

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
October 9, 2019
7:00 PM
Town Office/Police Station Conference Room
Approved: October 16th, 2019

Budget Committee Members: Richard Jones, Chris Ramsden, Erik Colburg, Scott May, Wilkes McClave, Michael McKusick, Jennifer Boylston, Select Board Representative, Judith Brotman & Lyme School Representative Matthew Hayden. Administrative Assistant Dina Cutting. Fire Chief, Michael Mundy. Community members: Sue MacKenize, Brett Ryan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Jones

1. Mr. McClave moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hayden. Voted unanimously in favor.
2. Tonight, will be a review of the 2020 proposed department budgets for the following departments:
 - Fire-Chief Mundy reviewed the Fire Department proposed 2020 budget.
 - Proposed New Fire House- Chief Mundy reviewed the fundraising efforts, potential costs, grants and the possible need for a warrant article to raise and appropriate what will be the balance needed for the new building after all fundraising efforts are exhausted.
 - 1.3 million total cost: Funding to come from the following sources:
 - \$450,000 Capital Reserve Fund
 - \$100,000 Swan Fund Grant
 - \$100,000 matching donation
 - \$300,000+ goal for Fire Department Fundraising
 - Balance of project cost- Warrant article for 2020 Town meeting.

Chief Mundy will meet with the Select Board further down the fundraising efforts about what the possible amount needed for the warrant article.
3. The following topics were briefly reviewed:
 - Fast Squad- no change in requested budget amount
 - Ambulance- estimated 3% increase
 - Emergency Management Director-\$1,360.00
 - Health and Welfare: All budget requests have not come in to date.
4. Mr. Hayden gave a brief review of where the Collective Bargaining is at this point. The process was briefly reviewed.
5. The logistics of Town Meeting and School meeting taking place at the same time was discussed. Pros and Cons were discussed.
6. The 2018 audit notes an “adverse opinion” information was requested on this.
7. At 8:10PM Mr. Hayden moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. McClave.
8. The Budget committees next meeting will be October 16, 2019 at 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dina Cutting