

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
September 11, 2019
7:00 PM
Town Office/Police Station Conference Room
Approved: October 9, 2019

Budget Committee Members: Richard Jones, Chris Ramsden, Elisabeth Glenshaw, Erik Colburg, Scott May, Greg Bogdanich, Wilkes McClave, Michael McKusick, Jennifer Boylston, Select Board Representative, Judith Brotman & Lyme School Representative Matthew Hayden. Administrative Assistant Dina Cutting. Lyme School Superintendent/Principal: Jeff Valence. Community members: Sue MacKenize, Brett Ryan and Rusty Keith.

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

1. Introductions were made by all in the room.
2. Mrs. Glenshaw moved to approve the minutes of the May 8th, 2019 budget committee meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Brotman. The minutes were reviewed and discussed. Changes were offered. The minutes with changes noted were voted 10 in favor with 1 abstention (Brotman).
3. Nominations for Chairperson were offered and discussed. After a brief discussion and vote Richard Jones was elected as Chair of the Budget Committee.
4. At this time Mr. Jones nominated Elizabeth Glenshaw as vice chair of the Budget Committee. Seconded by Mr. May. Voted unanimously in favor.
5. The 2019-2020 Budget Committee meeting schedule was reviewed and discussed. Mrs. Glenshaw moved to accept this schedule. Seconded by Mr. Hayden. Voted unanimously in favor.
6. Mrs. Brotman noted the Select Board was presently working on the budget with department Heads. In the coming months and the Board will be working to come to the budget committee with a flat budget. Road projects were reviewed and discussed. The 2019 budget was on track. The Transfer Station will possibly be considering a new compactor. The hope is to have this funded by grants. The Highway department will be looking for an increase in equipment maintenance. The Board has asked for and received an extension for the MS-1.
7. School update: Mr. Valance presented a report (see attachment)
8. The budget committee discussed future goals:
 - Combining Town and School District meeting.

- The Budget Committee members would like to receive as much information ahead of time so it can be reviewed prior to the meeting.
 - School budget: The budget committee was hoping to receive the school budget in excel format. Mr. Hayden will check into this.
9. The budget committee discussed various issues concerning future planning and budgeting. State revenues and how they affect the Town and School budgets were discussed. The idea of have a State representative coming and discuss this subject with the committee was received positively. Mrs. Boylston will check into this.
 10. At 8:25PM Mr. McClave moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Boylston.
 11. The Budget committees next meeting will be October 9th, 2019 at 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dina Cutting