

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
October 22, 2025
In person and Zoom
Public Meeting
Approved: October 29th, 2025

Present for all or part of the meeting:

Budget Committee Members: Richard Jones, School rep: Kristin Roth, Phil Kinsler, Rich Brown, Stacey Summerfield, Bill Malcolm & Katie Stokes (via zoom), Brian Spence (via zoom), Administrator: Dina Cutting. Select Board/Assessing Clerk Jordan Gray

Town Staff: Transfer Station Matt Thebodo, Planning & Zoning Administrator David Robbins, Tax Collector Marci O'Keefe, Librarian Judith Russell

School:

Community members: Sue Mackenzie

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

1. Mr. Malcolm moved to approve the minutes of the public meeting on October 15th, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Kinsler. The motion was voted 5 in favor and one abstention (Ms. Boylston.)
2. Town Budget: Mr. Robbins presented the proposed Planning and Zoning budget.
 - No major changes from last years' approved budget. There has been an increase in the cost for the planning maps, as well as the required regional planning dues. There was also a slight increase in the cost for the zoning board recorder. This year that budget line will cover the full schedule (12 meetings a year).
3. Town Budget: Mr. Thebodo presented the proposed Transfer Station budget.
 - The significant changes in the 2026 proposed Transfer Station budget are the following: compactor maintenance (due to an increase in cost of parts), training and certification (due to increase cost of conference), and a large increase in cost at Lebanon Landfill prices.
 - A discussion pertaining to recycling occurred, as well as providing education on recycling to the residents.
4. Town Budget: Mrs. O'Keefe presented the proposed Tax Collector budget.
 - The largest change in this year's proposed Tax collector budget is the installation of a new tax software program. The budget line for postage has also increased, due to rate changes.
5. Review of the Conservation Commission budget.
 - Generally, the Conservation Commissions proposed budget remained the same. Changes include an increase in postage and the education line.
6. Mrs. Cutting reviewed the Executive Budget:

- Relatively the same, besides phone lines increasing. Mrs. Cutting is working with Consolidated Communications as well as looking at other options. The supply line increased and postage line has increased (due to increase in cost from the supplier).

7. Ms. Russell presented the proposed Converse Free Library budget.
 - The proposed budget reflects the same number of employees and hours as last years' approved budget. Ms. Russell pointed out that the solar project on the library has made a significant difference in electricity costs this year. The library has had no electricity bill for eleven months.
8. At 8:30 PM Ms. Roth moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Kinsler. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jordan Gray