

Approved: September 25, 2013

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
February 6th, 2013
7:00PM
Town Office/Police Station
Conference Room
PUBLIC HEARING

Present –

Budget Committee Members: Judy Brotman, Simon Carr, Laszlo Bardos, Earl Strout, Richard Jones, Charles Ragan, Phil Barta, Robin Taylor, Morty Bailey and Elizabeth Glenshaw.

Superintendent: Mike Harris. Principal: Jeff Valance. School Board Chair: Mark Shiffman.

Selectman: Charles J. Smith & Richard Vidal. Public: Blake Alison, Matt Stevens, Julia Elder, Sue Mackenzie, Cynthia Bognolo, Kevin Peterson, Barbara and David Roby.

Scribe: Dina Cutting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Brotman.

1. Public Comment:
 - a. Mr. Allison questioned the absence of Article #17 in the Budget Committee's handouts. It was explained that this Hearing concerns only "money" warrant articles – and Article 17 is not considered a "money" warrant article. Article 17 will be discussed at both Little Town Meeting and Town Meeting.
 - b. There were no further public comments.
2. The Minutes of the meeting of January 23rd, 2013 were approved. Motion made by Mr. Jones, Seconded by Mr., Ragan and voted unanimously in favor.
3. At 7:04PM Chair Brotman opened the Public Hearing on the School District Warrant Articles involving money.
 - Mr. Schiffman reviewed the warrant articles and material concerning the Lyme School Board's proposed renovation/addition and the proposed bond. Various questions were asked and answered, especially concerning the debt schedule and the effect of the proposed school project on taxes.
4. The public had a number of comments, including the following:
 - The project and bond have not been advertised very well
 - This construction project seems rushed
 - The project's "accordion affect" of the students
 - School population projections (increase/decrease) was discussed
 - Teaching smaller groups of children are the preference of parents and educators.
 - Effect of proposed project on school schedule
5. The following School Warrant Articles were voted as listed below:
 - Article 1- Mr. Bardos moved to approve \$3,702,469. Seconded by Ms. Glenshaw. Motion voted 7 in favor with 2 abstentions (Strout & Bailey)
 - Article 3- Mr. Bardos moved to approve \$77,241. Seconded by Ms. Glenshaw. Motion voted unanimously in favor.
 - Article 4- Mr. Jones moved to approve \$75,000. Seconded by Ms. Glenshaw. Motion voted unanimously in favor.

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- Article 5- Mr. Bardos moved to approve \$80,000. Seconded by Ms. Glenshaw. Motion voted 8 in favor with 1 abstention (Ragan).
 - Article 7- Mr. Strout moved to approve \$40,000. Seconded by Ms. Glenshaw. Motion voted unanimously in favor.
 - Article 8- Mr. Strout moved to approve \$40,000. Seconded by Mr. Jones. Motion voted unanimously in favor.
6. Town Warrant:
- Committee and Public discussion centered on the following articles:
 - Article 6 – Block Grant for road maintenance and repair
 - Article 8 – Leasing vs. Purchasing the police vehicles
 - Article 11- Engineering study of River Road repair (rehabilitation)
 - Article 16 – Milfoil treatment
 - Article 10 – Baker Hill repair
7. The following Town Warrant Articles were voted as listed below:
- Article 6- Mr. Jones moved to approve \$86,637. Seconded by Ms. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor.
 - Article 7- Mr. Jones moved to approve \$355,903. Seconded by Mr. Ragan Voted unanimously in favor.
 - Article 8- Mr. Ragan moved to approve \$204,622. Seconded by Ms. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor.
 - Article 9- Mr. Carr moved to approve \$25,000. Seconded by Mr. Taylor. Voted unanimously in favor.
 - Article 10- Mr. Ragan moved to approve \$35,000. Seconded by Mr. Bailey. Voted 7 in favor with 2 against (Strout & Jones).
 - Article 11- Mr. Carr moved to approve \$30,000. Seconded by Mr. Taylor. Voted 6 in favor with 3 against (Strout, Jones & Bailey).
 - Article 12- Mr. Jones moved to approve \$14,563. Seconded by Ms. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor.
 - Article 13- Mr. Jones moved to approve \$8,400. Seconded by Mr. Bailey. Voted unanimously in favor.
 - Article 14- Mr. Carr moved to approve \$5,619. Seconded by Ms. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor.
 - Article 16- Mr. Jones moved to approve \$25,025. Seconded by Mr. Barta. Voted unanimously in favor.
 - Article 18- Mr. Jones moved to approve \$10,000. Seconded by Mr. Carr. Voted unanimously in favor.
8. The Public Hearing was closed at 8:13PM
9. At 8:17PM Mr. Bardos moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Jones. Voted unanimously in favor.

Sincerely,

Dina Cutting