Approved: February 6<sup>th</sup> 2013

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013
7:00PM
Town Office/Police Station
Conference Room

## Present -

Budget Committee Members: Judy Brotman, Simon Carr, Laszlo Bardos, Earl Strout, Richard Jones, Charles Ragan, Phil Barta, Robin Taylor, Morty Bailey and Elizabeth Glenshaw. Superintendent: Mike Harris. Principal: Jeff Valance. School Board Chair: Mark Shiffman. Selectman: Charles J. Smith. Public: Kevin Peterson & Barbara Lynch.

Scribe: Dina Cutting.

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

- 1. The Minutes of the meeting of January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 were approved. Motion made by Mr. Carr, Seconded by Ms. Glenshaw and voted unanimously in favor.
- 2. No public comment at this time.
- 3. Mr. Schiffman reviewed the preliminary material concerning the Lyme School Board's proposed renovation/addition and the proposed bond (see attachments).
  - Various payments schedules for the bond were discussed. After polling the Committee it was their preference to suggest the school do a level fund payment schedule.
  - Concerns were expressed about not having concrete numbers.
  - Fire code issues were concerns.
  - The major cost of the project will not hit tax bills until 2014.
- 4. At 7:21PM Chair Brotman opened the Public Hearing on the 2013-2014 school operating budget
  - There was no public comment at this time.
  - Mr. Jones moved to approve the FY 2013-2014 operating budget at \$5,478,903. Seconded by Ms. Glenshaw. Motion voted 8 in favor with 1 abstention (Strout)
  - Mr. Harris updated the Budget Committee on the current (2012-2013) budget and the anticipation that the budget year would end with a surplus of around \$30,000.
- 5. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:27PM.
- 6. Mr. Carr presented a review of the preliminary town warrant articles involving money. (see attachment)
  - Class V Roads Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund-Mr. Smith gave a review of the possible plans to apply for a grant to re-build a ½ mile section on River Road.

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- Reconstruction of a section of Baker Hill Road.
- Milfoil grant for Post Pond.
- Block Grant funds.
- 7. At 7:56PM Chair Brotman opened the Public Hearing on the Town Operating budget.
  - There were no public comments at this time
  - Mr. Jones moved to approve the proposed 2013 budget at \$1,997,079. Seconded by Ms. Glenshaw. Motion voted unanimously in favor.
- 8. The Public Hearing was closed at 8:00PM.
- 9. At 8:02PM Mr. Bardos moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Carr. Voted unanimously in favor.

Sincerely,

**Dina Cutting**