

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
PO Box 126
1 High Street
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October 20th, 2021
Conference Room & Zoom
Approved: October 27th, 2021

Budget Committee Members: Richard Jones, Erik Colberg, Wilkes McClave, Bill Malcolm, Sue MacKenzie, James Graham, Elizabeth Glenshaw (zoom), Judith Brotman, Lynne Parshall (zoom), and Brian Spence were present but not voting budget committee members as of this date.

Administrator: Dina Cutting.

Department heads present: Planning & Zoning Administrator, David Robbins, Librarian, Judy Russell.

At 7:00PM Chair Jones call the meeting to order

Mrs. Brotman moved to approve the minutes of the October 13th, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Mr. MaClave. Voted unanimously in favor.

Departments to report on their 2022 proposed budgets.

Planning & Zoning: Mr. Robbins reviewed the changes to the proposed 2022 budget. The following areas were discussed and various questions were asked and answered.

- Training
- Plotter/scanner and how this is working out
- Zoom meeting “owl”
- Wish list – wireless projector

The budget committee thanked Mr. Robbins for coming to this meeting. If future questions come up the committee may ask him to return.

Transfer Station: Mr. Thebodo reviewed the 2022 proposed budget. The following areas were discussed and various questions were asked and answered.

- 1% increase
- Mr. Thebodo review the upcoming recycling and the new compactor set up.
- Sold waste amounts were discussed
- The cost increases coming
- Recycling education for the public

The budget committee thanked Mr. Thebodo for coming to this meeting. If future questions come up the committee may ask him to return.

Library: Ms. Russell reviewed the 2022 proposed budget. The following areas were discussed and various questions were asked and answered.

- 4.4% increase
- Catalog and processing
- Children's collection. Traditionally Blisters for Books has funded the Children's collection in the Library. In the past few years the funding has been falling off. The blisters fundraiser is just not enough funds to cover the children's collection for the Library. This year's blisters amount just passed the \$5,000 mark.
- The library is open fewer hours because of COVID.
- Downloadable borrowing has been very popular and is way above the average.

The budget committee thanked Ms. Russell for coming to this meeting. If future questions come up the committee may ask him to return.

Parks & Recreation: Mrs. Brotman reviewed various items. Funding for lifeguarding was briefly discussed. The roles of the Recreation Commission and the Select Board pertaining to the employees at the beach, policies and procedures were all discussed.

Milfoil was briefly discussed. Ms. MacKenzie is attempting to gather a group of volunteers to hand pull milfoil in an attempt to help keep this weed at bay.

There were no further questions at this time.

The next Budget Committee meeting is October 27th, 2021 at 7:00PM,

At 8:00PM Mr. McClave moved to adjourn, Seconded by Mrs. Brotman. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Cutting