

TOWN OF LYME
Budget Committee
October 23, 2019
Town Office Conference Room
Approved: November 6th, 2019

Budget Committee Members: Richard Jones, Erik Colberg, Wilkes McClave, Michael McKusick, Jennifer Boylston, Greg Bogdanich, Elizabeth Glenshaw, Christopher Ramsden, Scott May, School Board Representative Matthew Hayden, Select Board Representative Judith Brotman.

Town Officials: Librarian; Judy Russell and Library Trustee; Audrey Brown. Police Chief; Shaun O'Keefe; Dina Cutting, Administrative Assistant.

Public: Sue MacKenzie.

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

1. Mr. McClave moved to approve the Minutes of October 16, 2019. Ms. Glenshaw seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Police: Chief O'Keefe presented the proposed 2020 Police budget. The Budget Committee reviewed various lines within this proposal. Chief O'Keefe said that his review of police wage information from various Upper Valley towns shows Lyme is low for the Police hourly wage.
3. Library: Ms. Russell presented the proposed 2020 Library budget. The Budget Committee reviewed various lines. Ms. Russell reviewed a wish list item of having more funds to purchase material (books). Blisters for books is continually going down in amount of funds raised. The Friend of the Lyme library are very helpful in adding funds for the Library to purchase material. Library Directors salary: last year of the 5 year plan to move this salary to be competitive. Swan fund donation-\$42,000, Donations from public \$5,000 to \$10,000 and Friends of Lyme Library \$8,000 to \$10,000. The Library is very thankful for all these donations.
4. The following town departments were reviewed: Various questions were asked and answered.
 - Town Clerk
 - Planning and Zoning
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Financial
 - Executive

The Budget Committee discussed wages, benefits and personnel costs. Ms. Brotman briefly reviewed where the Select Board was in the budgeting process. The Select Board will be presenting their proposed 2020 operating budget at the November 6, 2019 Budget Committee meeting.

5. There being no further business at this time, Mr. McClave moved to adjourn, and Ms. Brotman seconded the motion. Voted unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Cutting