

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
September 12, 2012
7:00PM
Town Office Conference Room

Present:

Budget Committee: Judy Brotman, Simon Carr, Earl Strout, Elizabeth Glenshaw, Morton Bailey, Phil Barta, Richard Jones, Robin Taylor and Charles Ragan.

Selectmen: Jay Smith.

School Board: Chairman, Mark Schiffman; Superintendent, Michael Harris; Principal, Jeff Valance; Board member/presenter, Scott May.

Public: Carola Lee

The Budget Committee meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Brotman.

1. There were no public comments at this time.
2. Superintendent Mike Harris presented a school update for the fiscal year just ended. A copy of the memo and budget report is attached to the minutes.
3. Superintendent Harris briefly updated the committee on this year's projections –
 - a. As of September 17th there will be 210 students enrolled in school
 - b. 2 temporary classrooms have been leased and installed for this year
4. Scott May presented an early report of the Lyme School Renovation Committee, indicating areas of critical need for maintaining the school's compliance with state regulations and the ability to continue to offer the school's excellent educations program:
 - a. 3-4 new classrooms
 - b. Kitchen update/expansion
 - c. Band & multi-media rooms
 - d. Nurse's station, conference room(s), offices and storage areasThe committee is hoping to bring a proposal for renovation and building addition to the School District Meeting in March 2013.
5. At the request of committee members, Selectman Simon Carr gave an update on the status of unpaid taxes at this time:
 - a. \$31,590 is unpaid from 2010
 - b. \$125,370 is unpaid from 2011.
6. The proposed Budget Committee schedule of meetings was reviewed.
 - a. The consensus of the committee was to delete the October 17 meeting.
 - b. Department heads that wish to provide additional information for their department's proposed budget are encouraged to do so at the November 14th budget committee meeting.

7. Other Business:
 - a. Judith Brotman was elected chair of the committee.
 - b. The committee requested a tour of the school facilities. Superintendent Harris and/or Principal Valance will make the arrangements.
 - c. Next week's meeting will focus on subcommittee reports:
 - i. The big picture
 - ii. Highway department and police department
 - iii. The roads committee

8. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lee Shelnutt Brotman