

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
January 20, 2021
7:00 PM
Zoom
Approved: January 28th, 2021

Budget Committee Members: Richard Jones, Elizabeth Glenshaw, Erik Colburg, Wilkes McClave, Bill Malcolm, Chris Ramsden, Michael McKusick, Sue MacKenzie & Jennifer Boylston. School Board: Matthew Hayden. Select Board: Judy Brotman. Administrative Assistant Dina Cutting.
Principal/Superintendent: Jeff Valance. School Business administrator: Janet Mitchell. School Board member: Phil Barta

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chair Jones.

1. Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 16th, 2021. Seconded by Mrs. Brotman. Motion approved unanimously by a roll call vote.
2. School: Mr. Hayden reviewed the changes in the proposed 2021 school budget. The budget proposal has been increased to \$7,543,122 and increase of \$1,982.00.
3. The contingency funds have been removed. Mr. Hayden explained the board was uncomfortable with a contingency fund not earmarked for designated expenses. If additional COVID expenses end up being needed for the 2021-2022 school year a motion from the floor at school district meeting can be made. The Board will look at ways to purchase what they can from this year's funds if possible. The 2020-2021 projected surplus is \$85,000 at this time. If the School Board ends up needed to use some Trust funds, they will need to build these trust fund back up in the coming year.
4. A brief discussion concerning the challenges of holding the official ballot voting and School and Town district meetings due to COVID concerns. A group is working on the logistics of this and will be making an announcement as soon as possible.
5. School Warrant Article to go to the Public Hearing on Thursday January 28th, 2021.
 - Article 2- Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve article # 2 in the amount of \$7,543,122 representing the 2021-2022 school operating budget. Seconded by Mr. McClave. Voted 9 in favor with 1 against (Ramsden) by a roll call vote. Motion passes.
 - Article 3-Mr. Malcolm moved to approve article 3 in the amount of \$19,000. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Motion voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
 - Article 4-Mrs. Brotman moved to approve Article 4 in the amount of \$88,000. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Motion voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
 - Article 5- Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve Article 5 in the amount of \$26,000. Seconded by Mrs. Brotman Motion voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
 - Article 6- Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve Article 6 in the amount of \$1,025.00 Seconded by Mrs. Brotman Motion voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.

6. Town: Mrs. Brotman noted the operating budget included an additional \$10,000 added to line 34, elections for the cost of Town meeting due to COVID. Followed were some additional questions on the increase to the police departments budget. The increases are due to the retirement of the Chief in February 2022. The Select Boards plan is to continue with only 2 full time officers, this is not to create a 3rd permanent position in the police department. More details on this plan will be coming later.
7. Town Warrant articles to go to the Public Hearing on Thursday January 28th, 2021.
 - Article 4- Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve article 4 in the amount of \$2,432,817. Seconded by Mr. Malcolm. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
 - Article 5- Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve article 5 in the amount of \$415,000. Seconded by Mr. McClave. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
 - Article 6- Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve article 6 in the amount of \$95,000. Seconded by Mr. McKusick. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
 - Article 7- Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve article 7 in the amount of \$81,252. Seconded by Mr. McKusick. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
 - Article 8- Ms. MacKenzie moved to approve article 8 in the amount of \$81,716. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
 - Article 9- Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve article 9 in the amount of \$74,765. Seconded by Mr. Hayden. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
 - Article 10- Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve article 10 in the amount of \$68,000. Seconded by Mr. Hayden. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
 - Article 11- Mr. McKusick moved to approve article 11 in the amount of \$100,000. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
 - Article 12- Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve article 12 in the amount of \$82,000. Seconded by Mr. McClave. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
 - Article 15- Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve article 15 in the amount of \$6,983. Seconded by Mrs. Boylston. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
 - Article 16- Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve article 16 in the amount of \$19,850. Seconded by Mrs. Brotman. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
 - Article 18- Ms. MacKenzie moved to approve article 18 in the amount of \$20,388. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
 - Article 19- Mrs. Brotman moved to approve article 19 in the amount of \$15,991. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.

The Public Hearing to consider and vote on all these items will be
Thursday January 28th, 2021 at 7:00PM-Zoom.

At 8:35 PM Mr. Hayden moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dina Cutting