

**Town of Lyme**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
Minutes for August 8, 2012  
Mid-year budget review with the Budget Committee

At 7:00 PM Simon opened the meeting. The following were present for part or all of the meeting: Simon Carr (chair), C. Jay Smith (member), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant), Judith Brotman (Budget Committee Chair), Lazlo Bardos (member), Richard Jones (member), Phil Barta (member), Charles Ragan (member).

1. Simon gave a brief synopsis of why we were here and then went on to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan which had been tabled by the Planning Board and the Capital Reserve and Trust Funds.
2. Questions were raised regarding the heavy equipment replacement schedule and the maintenance to extend the life of the equipment. Simon explained that the replacement was based on the general life span of the equipment and that since we had less hours and spent money to rehab some pieces to extend their life that we would probably have some extra in those accounts however with prices rising and the fact that something could fail regardless of what we do it was better to be a little over than to not have enough.
3. There were some questions regarding the CIP. Simon and Judy spoke about the statutes and that it had to be submitted to the Planning Board. The Planning Board felt there were some items that were in conflict with the Draft master Plan and since they could not change the CIP the best they could do was table it rather than just outright reject it.
4. Discussed Line 39 of the budget which is already over budget with two elections still to come. Unfortunately with new election laws which will be in effect this will climb higher for training and salaries.
5. Discussed Line 99 – We have had some major repairs to Town Buildings such as the LCAB parking lot and the drilled well for the Town Offices and the Pike House. In addition we had a DOL inspection and are in the process of upgrading/purchasing some items to comply with State regulations. Some of these funds will come from the Town Building Major Maintenance and Repair Trust Fund.
6. Jay discussed the work that the Roads Committee had done so far and its long term goal of mitigating the problems encountered during mud season as well as fixing the southern end of River Road.
7. Discussed solid waste disposal, plans for the transfer station and things the board is looking into.
8. Parks and Recreation – discussed long term plans to save by contracting out some maintenance items. This is in the works but it not expected to happen until the end of next year.

9. There were questions about Legal expenses. It was noted there are two pending lawsuits which will cost the Town in legal fees and will probably not be settled for some time.
10. Discussed the revenue side of the budget and particularly the collection of back taxes.
11. The Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

/s/C. Jay Smith  
Recorder