

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
June 24th, 2009
7:30PM
Town Office Conference Room

Approved: August 26th, 2009

Present at this meeting: Budget Committee Members: Judith Brotman, Richard Jones, Josh Kilham, Freda Swan, Mark Schiffmen, William Lewis, Tim Cook, Morton Bailey & Elizabeth Glenshaw. Selectman: Simon Carr. Selectmen: Simon Carr. Scribe: Dina Cutting. Public: Cynthia Bognolo

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Chair Brotman.
2. Mrs. Brotman reviewed the timing of the budget process. Mrs. Brotman noted the Local Government Center has a workshop that would be beneficial for all Budget committee members to attend. When the dates come out it will be announced.
3. Mr. Carr reviewed how the "tax rate is set". See attachment.
4. Mr. Jones reviewed the designated fund handout. See attachment. The Capital Improvement Plan will be revised to 2009 prices. This will be a helpful tool for what we see coming in the future.
5. Mrs. Brotman reviewed the State regulations and rules associated with public meetings.
6. Mrs. Glenshaw noted she would like to have all the boards meet together and come up with ideas concerning the budgeting process for down the road, and discuss how the Budget Committee can think about and look at long term management for the Town and School. Followed was a discussion concerning the timing of receiving the tax rate, the Capital Improvement Plan and how this can be used in the budget process, the timing of all the decisions the Budget Committee has to make and the Budget Committee really understanding what is behind the numbers they are asked to vote on.
7. At this time Mr. Kilham moved to nominate Mrs. Brotman as Chair of the Budget Committee. Seconded by Mrs. Swan. Voted unanimously in favor. It was the sense of the committee to not have a vice chair at this time. In her absences Mrs. Brotman will request someone to run the meeting.
8. The Budget committee members will e-mail Mrs. Cutting with available dates for July and August in order for the 6th month Selectmen/Budget Committee meeting to be scheduled.
9. Mrs. Glenshaw moved to adjourn at 8:30pm. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting