

Town of Lyme
Budget Committee
October 29, 2025
In person and Zoom
Public Meeting
Approved: November 5th, 2025

Present for all or part of the meeting:

Budget Committee Members: Richard Jones, Select Board rep. Judy Brotman, Phil Kinsler, Rich Brown, Bill Malcolm, Jennifer Boylston, Stacey Summerfield (via zoom), School rep. Kristin Roth (via zoom), Katie Stokes (via zoom), Brian Spence (via zoom)

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

Town Staff: Fire Chief Aaron Rich, FAST Squad Captain Andrew Miller, Cemetery Member Hinsley

Community members: Nora Gould (Speaking for the Lyme Parish Nurse program), Franklin Gould, Kym Williams (via zoom), Sue Mackenzie (via zoom)

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

1. Mrs. Brotman moved to approve the minutes of the public meeting on October 22nd, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Malcolm. The motion was voted 5 in favor.
2. Mrs. Nora Gould presented the appropriation request on behalf of the Lyme Parish Nurse Program. She asked if the Select Board and Budget Committee would consider increasing the appropriation to total \$14,000.00. This service is free and is financially funded by fundraising and donations only.
3. Mr. Hinsley presented the Cemetery Trustees proposed budget.
 - The cemetery trustees have been outsourcing some duties to outside companies in attempts to reduce costs of buying or renting equipment. This has saved money. More responsibility has been put on the Sexton to take an active role on companies coming to perform work at the Cemetery and dealing with multiple companies and families, which our Sexton is very good at. The trustees are requesting an increase in the Sexton stipend recognizing the sexton's efforts and dedication to the service. The time it takes to communicate and support families at a very difficult time in their lives is incredibly important.
 - New software for cemetery mapping also contributes to the increase.
4. Town Budget: Fire Chief Aaron Rich and FAST Squad Captain Andrew Miller presented the proposed Fire Department and EMS budget.
 - Increases include:
 - i. Administration line increased due to the duties increasing.

- ii. Radio line increased due to the proposed purchase of a repeater system, to help with communication throughout town. Discussion was had for this purchase being a warrant article.
 - iii. Training line increased due to new members joining and need to be trained.
 - FAST Squad/EMS has increased due to training and outfitting new members.
 - FAST Squad Captain Miller asked the committee to consider increasing the Chief's stipend from \$20,000.00 to \$40,000.00 (due to the amount of work that has increased in the Fire Chief role.)
5. At 8:55PM Mr. Brown moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Brotman. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jordan Gray