

BOARD OF FINANCE MINUTES

DATE: March 12, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT : Gary Reynolds, Herb Ross, Jim McFarland, Tom Childs, Dave Brown

Other: Selectman: Ralph Eno, Theresa Conley, Jim Benn, Brad Purcell, Gina Gray

Chairman Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:30 p. m.

The minutes of January 3, 2012, and February 20, 2012 were approved.

The Lyme Public Library presented their 2012-2013 budget. Of note; EBooks have been introduced, by popular demand, causing a line item increase over prior years. It is not definitive as to whether this will reduce the cost of otherwise purchasing books, in the future. Postage will have an increase, as the post office now requires bulk mailing to be "outsourced". Questions were asked about the lack of grant money being received. It was indicated that grants are still being applied for, and hopefully some will be approved.

The Fire Department was expected to present their budget. No one was present to present the Fire Department Budget. It was decided that the Fire department would be offered March 19, 2012 as an alternative date to present their budget.

The March 26, 2012 regularly scheduled meeting was cancelled.

A proposition was put forth by the Chairman to change the meeting times of the Finance Committee to 5:00 or 5:30 p.m, as opposed to the current 7:30 p.m., in an effort to achieve greater attendance by the members of the Finance Committee. In addition, a proposal was put forth to have a potential 6 week "blackout period", starting some time after the first of the year, each year, to accommodate travel plans of members of the Finance Committee, as there seems to be a pattern of travel during that same time period. No vote or resolution was finalized on these two issues.

Respectfully submitted



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Finance Committee Member