

Budget Committee  
February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
7:00PM  
Town Office/Police Station Conference Room  
Approved: September 24, 2014

Budget Committee Members: Judy Brotman, Charles J. Smith, Robin Taylor, Richard Jones, Laszlo Bardos, Morton Bailey, Phil Barta, Charles Ragan, and Elizabeth Glenshaw.  
Selectboard member: Susan MacKenzie. School Superintendent: Mike Harris. Schoolboard Chair: Mark Schiffman. Town Moderator: Kevin Peterson. Scribe: Dina Cutting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chair Brotman.

1. Mr. Bardos moved to approve the minutes of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 Public Hearing. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor.
2. Public Comment: No public present at this time.
3. The Public Hearing on the School “money” warrant articles was opened at 7:05PM.

Mr. Schiffman reviewed the warrant articles and material concerning the Lyme School Board’s proposed renovation/addition and the proposed bond. Various questions were asked and answered concerning the debt schedule, donations being pledged and collected and the effect of the proposed school project on taxes.

The following School Warrant Articles were voted as listed below:

- **Article 1** (Bond) - Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve \$3,280,000. Seconded by Mr. Barta.  
Discussion continued on the bond payment schedule, expenses for the trailers vs. bond payment, the potential increase in taxes, the tax base, and the pellet heating system.  
Motion voted 6 in favor with 1 against (Bailey)
- **Article 3** (Building Maintenance CRF) - Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve \$80,000. Seconded by Mr. Bardos.  
If Article 1 does not pass these projects will need to be done.  
Motion voted unanimously in favor.
- **Article 4** (Operating Budget) - Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve \$5,643,520. Seconded by Mr. Bardos.  
Motion voted unanimously in favor.
- **Article 5** (Special Education Reserve fund) - Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve \$50,000. Seconded by Mr. Bardos. There was discussion of a new RSA that allows schools to carry an undesignated fund balance.  
Motion voted unanimously in favor.
- **Article 6** (High school Tuition fund) - Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve \$50,000. Seconded by Mr. Bardos.  
Motion voted unanimously in favor.

- **Article 7** (Salaries of Officers) - Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve the salaries of the school officers at the noted rates (School District Treasurer-\$800.00, School District Clerk-\$75.00 & School District Moderator-\$75.00). Seconded by Mr. Bardos. These salaries are included in the operating budget total. Motion voted unanimously in favor.
4. The Public Hearing for the school warrant articles involving money was closed at 7:30PM
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The following Town Warrant Articles were voted as listed below:

- **Article 5** (Operating Budget) - Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve \$2,038,025. Seconded by Mr. Ragan. Motion voted unanimously in favor.
- **Article 6** (Block Grant) - Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve \$82,513. Seconded by Mr. Ragan. Motion voted unanimously in favor.
- **Article 7** (To CRF & Trust Funds) - Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve \$433,401. Seconded by Mr. Ragan. A brief discussion concerning the Capital Improvement plan and upcoming bridge work followed. Motion voted 6 in favor, 1 against (Jones).
- **Article 8** (Withdrawal from CRF & Trust Funds) - Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve \$21,000. Seconded by Mr. Ragan. Motion voted unanimously in favor.
- **Article 9** (Lease of Roller) - Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve \$18,185. Seconded by Mr. Ragan. Discussion concerned the Towns need to be leasing “top of the line” equipment and/or renting equipment instead of leasing it took place. Motion voted 5 in favor, 1 against (Bailey), 1 abstention (Barta)
- **Article 10** (Paved road repairs) - Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve \$97,130. Seconded by Mr. Ragan. MacKenzie stated the Roads Committee is working on a long range plan for roads. She reviewed the tentative plan for paved roads, the benefits of building these roads from the bottom up to establish a good base in order to get the longevity out of maintenance and upgrades. Motion voted 6 in favor, 1 against (Jones).
- **Article 11** (Withdrawal from Cemetery Fund) - Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve \$13,602. Seconded by Mr. Ragan. Motion voted unanimously in favor.
- **Article 12** (Transfer to New Cemetery fund) - Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve \$800.00. Seconded by Mr. Ragan. Motion voted unanimously in favor.
- **Article 13** (Blister for Books) - Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve \$5,001. Seconded by Mr. Ragan. Motion voted unanimously in favor.

- **Article 14** (Milfoil Grant) - Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve \$25,765. Seconded by Mr. Ragan.  
The state is offering a 40% grant for these expenses (up to \$10,306). This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. This will allow the town to carry over any remaining funds to be used in the future years. Discussion concerned what this treatment entails. An update on the progress of treatment was requested. Motion voted unanimously in favor.
- **Article 15** (Library) - Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve \$10,000. Seconded by Mr. Ragan.  
Motion voted unanimously in favor.

6. The Public Hearing on the Town “money” warrant articles was closed.
7. The Budget Committee signed the MS-27 and MS-7.
8. Upcoming meeting reminders:
  - Little Town meeting March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 7:00PM
  - School District Meeting March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ **6:00PM** (note time change)
  - Town Meeting March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 9:00AM.
9. At 8:15PM Mrs. Glenshaw moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Taylor. Voted unanimously in favor.

Sincerely,

Dina Cutting