



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 April 4, 2023.

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

Absent Members: Bruce Anderson (alternate), Adam McEwen (alternate)

Selectman Present: David Lahm

Third Selectman: Kristina White

Members of the public.

Approve the Minutes from the March 28, 2023, Regular Meeting

House made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mattson. Unanimous.

Region 18 Budget 23/24 – Ian Neviaser

Sheiness welcomed Superintendent Neviaser to the table. Neviaser reviewed the handouts on the school budget. Neviaser said there has been an increase in salary because there are not as many elementary teachers needed as there are high school. Neviaser touched base on facility projects. Budget books are available on the website or in the Superintendent office. Hagan questioned the car safety of pick-up/drop-off schedule of Lyme School students, it is a state road so there's not much the town can do. Miller questioned estimated receipts, Neviaser and McCalla, school finance, commented the receipts are mostly tuition. Sheiness spoke and clarified the receipt and refunds. Hagan commented that Superintendent Neviaser is doing well with keeping Special Education in town, as well as a great job keeping the students safe in school while covid was amidst.

Selectman's 22/23 Q3 Results and Full Year Outlook /Selectman's presentation- Complete budget proposal (updated)

Lahm reviewed the proposal and asked if there were any questions. As requested in the last meeting Lahm did a "scrub" and found more in savings, out of operating expenses. Lahm stated he found the right health plan for employees and will be finalized by the next meeting. Lahm also did a shared facilities updated. Budget for early voting has been raised, but are still waiting to hear what the outcome is. Road maintenance fund will roll-over to the next year.

Mill Rates and Interest on Capital Non-recurring Fund /Open Budget Questions and Additional Information requests

Sheiness reviewed budget numbers on the projector. Sheiness went over the mill rate, questioned what numbers the board might want to see in the next meeting for more comparisons. Mattson commented he likes the stability of the mill rate instead of bouncing around year to year, Brown and Miller agreed. Wayland commented on debt services followed with a brief discussion. Sheiness continued the meeting and discussed the Capital Plan.

New Business

Sheiness asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. Townsperson Roehr stated she likes Mattson's idea of a slow growing rate. Townsperson Fowler stated it's a great process and thinks the board is doing a nice job having all publicly known.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lannie Mossberg Secretary