

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
October 3, 2018
7:00 PM
Town Office/Police Station Conference Room
Approved: October 10, 2018

Budget Committee Members: Judy Brotman, Kevin Sahr, Eric Furstenberg, Richard Jones, Elizabeth Glenshaw, Scott May, Erik Colburg, Cybele Merrick, Wilkes McClave, & Jennifer Boylston. Select Board members Susan MacKenzie & Rusty Keith. Administrative Assistant Dina Cutting. Police Chief Shaun O'Keefe, Fire Chief Mike Mundy, Emergency Management Director Margaret A. Caudill-Slosberg.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chair Brotman.

1. The Budget Committee reviewed and approved the meeting minutes of February 15, 2018 and September 26, 2018.
2. The Police and Fire department heads presented their proposal for equipment purchases and transfers for the upcoming year as well as future year purchases and inter-departmental transfers. (See the attached "2019 Lyme Public Safety Budget Proposal" for specific recommendations.) The highway department will present their portion of this plan at next week's meeting.
 - a. The Police Chief's proposed budget request is up 4.6% from last year. Chief O'Keefe noted the need for increased funding for overtime hours, due to the change from 'comp time' to paid work time.
 - b. The Fire Chief's proposed budget request is the same as last year. Chief Mundy recommended the budget committee consider in the future raising the Chief position's yearly stipend to more adequately cover the costs of the time necessary to fulfill the position. In addition, the need for a new fire station, possibly as early as 2021, will require adding more funds into the capital reserve fund for this purpose.
3. Ambulance costs were estimated to increase by 3.3%.
4. Emergency Management Director Margaret A. Caudill-Slosberg indicated that this year's budget request will cover continuing efforts to equip and supply the Emergency Management trailer, as well as a ham radio with a battery back-up.
5. Health and Welfare agencies have not submitted their requests yet, but it is presumed that they will remain similar to their last year's request.
6. The Health Officer's salary and expenses remain unchanged.
7. The Administration and Direct Assistance budget remains unchanged. There is anticipated to be a deposit into the Welfare Trust Fund of \$10,000.
8. At this time there was no public comment.

At 8:23 PM Ms. Glenshaw moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Merrick. Voted unanimously in favor.

Next meeting: October 14, 2018 – General Government, Library, Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Cutting