

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
October 15, 2025
In person and Zoom
Public Meeting
Approved: October 22nd, 2025

Present for all or part of the meeting:

Budget Committee Members: Richard Jones, Selectboard rep: Judy Brotman, School rep: Kristin Roth, Phil Kinsler, Rich Brown, Stacey Summerfield, Vince Berk, Brian Spence, Bill Malcolm & Katie Stokes

Administrator: Dina Cutting. Select Board/Assessing Clerk: Jordan Gray

Town Staff: Road Agent Scott Bailey, Police Chief Swett

School:

Community members: Shaun O'Keefe

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

1. Mrs. Brotman moved to approve the minutes with amendments of the public meeting on September 17th, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Kinsler. The motion was voted 6 in favor and one abstention (Mr. Spence).
2. Town Budget: Chief Swett presented the proposed Police budget.
 - Most budget lines have remained the same as last years' voted budget. Some changes include: There has been a decrease in the *Uniforms and Equipment* line. This line was increased last year to outfit two new officers. The *Computer Hardware and Software* budget line has decreased. *Telephone and Communications* has increased, due to increased rates by telephone provider.
 - Former Chief O'Keefe provided some background information on previous budgets.
3. Town Budget: Road Agent Scott Bailey presented the proposed Highway budget.
 - Most budget lines have remained the same as last years' voted budget. Some changes include: a \$1,000.00 increase in the *Road Agent Salary* line. An increase in *Telephone* line, due to increased rates by telephone provider. The *Culverts* budget line increased, due to the cost of material increasing. *Contracted Services* budget line has increased. Road side mowing has been added back into the budget this year, totaling \$28,620.00.
 - Mr. Bailey reported that we are implementing extended warranties on all highway vehicles we purchase going forward. This will hopefully help with repair costs over time. The maintenance line will still remain the same, since we only have one vehicle on that cycle so far.
4. A discussion took place involving the needs of the Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund and Heavy Equipment Funds in the 2026 budget.

5. At 7:51PM Mr. Malcolm moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Berk. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jordan Gray