

TOWN OF LYME
Budget Committee
P.O. Box 126
Lyme, NH 03768-0126
Town Office conference room
November 15th, 2023
Approved: December 13th, 2023

Present: James Graham, Richard Jones, Brian Spence, Bill Malcolm, Scott May, Hayes Greenway, Vince Berk, Wilkes McClave, Select Board representative Judy Brotman, School Board Representative, Jennifer Boylston. Administrator: Dina Cutting
Attended by zoom: Rich Brown

The meeting was opened at 7:00PM by Chair Jones.

Mrs. Brotman moved to approve the minutes of the November 8th, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Mr. May. The minutes were approved unanimously.

- The budget committee reviewed various sections of the proposed 2024 budget. Discussion took place concerning the following section:
 - Executive-Select Board contingency
 - Elections- The new full-time employee was discussed
 - Financial- Software increases were of concern
 - Legal-do we need \$65,000?
 - Planning & Zoning-no planned project no new software
 - General Government-removed the water softener
 - Cemeteries-Perpetual care does not need to be a line item it is an in and out.
 - Police-discuss concerning the difficulty in hiring for a police officer took place.
 - Fire-insurance, fire truck maintenance discussed
 - Highway-propane, equipment rental, vehicle maintenance, roadside maintenance the increase of roadside mowing.
 - Health Agencies-Is there a policy or procedure for how, why and who the Town supports for these agencies.
 - Recreation & Parks-Lifeguards, what is the reality of hiring them this year?
- Bottom line is \$ 2,943,102.30 this is a 6.6% increase.
- The information from Grafton had not been gathered as of this date.
- The stickers for the Transfer Station will be increasing by \$1.00.
- Biannual Tax Billing – more information coming on this subject.
- Warrant articles and Capital Reserve Funds will be reviewed soon.

There were no further questions at this time concerning the Select Boards proposed budgets. The Budget Committee will be meeting to review and discuss the school budget on December 13, 2023.

The being no further business at 8:31 PM Mr. McClave moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Malcolm. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting