

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
PO Box 126
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November 16th, 2022
Conference Room & Zoom
Approved: December 14, 2022

Budget Committee Members: Jennifer Boylston (School Board Representative), Judith Brotman (Select Board Representative), Rich Brown, James Graham, Richard Jones (chair), Sue MacKenzie, Wilkes McClave (telephonically), Bill Malcolm and Brian Spence.

Administrator: Dina Cutting

1. At 7:02 PM Chair Jones called the meeting to order.
2. Mr. Malcolm moved to approve the minutes of the November 9th meeting as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Brotman. Unanimously approved.

There were concerns noted about the “budget committee review” spreadsheet and that its figures were often different from the auditor’s report and did not always add up correctly. Discussions followed on what data to use. Discussion continued and it was explained the 2021 totals (but not the individual data entries) were changed to conform with the audit.

3. The following items were discussed:
 - a. The 8.7% increase in wage amounts were checked and any changes have been made to confirm the correct increase.
 - b. Library wage increase for Clerk was reviewed. A decrease in assistant hours and an increase in the Clerk’s hours and hourly wage.
 - c. Legal - confirmed the amount in Select Board 2023 proposed budget
 - d. Contracted services for the highway department - these funds will be used in the 2022 budget and are necessary for 2023. These are summer grading and winter plowing requests.
 - e. Transfer Station - To increase the revenue by possibly increasing the price of bags.
 - f. Overall increase in Fire budget- increase of Fire Chief and administration salaries.

- g. Parks and Rec: The unique situation of these budget items was reviewed. This year there were no life guards to hire. The Recreation Commission will be meeting on November 28, 2022 to discuss a large funding number that will potentially not be used.

4. Possible Warrant Articles:

- a. Goose Pond Road project: The hope is to complete this project in 2023. If funds are required above and beyond the Block grant carryover and the 2023 grant, the Select Board will consider asking the Budget Committee and Town meeting for funds from the Class V Roads Capital Reserve fund.
 - b. There may be a withdrawal from Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund warrant article for a highway truck.
 - c. The Fire Chief has asked the Select Board for permission to present a warrant article requesting making the Select Board as agents to spend the Fire Fighters Safety equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
5. At 8:05PM Mrs. Brotman moved and to adjourn. Mr. Malcolm seconded. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting