

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
February 6th, 2019
7:00 PM
Town Office/Police Station Conference Room
PUBLIC HEARING
WARRANT ARTICLES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH MONEY
Approved: May 8, 2019

Budget Committee Members: Judy Brotman, Kevin Sahr, Chris Ramsden, Elisabeth Glenshaw, Richard Jones, Cybele Merrick, Wilkes McClave & Jennifer Boylston. Administrative Assistant Dina Cutting.
Select Board members: Sue MacKenzie & Bradford Keith. Fire Chief: Michael Mundy.
Principal/Superintendent: Jeff Valence. Business administrator: Janet Mitchell. Community members: Richard Brown.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chair Brotman.
Chair Brotman briefed the public present as to the order the articles will be discussed. Articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 are to be discussed during the next public hearing scheduled for 7:30PM.

1. Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve the minutes of the January 23rd 2019 public hearing. Seconded by Mr. McClave. The draft minutes were amended to clarify that the school budget as revised at the public hearing showed an increase of 3.7 percent over last year's budget. Clarifications to the student teacher ratio were also reviewed and discussed. The school's teacher-to-student ratio was clarified – it is 8.5-to-1. The amended minutes were approved unanimously in favor.
2. At 7:05PM Ms. Glenshaw moved to open the public hearing to consider the money articles on the Town warrant. Seconded by Mr. Jones. Voted unanimously in favor.
3. The public and budget committee members reviewed each warrant article (warrant articles 7 through 17) and were given the opportunity to discuss and/or ask questions concerning the specific article. The budget committee voted the warrant articles as followed:
 - Article 7- WITHDRAWAL FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS
Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 7 in the amount of \$374,000.00. Seconded by Ms. Boylston. If articles 3, 4, and 6 pass at town meeting, this article will be passed over. Voted in favor by a vote of 7-1 (Jones)
 - Article 8- TOWN OPERATING BUDGET
Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 8 in the amount of \$2,348,558.00. Seconded by Mr. Jones. Voted unanimously in favor. 8-0
 - Article 9- STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BLOCK GRANT APPROPRIATION
Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 9 in the amount of \$98,000.00. Seconded by Ms. Merrick. Voted unanimously in favor. 8-0
 - Article 10- TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS AND TRUST FUNDS

Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 10 in the amount of \$459,500.00.
Seconded by Mr. McClave. Voted unanimously in favor. 8-0

- Article 11- WITHDRAWL FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS
Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 11 in the amount of \$7,500.00. Seconded by Mr. Jones. Voted unanimously in favor. 8-0
- Article 12- APPROPRIATION FOR BAKER HILL ROAD REPAIRS
Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 12 in the amount of \$70,000.00.
Seconded by Ms. Merrick. Voted unanimously in favor. 8-0
- Article 13- APPROPRIATIONS FOR DORCHESTER ROAD REPAIRS
Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 13 in the amount of \$618,500.00.
Seconded by Ms. Merrick. Voted unanimously in favor. 8-0
- Article 14- APPROPRIATIONS FOR GOOSE POND ROAD REPAIRS
Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 14 in the amount of \$160,000.00
Seconded by Ms. Merrick. (It was noted the word “completing” should be removed. Sahr explained this is appropriation is for one phase of the project.)
Voted unanimously in favor. 8-0
- Article 15-INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 15 in the amount of \$6,983.00. Seconded by Mr. McClave. Voted unanimously in favor. 8-0
- Article 16- MILFOIL TREATMENT FOR POST POND
Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 16 in the amount of \$28,157.00.
Seconded by Mr. Jones. Voted unanimously in favor. 8-0
- Article 17- WITHDRAWL FROM CEMETERY MAINTANANCE GIFTS AND DONATIONS FUND.
Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 17 in the amount of \$13,602.00.
Seconded by Mr. Jones. Voted unanimously in favor. 8-0

4. At 7:30PM the public hearing on articles 3, 4, 5, and 6 in accordance with RSA 33:8-a was opened (multi-year financing).

- Article 3- TO PURCHASE AN EXCAVATOR
Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 3 in the amount of \$179,000.00, and raise and appropriate \$28,731 for the first year’s payment. Seconded by Ms. Merrick.
Voted in favor by a vote of 7-1 (Jones)
- Article 4- TO PURCHASE A TON TRUCK
Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 4 in the amount of \$130,000.00, and raise and appropriate \$20,866 for the first year’s payment. Seconded by Mr. McClave.
Voted unanimously in favor. 8-0
- Article 5- TO PURCHASE A FIRE TRUCK
Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 5 in the amount of \$518,000.00, and raise and appropriate \$83,143 for the first year’s payment. Seconded by Mr. Jones. The fire truck financing was reviewed. This piece of equipment is not included in article 7. The capital reserve funds for heavy equipment and vehicles were reviewed briefly. Voted unanimously in favor. 8-0
- Article 6- TO PURCHASE A POLICE VEHICLE

Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 6 in the amount of \$65,000.00, and raise and appropriate \$14,193 for the first year's payment. Seconded by Mr. Jones. Voted unanimously in favor. 8-0

5. At 7:45PM the public hearings concerning the Town warrant articles were closed.
6. At 7:46PM Ms. Glenshaw moved to open the public hearing to consider the articles on the School warrant. Seconded by Mr. Jones. Voted unanimously in favor.
7. The public and budget committee members reviewed each warrant article and were given the opportunity to discuss and/or ask questions concerning the specific article. The budget committee voted the warrant articles as follows:
 - Article 2- SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGET
Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 2 in the amount of \$7,320,373.00. Seconded by Ms. Boylston. Voted in favor by a vote of 7-1 (Ramsden)
 - Article 3- TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS TO MAINTENANCE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 3 in the amount of \$10,000.00 Seconded by Ms. Merrick. Voted unanimously in favor. 8-0
 - Article 4-TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS TO POST RETIREMENT BENEFIT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 4 in the amount of \$10,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Jones. Voted unanimously in favor. 8-0
 - Article 5- TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS TO HIGH SCHOOL TUITION EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 5 in the amount of \$130,000.00 Seconded by Mr. Jones. Voted unanimously in favor. 8-0
 - Article 6- SALARIES OF DISTRICT OFFICIALS
Ms. Glenshaw moved to approve article 6 in the amount of \$1,025.00 Seconded by Mr. McClave. Voted unanimously in favor. 8-0
8. At 7:56PM the public hearing on the school warrant articles was closed.
9. The budget committee signed the school MS-27 and the town MS-737.
10. At 8:08PM Ms. Glenshaw moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. McClave. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Cutting