

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
September 16th, 2020
7:00 PM
Town Office/Police Station Conference Room
Approved: October 14, 2020

Budget Committee Members: Richard Jones, Elisabeth Glenshaw, Erik Colberg, Sue MacKenize, Wilkes McClave, Michael McKusick, Jennifer Boylston, Select Board Representative, Judith Brotman & Lyme School Representative Matthew Hayden.
Administrative Assistant Dina Cutting, Lyme School Superintendent/Principal: Jeff Valence.

Select Board member: Kevin Sahr, School Board member: Phil Barta.

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

1. Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve the minutes of the February 5th, 2020 Public Hearing minutes. Seconded by Mr. Hayden. The minutes were voted 7 in favor with 1 abstention (Boylston).
2. Nominations for Chairperson: Mrs. Brotman moved to nominate Mr. Jones as Chair Seconded by Mr. McClave. Mr. Jones asked if there were other nominations. At this time Ms. MacKenzie moved to nominate Mr. Ramsden as Chair. Seconded by Mr. Colberg. After a discussion concerning Mr. Ramsden being nominated and not being present to accept or deny this nomination, it was the sense of the Committee to wait until the next meeting to vote on these nominations.
3. The 2019-2020 Budget Committee meeting schedule was reviewed and discussed. Mrs. Brotman suggested the October 7th meeting be canceled saying an additional week for the Departments and the Select Board to consider the 2021 budget would be helpful. The Budget Committee agreed to her request and will receive department requests on October 14th and 21st.
4. Mr. Sahr reviewed the increase in assessed values at roughly 3.6 million. This means the budget cannot increase more than 1% if the Boards wish to keep the tax rate flat. Mrs. Brotman noted the Select Board was presently working on the budget and will be meeting with department Heads. The Board will be working to come to the budget committee with a flat budget. Mrs. Brotman noted the Highway boiler project and Transfer Station compactors were hoping to be purchased in 2020 if funds are unexpended from the operating budget.
5. School update: Mr. Valance presented a report (see attachment) - Questions pertaining to COVID-19 costs were reviewed and discussed. The School year just started so no funding report. Mr. Valance answered questions concerning student count and last year's budget surplus being used for additional COVID expenses.

6. The Budget Committee reviewed various virtual meeting options. Mrs. Brotman noted the Select Board will review these options.
7. At 8:00PM Mrs. Glenshaw moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. McClave
8. The Budget committee's next meeting will be October 14th , 2020 at 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dina Cutting