

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
PO Box 126
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January 17, 2024
Conference Room & Zoom
Approved: January 24th, 2024

Budget Committee Members: Jennifer Boylston (School Board Representative), Judith Brotman (Select Board Representative), Vince Berk, Rich Brown, James Graham, Hayes Greenway, Richard Jones, Wilkes McClave III, Scott May, Bill Malcolm (via zoom), Brian Spence
Administrator: Dina Cutting, Road Agent: Scott Bailey, SB/Assessing Clerk: Jordan Toland
School Staff: Principal: John D'Entremont (via zoom). Coordinator of Business Services: Janet Mitchell.

School Board members on zoom: Leigh Prince & Jonathan Voegele.

Community members: Michael Whitman (via zoom)

1. At 7:00 PM Mr. Jones opened the meeting.
2. Mr. McClave moved to approve the minutes of January 10th, 2024. Seconded by Mrs. Brotman. Voted unanimously in favor.
3. Mrs. Brotman and Mrs. Cutting reported on the changes in the Town Operating Budget. (Line 14 was taken away. Line 44 was adjusted down. Lines 47,48, and 49 were adjusted due to history of what was spent. Line 56 (computer software) has been updated with final numbers (adjusted from \$10,345.00 to \$7,300.00). Legal increased due to legals advice. Planning and Zoning has had some minor adjustment (90 and 91 was taken out). Adjustments to cemetery (no propane in winter, perpetual care line taken out). The Police budget has been adjusted to reflect only one officer through April 1st. Fire Chief salary adjusted to \$8,000.00 and insurance numbers were adjusted to reflect updated cost. Transfer Station budget was slightly adjusted after Mr. Thebodo received some numbers. Parks and Recreation has been adjusted (Lifeguard salary line adjusted to attempt to attract some interest). The library adjusted by \$5,000.00. The operating budget now reflects a 2.2% increase with an operating budget of \$2,821,494.00.)

Review and vote on Town Warrant Articles:

- **Article # 3 Operating Budget** - Mr. McClave moved the amount of \$2,821,494.00 to be brought to the public hearing on January 24th, 2024. Seconded by Mrs. Brotman. The motion was voted 10 in favor and 0 against (10-0).
- **Article #4 Capital Reserve and Trust Funds** – Mr. May moved the amount of \$410,000.00 to be brought to the Public Hearing on January 24th, 2024. Seconded by Mrs. Brotman. The motion was voted 10 in favor and 0 against (10-0).

- **Article #5 Repairs to Edgell Bridge** – Mr. McClave moved the amount of \$190,000.00 to be brought to the public hearing on January 24th, 2024. Mr. May seconded the motion. The motion was voted 10 in favor and 0 against (10-0).
- **Article #6 New Hampshire Block Grant Appropriation** – Mr. May moved the amount of \$95,000.00 to be brought to the public hearing on January 24th, 2024. Seconded by Mrs. Brotman. The motion was voted 10 in favor and 0 against (10-0).
- **Article #7 Public Works Facility Capital Reserve Fund** – Mr. McClave moved the amount \$81,717.00 to be brought to the public hearing on January 24th, 2024. Seconded by Mr. May. The motion was voted 10 in favor and 0 against (10-0).
- **Article #8 Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund** – Mrs. Brotman moved the amount of \$82,252.00 to be brought to the public hearing on January 24th, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Graham. The motion was voted 10 in favor and 0 against (10-0).
- **Article #9 Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** – Mrs. Brotman moved the amount of \$144,000.00 to be brought to the public hearing on January 24th, 2024. Seconded by Mr. May. The motion was voted 10 in favor and 0 against (10-0).
- **Article #11 Independence Day Celebration Fund** – Mr. Graham moved the amount of \$6,747.00 to be brought to the public hearing on January 24th, 2024. Seconded by Mr. May. The motion was voted 10 in favor and 0 against (10-0).
- **Article #12 Milfoil Treatment for Post Pond** – Mr. McClave moved the amount of \$37,045.00 to be brought to the public hearing on January 24th, 2024. Seconded by Mrs. Brotman. The motion was voted 10 in favor and 0 against (10-0).
- **Article #13 Cemetery Maintenance Gifts and Donations** – Mr. Brown moved the amount of \$15,991.00 to be brought to the public hearing on January 24th, 2024. Seconded by Mrs. Brotman. The motion was voted 10 in favor and 0 against (10-0).

Review and vote on School Warrant Articles:

- Coordinator of Business Services: Janet Mitchell gave an update on the budget. High School tuition numbers were received and added to the budget. An increase was made in the enrichment line to reflect the \$10,000.00 increase and the food service line has increased due to the change in food service. The School Board has not voted on this operating budget, the Budget Committee will delay taking action on this matter until the School Board has voted.
 - **Article #2 Collective Bargaining Agreement** – Mrs. Brotman moved the amounts of \$223,351.00 (Fiscal Year 2025), \$115,981.00 (Fiscal Year 2026), and \$104,779.00 (Fiscal Year 2027) to be brought to the public hearing on January 24th, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Graham. The motion was voted 9 in favor and 1 against (McClave) (9-1).
4. At 8:17 PM Mr. Graham moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. May. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Toland