Office Conference Room

Approved: November 4th, 2009

Present at this meeting: Budget Committee Members: Judith Brotman, Richard Jones, Josh Kilham, Freda Swan, Mark Schiffman, William Lewis, Tim Cook, Morton Bailey, Earl Strout, Richard Justice & Elizabeth Glenshaw. Selectman: Simon Carr & Charles Ragan. Department Heads: Fred Stearns, Daniel Quinn, Patricia Jenks, Pauline Field & Dina Cutting (Scribe).

Called to order at 7:00pm by Chair Brotman.

Mr. Strout moved to approve the minutes of the September 16th, 2009 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor.

Department heads presented their 2010 requested budgets: It was noted that the benefits numbers are not in yet and all the departments' requests do not include these numbers.

Transfer Station: Mr. Quinn review the \$5,000.00 increase. The need to order more bags is the reason for this increase. Mr. Quinn answered various questions.

Highway: Mr. Stearns informed the Budget Committee he would be requesting 2 new trucks from the Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. If this small truck does not get replaced, Mr. Stearns fears the highway department will have to give up doing the plowing for the Library, school, fire department, and town buildings. Followed was a brief discussion concerning the roads and town buildings that require a smaller truck for plowing. The Capital Improvement Plan dropped the second small truck a few years ago against Mr. Stearns recommendation. The Selectmen noted at this time they have not made any recommendations on this request. Mr. Stearns informed the Budget Committee his regular budget request will be the same as last year.

Police: Chief Field informed the Budget Committee she had stuck to the Selectmen's request and came in with a 0% budget request without the health insurance & benefits increase included. Followed was a brief discussion concerning gas usage and vehicle replacement. It was noted that any overage in work hours from the Baker Hill project was paid for by the Extreme Home Maker over show.

Town Clerk: Ms. Jenks reviewed various lines in the Town Clerks budget. The increase in the Elections and Supervisor of Check list is due to 3 elections in the 2010 year.

The following departments were reviewed by Ms. Cutting: executive, financial, revaluation of property, legal, & personnel administration.

Library: Ms. Eaton reviewed the Library's requested budget for 2010. Computer maintenance was discussed. Ms. Eaton wanted to thank Steve Campbell for all his volunteer time; this keeps the computer maintenance line item down. A system up-grade will be necessary in the future and a budget line that is now \$500.00 could be as high as \$10,000.00.

Planning & Zoning: Benefits are not figure in to this overall budget as of tonight.

Fire: Michael Hinsley will be happy to come in if the Budget Committee has questions on this requested budget.

The Budget Committee reviewed the final sections of the budget requests. Members of the Budget Committee thanked the department heads for coming in with department requests at a 0% increase. It was the sense of the Budget Committee to not meet for the next 2 weeks. The Selectmen's Budget will be ready for the November 4th, 2009 meeting.

At 8:50pm Ms. Swan moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Jones. Voted unanimously in favor.

Next meeting: Wednesday November 4th, 2009 @7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting