

Town of Lyme  
Budget Committee  
February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
7:30PM  
Fire Station Training Room

Approved: August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND WARRANT  
ARTICLES CONTAINING MONEY.

Present at this meeting: Budget Committee Members: Judith Brotman, Richard Jones, Josh Kilham, Freda Swan, Mark Schiffmen, Dick Justice, William Lewis, Earl Strout, & Elizabeth Glenshaw. School: Gordon Schnare. Selectmen: Simon Carr & Charles Ragan. Scribe: Dina Cutting. Public: Julia Elder, Patty Jenks, Grant Lange, Tony Ryan, Sue Ryan, Bob ?, Ben Henszey.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Chair Brotman.

1. Mr. Strout moved to approve the minutes of the January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Swan. The minutes were voted 7 in favor with 1 abstention (Mr. Justice).
2. Mr. Carr gave a brief clarification of employee pay raises.
3. Mr. Schnare noted some wording changes that would be made to the School Warrant per legal advice. These changes are to add in the name of each Capital Reserve Fund for clarification.

**School Warrant:**

**Article # 2 to see if the Lyme School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$4,523,878.00 as the operating budget:** Ms. Swan moved to recommend article 2. Seconded by Mr. Schiffman. Clarification was offered by Mr. Schnare. Voted 5 in favor, 3 opposed.

**Article # 3 to see if the Lyme School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Lyme School Board and the Lyme Teachers Association for the school years 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012 and agree to be legally bound to pay such costs items for all years of the agreement, which calls for the listed estimated increases in salaries and benefits: in the amount of \$71,646.00 for the year 2009-2010:** Mr. Jones moved to recommend article 3. Seconded by Ms. Glenshaw. Clarification was offered by Mr. Schnare and Mr. Schiffmen. Voted 5 in favor, 4 opposed.

**Article # 7 to determined and fix the salaries of school district officers as followed: Treasurer \$800.00, Clerk \$75.00 Moderator \$75.00:** Ms. Swan moved to recommend article 7. Seconded by Mr. Schiffmen. Voted unanimously in favor.

Public Comment: Charles Ragan asked for a brief explanation of the collective bargaining agreement. Sue Ryan asked what the health coverage changes were. There being no further comments or questions concerning the School Warrant the meeting moved to the Town Warrant at this time.

**Town Warrant:**

Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve **article #3 Town Operating Budget at \$2,005,950.00.** Seconded by Mr. Jones. Voted 5 in favor, 3 opposed

Mr. Jones moved **article #4 To Capital Reserve Funds and Trust Funds at \$293,500.00.** Seconded by Mr. Schiffmen. Voted 7 in favor, 1 opposed

Ms. Glenshaw moved **article #5 Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds & Expendable Trust Funds at \$239,500.00.** Seconded by Ms. Swan. Voted unanimously in favor.

Ms. Glenshaw moved **article #6 Withdrawals from Cemetery Maintenance Gifts & Donations Fund at \$20,079.00.** Seconded by Mr. Strout. Voted unanimously in favor.

Ms. Glenshaw moved **article #7 Transfer Funds from the Cemetery Special Revenue Find into the New Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund at \$400.00.** Seconded by Mr. Schiffmen. Voted unanimously in favor.

Ms. Glenshaw moved **article #8 Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Fund Town Maintenance & Repair Fund at \$15,000.00.** Seconded by Mr. Justice. Voted 7 in favor, 1 opposed

Ms. Glenshaw moved **article #9 Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund at \$1,000.00.** Seconded by Mr. Schiffmen. Clarification on the agent of this fund. Voted 7 in favor, 1 abstention

Ms. Glenshaw moved **article # 11 Independence Day Celebration Special Revenue Fund at \$8,400.00.** Seconded by Ms. Swan. Voted unanimously in favor.

Ms. Glenshaw moved **article #12 Appropriating monies to put into Blisters for Books Expendable Trust Fund at \$7,019.00.** Seconded by Ms. Swan. Voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Strout moved **article # 13 50% of Land Use Change Tax to Conservation Fund (vs. 100%).** Seconded by Mr. Justice. Followed was a discussion concerning history of how these funds had been used in the past. Voted 7 in favor, 1 opposed

Ms. Swan moved **article #14 Land Purchase at \$12,000.00**. Seconded by Ms. Glenshaw. Followed was a discussion concerning the purchase of land abutting the town forest. Voted 5 in favor, 4 opposed

There being no further business Mr. Kilham moved to adjourn at 8:50pm. Seconded by Ms. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor.

Next meeting is Little Town Meeting March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Cutting