

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
January 19th, 2011
7:00PM
Town Office/Police Station
Conference Room

Approved: February 2, 2011

PUBLIC HEARING

Present at this meeting: Budget Committee Members: Judy Brotman, Simon Carr, Laszlo Bardos, Earl Strout, Elizabeth Glenshaw, William Lewis, Tim Cook, and Robin Taylor. School Representative: Kate Semple-Barta. School Board chairman: Mark Schiffman. Superintendent: Gordon Scnare. Selectmen: Richard Jones. Community members: Blake & Nancy Allison, Barbara & David Roby. Scribe: Dina Cutting.

1. The Budget Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chair Brotman.
2. Mr. Bardos moved to approve the minutes of the 1/5/2011 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Carr. Voted unanimously in favor.
3. Mr. Bardos moved to approve the minutes of the 1/12/2011 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Carr. Voted unanimously in favor.
4. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:05PM
5. Ms. Brotman offered a time for general comments. There were none.
6. It was the sense of the budget committee to move ahead with a vote on the school budget at this time.

Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve the proposed school budget at \$5,047,249.27. Seconded by Mr. Carr.

The following topics were reviewed and discussed:

MS forms and what is on them

Contractual agreements

Mr. Alison requested a brief re-cap of why the proposed school budget has an increase of \$281,000.00. Mr. Schiffman responded with a brief summary of the budget

The motion to approve the proposed school budget was voted 8 in favor, 1 opposed (Lewis).

The Budget Committee thanked Gordon for all his years of service and wished him luck in his retirement.

7. The Budget Committee moved on to consideration of the Town Budget.

Public comments:

Mr. Roby commented that the Highway crew does a terrific job, maybe too good, as the expense and danger of cars going too fast on too good roads concerns him. Maybe we should thank them for their hard work and ask them to stand down a bit.

Mr. Schiffman commented that the Selectmen's Salary is out of step on the local level. With all the work put in by the Selectmen their salary should be looked at next year.

Mr. Bardos moved to approve the proposed 2011 town budget at \$ 1,864,402.58.

Seconded by Mr. Carr.

The following topics were reviewed and discussed:

Library costs

School cost concerning the library

Mrs. Roby-commented that the Library seems to be growing out of control.

The budget committee further discussed possible changes to the proposed budget for the Library and Highway departments.

Concerns were expressed over the expenses in heat and energy.

The Pike house is more than paying for itself.

It was the sense of the Budget Committee to have the Chair inform the Library Trustees of the concerns expressed at this hearing concerning the costs associated with the Library.

The motion to approve the proposed 2011 town budget was voted 7 in favor, 2 opposed. (Lewis & Bailey)

8. The next meeting is the Public Hearing on February 2nd 2011 at 7:00PM. This hearing will be for the Budget Committee to vote on recommending or not recommending specific "money warrant" articles – for both the school and the town.
9. At 8:00PM Mr. Lewis moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Taylor. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting