

Budget Committee
January 17th, 2018
7:00PM
Town Office/Police Station Conference Room
Approved: January 24th, 2018

Budget Committee Members: Judy Brotman, Charles Ragan, Cybele Merrick, Eric Furstenberg, Erik Colberg, Dick Jones, Scott May, Susan MacKenzie, Wilkes McClave,

Select Board members Jay Smith, Bradford Keith. Administrative Assistant Dina Cutting. School Board Chair Sam Levy, Principal Jeff Valance.

Community members: David and Barbara Roby, David, Karl Furstenberg, Kevin Sahr.

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

1. The minutes of December 13th 2017 were reviewed:
 - Mr. Jones moved to approve the minutes of December 13th, 2017. Seconded by Mr. May. Voted unanimously in favor.
2. Chair Brotman reviewed the agenda for this meeting.
3. Public Comment: None at this time.
4. School operating budget:
 - Mr. Valance briefly reviewed the proposed school budget as presented at the December 13th, 2017 meeting. Mr. Valance reviewed the process the School Board went through to develop this proposed budget.
 - Kindergarten was discussed. At this time the School Board believe they meet the requirements of a full time kindergarten already, therefore the School Board will not be putting forward a warrant article for more funding for this initiative at this time.
 - Chair Brotman polled the committee members concerning a possible warrant article to fund all day Kindergarten. The Budget Committee unanimously acknowledged they would not support an article to fund a proposal to add additional kindergarten school hours at this time.
 - Roof repairs were discussed. Chair Brotman polled the committee members concerning a possible warrant article to fund roof repairs in the amount of \$20,514 as an annual payment on a ten-year note. The Budget Committee unanimously acknowledged they would support such a warrant article.
 - Public Comments concerning student population calculations and high school projections were discussed. Because the high school funding is considered a non-controllable budget item, it would be helpful to see the controllable K-8 budget for each year in order to compare.
 - At this time Mr. Jones moved to recommend \$6,979,882 for the 2018-2019 Lyme School budget to go to Public Hearing. Seconded by Mr. McClave. Voted unanimously in favor.

5. Town operating budget:
 - Ms. MacKenzie offered to answer any questions the budget committee may still have.
 - The Pond Program was briefly discussed. A suggestion was made that the Pond Program coordinator salary in the proposed budget was not adequate. Ms. MacKenzie reviewed the Select Board's position on the request to have a full day program at Chase beach and on the request that one particular individual be hired. The Select Board put a lot of thought and discussion into this topic, and concluded that at this time they cannot recommend an all-day summer activity program for the Chase Beach facility.
 - At this time Mr. Jones moved to recommend the town operating budget in the amount of \$2,244,792.00 to go to Public Hearing. Seconded by Mr. May. Voted unanimously in favor.
 - Public comment: The type of work proposed for the Lyme Center Academy Building was questioned. The proposed work includes steeple repair work and building painting. It was noted that the funds for this work will come from the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.

6. At 8:30PM Mr. Jones moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Ragan. Voted unanimously in favor.

To the best of my recollection,

Dina Cutting