

Lyndeborough Budget Committee Meeting Minutes 11/25/2008

Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM.

Present: Chairman Burton Reynolds, Don Guertin, James Button, William Ball, Bruce Houston, Kevin Boette, Fran Bujak, Walter Holland.

Excused: Arnie Byam, Karen Grybko. Absent: Lorraine Strube.

Cemetaries: Bob Rogers and Ginny Chrisenton presented the budget. Next year's budget will be about \$460 less than last year. The tree cutting account was reduced from last year, though there may be some trees that may need "trimming". There are an anticipated \$2,406 dollars from the Cemetary Trust Funds that will offset some of the expenses. The town's portion of the budget will be about \$10,500 next year. There was some discussion about the Trust funds and income from them, and FDIC protection for these and other town accounts.

Library: Bob Rogers and Sally Curran presented the budget. A discussion of the cost of fuel oil for the Library, and whether they could get the supplier to lower the price from the "pre-buy" purchase agreement. A suggestion to purchase fuel oil from another dealer and pay the daily market price may reduce the estimated costs. The rest of the budget was mostly unchanged. Some line items were lower than last year because of reduced needs (computer expenses, literacy program).

Planning and Zoning: The budget for the Planning Board is unchanged from last year. There was no budget for the Zoning Board of Adjustment, but it was noted that they should have at least \$1,000 as last year for expenses such as public notices and mailing costs. Budget Committee added this expense item back into their budget.

Conservation Commission: No budget presented.

Emergency Management: This budget is down from \$300 to \$200 for next year. No anticipated major expenses for next year.

The discussions of the above budgets were completed by 8:30 PM. A suggestion was made to combine these shorter budget discussions with another meeting or later in the year during a work session. Fran Bujak of the LCS school comittee briefly discussed the state requirements for a mandated Kindergarten next year in Lyndeborough. He explained that they have explored many possibilities of tutoring the students out to other towns and private schools. He also briefly discussed the plans for expansion of the Central School to include just the Kindergarten and/or several other classrooms to alleviate the over crowded conditions at school for SPED students and computer/library rooms. There will be additional information presented at the LCS budget meeting and public hearings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

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