

Lyndeborough Town Budget Committee Meeting Minutes – 20 November 2007

Attendees included:

Burton Reynolds
Karen Grybko
James Button
Fran Bujak
Don Guertin
Michael Deciubelis
Kevin Boette
Bruce Houston
Walter Holland
Lorraine Strube
Neal Cass

The board considered two interested applicants for the open Budget Committee position. Arnold Byam and Paul Martin both were interested. Taking into consideration prior experience, Arnold Byam had more, as he had previously served both on the Budget Committee and as Selectman. It was move by Mike Deciubellis and seconded by Lorraine Strube that we ask Arnold Byam to fill the position. The board unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Budgets Reviewed included:

Cemetery
Planning/Zoning
Library
Conservation
Health/Welfare

Cemetery

- Jim Button along with Ginny Christenson presented the budget
- 2 budget perspectives were presented and discussed (minimum, and ideal)
- Ginny Christenson has been working on a mapping project, transferring most of the information onto a computer
- Discussion about way/method of reporting budget appropriation vs. revenues – Burton Reynolds to provide to Neal and Jim the way it is done in New Boston. Also will look at improving method for tracking revenues

Planning/Zoning

- **Mike Deciubellis represented the board for their budget.**
- **Wages were adjusted to provide clerical support pay in line with other towns in the area**
- **Planning Board Expense – most of the \$7K budgeted has an offsetting amount on the revenue side**

Culture/Recreation (Library)

- **Bob Rodgers represented the Library for their budget**
- **The library project is moving along. Drainage project is awaiting DES state approval. Some additional funds have been received, and additional funds have been raised. They are getting closer to meeting their goal/objective**

Conservation

- **Scott Roper represented the conservation commission for their budget**
- **Upkeep of conservation areas is handled elsewhere in the town budget**
- **Fees from current use development, etc – goes to conservation fund, which helps defray costs for conservation groups putting easements for re-sale**
- **Purchase of properties needs selectmen approval**
- **Funds may also be used for natural resources inventory**

Health/Welfare

- **Meals on wheels amount slight increase due to added person**
- **Direct assistance included 15 different cases, one of which was larger than the others**