

Town of Lyme Budget Meeting
Minutes October 22, 2018

The third round of the preliminary budget meeting was held at 6:30 pm; Supervisor Scott Aubertine conducted the meeting. Councilmembers present: Donald Bourquin, Dan Villa, Alan Jones, and Julia Gosier, also present were Cathy Satterly, accountant, Pat Weston from the Highway Department, and Marsha Barton from the Assessors Chairman/Water Board. Guest present was Ariana Matraw.

Supervisor Aubertine reported that the working budget had figures that were "off". He deleted line items from the previous budget and it threw off the end figures.

There was a discussion about keeping the tax rate with in the tax cap of 2.5.

A discussion about employing the "village guys" for the Town. Councilman Villa thinks we should not absorb the "village guys", but instead hire a full time guy with the Teamsters. Have that person do other jobs 5 days a week or hire a part time person to do mowing and up keep at the cemeteries. Then work on plowing in the winter. This would be a 7th person, a teamster employee with all the "perks".

There were questions about Cedar Grove Cemetery. The Cedar Grove Cemetery Association has resolved to abandon the old and the new Cedar Grove cemeteries. This means that the Town would have to assume the care and maintenance of these. There was much discussion on possibly purchasing new equipment like a new mower, hand mower, and weed trimmers to accomplish the tasks. Cathy Satterly will find answers on how the Town will be absorbing costs from Cedar Grove Cemetery.

It was agreed to move mowing money to the other cemetery account. We will still put Three Mile Bay Cemetery out to bid. Julia said that the Town would need to post the ad in the paper in March. There is still 2-3 months to plan on what to do with the cemetery mowing.

Another discussion ensued about the sales tax they decided to move \$2000 for non-property to decrease the fund balance.

There were questions and deliberation on the Three Mile Bay Lighting District and the amount to be raised by taxes. Scott said that it needs to be an even number. The Council changed \$6043 to \$7,015 and increase of \$65 more.

One other discussion occurred about the debt of the truck and if we can pay it off early. Cathy will check on this to see if there is a penalty.

Pat Weston agreed to draw up a plan for the council to consider for the proposed new hire, as well as check the teamster's regulations on the projected position.

Councilman Bourquin made a motion to approve the type II SEQRA action it was seconded by Councilwoman Gosier. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Resolution: 2018-110 whereas the Board of Town of Lyme hereby resolve that the Community Development Block Grant Project #673IT221-17, under the Town of Lyme Lake Ontario Flood Recovery Program, has been determined to be a Type II action under SEQRA.

Councilman Villa made a motion to set the 2019 budget hearing before the next town Council meeting on November14, 2018. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gosier. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Resolution 2018-111 whereas the Board of Town of Lyme hereby resolve to set the 2019 budget hearing before the next town Council meeting on November14, 2018 at 6:00pm.

Councilman Villa made a motion to set the hearing on water rates for 2019 before the next town Council meeting on November14, 2018. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gosier. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Resolution 2018-112 whereas the Board of Town of Lyme hereby resolve to set the 2019 Water Rates hearing before the next town Council meeting on November14, 2018 at 6:15pm.

Councilman Villa made a motion to adjourn the budget meeting. It was seconded by Councilman Jones. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 2018-113 whereas the Board of Town of Lyme resolved to adjourn the budget meeting. Motion carried.