

TOWN OF LYME
Budget Committee
October 16, 2019
Town Office Conference Room
Approved: October 23rd, 2019

Budget Committee Members: Richard Jones, Erik Colberg, Wilkes McClave, Michael McKusick, Jennifer Boylston, Greg Bogdanich, Elizabeth Glenshaw, School Board Representative Matthew Hayden, Select Board Representative Judith Brotman.

Town Officials: Transfer Station Supervisor Matt Thebodo. Road Agent Steve Williams.

Public: Sue MacKenzie.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Jones.

1. Mr. McClave moved to approve the Minutes of October 9, 2019. Ms. Brotman seconded the motion. After spelling corrections were made, the minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Mr. Thebodo presented the proposed Transfer Station budget, which is up 4%. This is a rapidly changing industry, with costs increasing in each area of operation. Casella is up 2.5%, recycling rates are volatile, Lebanon landfill tipping fee is up and trucking costs are up. In addition, there have been issues with the compactor, necessitating repairs. There was discussion about bag size and stickers.
3. Mr. Williams presented the proposed Highway budget, which is up 9.2%. Regular: The new excavator is "awesome" for installing culverts. Payroll is up representing a fair wage for the positions and summer overtime. Contracted services line represents a 3-4 week summer grader rental. Vehicle maintenance line represents adequate funding to maintain 12 pieces of equipment. The history \$2,000 per machine is not adequate. Lines 25 and 26 should be combined and be titled "Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance and Repair". Lines 22 and 29 could also be combined and be titled "Roadside Mowing and Equipment Rental". Winter: proposing the same number of overtime hours. There was discussion about roadside mowing vs. roadside tree trimming. The question was asked if Franklin Hill Road could be paved up to the Maddock property as this section of road always is a challenge during mud season. Mr. Williams explained that it would be very difficult to do and have it hold up.
4. The Independent Auditor's "Adverse Opinion on Government Activities" information was briefly discussed.
5. There being no further business at this time, Mr. McClave moved to adjourn, Mr. Hayden seconded the motion. Voted unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

JLSB