

# WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL

## Budget Committee Meeting

Wednesday June 15, 2016 at 7:45 PM in the WLC Media Room

**Committee Membership:** Karen Grybko, Chair, Leslie Browne, Vice Chair (Facilities Committee Rep.), Lisa Post, Secretary, Pam Altner, Mary Guild (Facilities Committee Rep.), Edwina Hastings, James Kofalt (School Board Rep.), Ellen Pomer (School Board Rep.), Harry Dailey (WLC School Board Rep.), One Wilton Seat Open

The Agenda was as follows:

1. Call WLCS Budget Committee to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Review of Recommendation Regarding Snowplowing
4. Adjournment of Budget Committee

**Committee Attendance:** Karen Grybko, Chair, Leslie Browne, Vice Chair (Facilities Committee Rep.), Lisa Post, Secretary, Pam Altner, Mary Guild (Facilities Committee Rep.), Edwina Hastings, Ellen Pomer (School Board Rep.), One Open Wilton Seat

1. WLCS Budget Committee was called to order at 7:50 p.m.
2. Public Comment
  - a. Jim Button (SB Facilities Committee Representative) had come to the June 7, 2016 Budget Committee meeting seeking advice from the Budget Committee regarding snowplowing costs as it was an unusual situation. Karen Grybo commented that since money is involved and not all the facts are in, we should table the issue until more information is provided by the School Board.
3. Review of Recommendation Regarding Snowplowing
  - a. Pam Altner made a motion to rescind 6/7/2016 vote regarding snowplowing, seconded by Mary Guild. Karen Grybo stated that the reason this vote became an issue is that not all the facts were in and the Board was still in negotiations with the towns. Leslie Browne felt that we are thinking too far into the year for the current budget that has passed. As a Budget Committee we can only vote on bottom line number and when we looked at line-by-line this was not a line-by-line item. She did not agree that because people want more money we should be controlled by that and should not pay the additional amount. Part of the problem is the towns' and SAU's budget cycles don't match up. There are FRES parking spaces that are "town" property. Leslie also questioned why the snow can't be dumped on the field. Pam said they had to truck it out but that we need more information and that an equitable long-term contract should be made. Lisa Post said FRES and Center Schools are Emergency Shelters and plowing these should be in the towns' budgets. Mary Guild asked who would be talking with the towns. Jim Button suggested that they get the selectman into a room and work out an agreement that would be fair and not cost the tax payers a lot of money. Mary Guild wanted to remind the Town of Wilton that the Budget Committee and School Board took off warrant articles for the 16/17 School District Budget to help out the town of Wilton. Jim Button said suggested we push to leave the plowing costs at what was \$1500/\$3000 (Lyndeborough/Wilton). Karen Grybko moved the motion to a vote rewording the motions with the \$3500.

*A motion was made by Pam Altner to rescind the "motion to recommend that the School Board approach the Towns of Lyndeborough and Wilton to accept a flat fee of \$3500 per school for snow plowing for the*

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49 *current budget year and going forward; and that the School Board will obtain from both towns an annual*  
50 *contract in writing beginning with the 17/18 Budget Year .” The motion was seconded by Mary Guild.*  
51 *Voting: All Ayes, motion passed unanimously.*

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53 *Leslie Browne made a motion that the School Board does not consider paying an increase for what was*  
54 *already budgeted for the 16/17 School Year for snow plowing. Ellen Pomer seconded. Voting: All Ayes,*  
55 *motion passed unanimously.*

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57 4. Open Budget Committee Seat  
58 a. Leslie Browne informed the Budget Committee that Christine Tieddemann is willing to fill the vacant  
59 Wilton seat.

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61 *A motion was made by Leslie Browne to appoint Christine Tiedemann to fill the Budget Committee’s*  
62 *open position to serve out the remainder of the current budget year. Edwina Hasting seconded the*  
63 *motion. Wilton members only voting: All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.*

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65 5. Budget Committee Adjourned at 8:32 p.m.  
66 *Leslie Browne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ellen Pomer. Voting: All in favor, motion*  
67 *passed.*

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69 Respectfully Submitted,  
70 Lisa C.M. Post