

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

Present –

Budget Committee Members: Judy Brotman, Simon Carr, Laszlo Bardos, Earl Strout, Richard Jones, Robin Taylor, Charles Ragan, Elizabeth Glenshaw, & Morton Bailey.
Superintendent: Mike Harris. Principal: Jeff Valance. School Board Chair: Mark Shiffman.
Selectman: Charles J. Smith. Community members: Barbara and David Roby.
Scribe: Dina Cutting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Brotman.

1. There were no public comments at this time.
2. The Minutes of the meeting of December 5th were approved. Motion made by Mr. Carr, Seconded by Mr. Ragan and voted unanimously in favor.

School Budget:

Mr. Harris reviewed the FY 2014 budget proposal. See attached memo:

- The total increase of this proposed budget is \$46,862.
 - The controllable costs in the budget are generally considered to be those expenditures that are attributed to accounts other than special education and secondary education. These controllable costs increased by \$89,852.
 - The current elementary student enrolment is 210 students.
 - Probable Decreases: High school tuition (fewer students), high school special education (fewer students and a termination of an out-of-district placement), and the portable classroom (covered under a special warrant article).
 - Probable Increases: Teacher salaries, state retirement contribution costs, elementary special education, transportation, instruction, and buildings & grounds improvements. Non-unionized staff salaries have been proposed at an increase of 2.3%
 - The total proposed budget is \$5,530,903.
3. It was requested the school submit information concerning the possible new facility bond. It was the consensus of this group that they would not feel comfortable voting on an operating budget without first being informed of this possible monetary commitment. The Budget Committee requested the school board send information out to the budget committee as soon as it is available so they have ample time to review it prior to the next meeting on January 9th, 2013.

4. There being no further business at this time, Mr. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting, Scribe

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 9th, 2013 – Finalized School District Budget presentation.