

Town of Lyme  
Budget Committee  
November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
7:00PM  
Town Offices Conference Room

**Approved: December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Present at this meeting: Budget Committee Members: Judy Brotman, Laszlo Bardos, Earl Strout, Elizabeth Glenshaw, Morton Bailey, Tim Cook, Phil Barta, and Robin Taylor. Selectmen Representative: Simon Carr; School Representative: Scott May. Scribe: Dina Cutting.

Also Present: Selectmen Charles Ragan and Richard Vidal; Public Don Elder, David Roby, Barbara Roby.

At 7:00 PM the meeting was called to order by Chair Brotman.

1. Mr. Bardos moved to approve the minutes of the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Carr. Voted unanimously in favor.
2. Mr. Carr reviewed the Capital Reserve funds and Vehicle and Heavy Equipment depreciation worksheets. The following were reviewed and discussed:
  - Police Vehicles
  - Heavy Equipment
  - Grader
  - Loader
  - Removed large lawn mower from CRF
  - Vehicle fund cutting down on funding, in 2018 this will not be fully funded.
  - Bridge CRF
  - Property Appraisal
  - Emergency Highway Fund
  - Computer CRF
  - Fire Fighting Safety Equipment
  - Recreation Facility CRF

Followed was a discussion concerning these funds and their funding methods.

3. The CIP committee is working on finalizing the CIP update. Hopefully this information will be ready for the Budget Committee for their next meeting.
4. The Budget Committee expressed interest in getting more in-depth information on each department. The possibility of getting the committee together sooner in the year and meeting with department heads to review financials and compare selected issues with other towns was discussed. The committee would like to look at ways the committee members could possibly help individual departments save on expenditures. It was suggested that several sub-committees could be formed to look in depth at individual budget lines within specific departments, with the goal of finding overall budget savings.

5. The operating budget was reviewed. As an ADVISORY VOTE, Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve the proposed 2012 operating budget at \$1,947,350.00. The motion was Seconded by Mr. Strout. Discussion followed. The motion was voted 8 in favor, 1 opposed (Bailey). The motion on the advisory vote passed.
6. At 8:15PM Mr. Carr moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting

Next Meeting: December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 @ 7:00 PM – School presentation