



BOARD OF FINANCE

LYME TOWN HALL
480 HAMBURG ROAD
LYME, CT 06371

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Regular Meeting

The Lyme Board of Finance held a regular meeting on Tuesday March 1, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme CT 06371.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Sheiness Chair, Dan Hagan, Bob House, Jarrod Leonardo, Kathryn Wayland, David Brown, unseated alternate Jim Miller, and Jennifer Thomas Secretary
Absent Members: Susan Tyler and Bruce Anderson (alternates)
First Selectman Steven Mattson and Selectman John Kiker and David Lahm also present

Sheiness called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Approve the minutes from the February 15, 2022 meeting

Sheiness called for a motion to approve the minutes. Brown made the motion, seconded by House, and the minutes were approved with one abstention by Hagan.

FY 22/23 Budget-Expense Plan Details

Mattson reviewed the proposed operating budget.

Hagan questioned the Region 18 2% surplus and asked whether the Lyme and Old Lyme Boards of Finance and residents can put restrictions on what the funds are used for.

Mattson stated that the statute states that the funds must be used for capital expenditures. Sheiness agreed to discuss this with the Old Lyme Board of Finance Chair at their upcoming meeting.

The board discussed several other line items, including Eight Mile Cemetery, Assessor's Office, Election expenses and Rogers Lake expenses.

Sheiness asked the board for any thoughts on the wage increase. The board discussed several ways to implement the wage increase including a straight percentage for all employees or a varied percentage based on current compensation and other metrics. Mattson agreed to present possible options at the April 5th meeting.

Old Business

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update

Mattson presented the board with a breakdown of the ARPA premium pay proposal. After discussion, Sheiness called for a motion to approve the ARPA premium pay as presented. Brown made the motion, seconded by Hagan and the motion carried.

Mattson also updated the board that estimates for the HVAC repairs in the town hall should be available for the next meeting. He will work on an updated plan to present at the March 22nd meeting.

New Business-None

Adjournment

Sheiness called for a motion to adjourn. Brown made the motion, seconded by House and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Thomas Secretary