



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 at 6:30 p.m. at The Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Rd, Lyme CT. 06371 on Tuesday February 14, 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Sheiness (Chair), Bob House, Dan Hagan, Dave Brown, Steve Mattson, Jim Miller (alternate), Adam McEwen (alternate), Lannie Mossberg secretary.

Absent Members: Kathryn Wayland, Bruce Anderson (alternate)

Selectman Present: David Lahm

Third Selectman: Kristina White

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Alternate member McEwen was seated for absent member Wayland.

Approval of the minutes from the February 7, 2023, Regular meeting.

Hagan made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Brown. Unanimous.

Selectman's Discussion of 2023-24 Detailed Capital Plan

Lahm started the discussion by commenting that year to year the plan has not changed much. Lahm is Looking to push up the Day Hill Rd. bridge and the Salem Rd. bridge construction, because there is an opportunity to receive 100% reimbursement if the process starts now, as well as funding availability. A new project on the list is environmental controls for the town archives. Hagan questioned if it is valid usage of ARPA funds. Sheiness and Mattson both commented that the APRA funds have already been budgeted, not spent, and some encumbered. Sheiness discussed that with such a good surplus this year it makes sense to put the library project into the budget, Lahm agreed.

Lahm discussed that North Tinker Lane needs to be fixed, it is too narrow, and is not adequate for emergency equipment. Sheiness questioned why it is 2027/28 budgeted. Lahm commented that is

just a place holder. Mattson commented that it could end up moving up a year or two in budget. Senior center expansion numbers for Lyme's cut have gone up to around 1.2million. Sheiness touched base on a few points, it's a work in progress, and he's on the building committee, where there is a lot of back and forth for cost estimates. Hagan questioned has the town defined the approval. Lahm commented that the process would be a town meeting line-item budget, public hearing voted, where if it is passed, the town is all set for the project. Miller questioned fire equipment, what timeline and budget will new equipment be needed. Lahm said fire has not mentioned needing anything. Mattson spoke highly of the department, that they purchased themselves a new truck, and the good news is that the future truck budgeted will replace two units instead of just one. McEwen questioned an ambulance building. Lahm said it was a notional project and the land lot movement would need to be discussed in the future.

Independent Auditor- Extension Proposal

Sheiness said he spoke to the head auditor, and she feels this is a good proposal in terms of fees, and to get started. Brown made a motion to get a 3year extension. Seconded by McEwen. Mattson commented that the audit comes in on time, and always on budget.

Discussion: Interest on Specific Funds

Hagan suggested to table the topic to next meeting so all members could be present for discussion.

Sheiness tabled discussion to next meeting.

Discussion: Cycle of BOF Officer Elections.

Sheiness touched base on why the election is not annual. The board follows the municipal election.

New Business

Sheiness touched base on Region 18 budget and there will be a meeting April 4th with the superintendent.

Sheiness also commented to look at the previous mill rate handout from a few meetings prior to discuss within the next few meetings.

Hagan made a motion for Adjournment seconded by Mattson.

Adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lannie Mossberg, Secretary