

**Lyndeborough Budget Committee Minutes
January 5, 2010**

Present: Burton Reynolds, Don Guertin, Jim Button, Walter Holland, Karen Grybko, Kevin Boette, Bill Ball, Andy Roeper, Fran Bujak, Lorraine Strube

Absent: Bruce Houston

TOWN CLERK Trish Schultz

1. Additional hours were added to the Deputy line to properly account for times when the Clerk is not working. This was not done last year resulting in an over expenditure for the line.
2. Wages for both Ballot Clerks and Supervisors of the Checklist were increased due to two more elections in 2010 than in 2009.
3. Trish prepared a detailed sheet outlining the Clerk office expenses and that resulted in several lines being increased. The general expense line was not accounting for the cost to mail car registration notices at \$725 for instance.
4. The tax lien expense line was increased to account for the title searches that must be done by an outside vendor at a cost of \$975.

TOWN FORESTER

1. For years Dave Buxton has performed this service for the Town. There is now a need for more to be done and Dave does not have the time. The Selectmen have interviewed and will hire another person. The budget is being based on an hourly wage of \$65 with an expectation we will need 30 hours in 2010.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN Burton Reynolds

1. The overall plan spending amount is down for the last several years because the school addition was built into the plan but did not pass.
2. A number of the capital reserve funds have been suspended during 2009-2010 due to the bad economy but are shown as being reinstated in 2011.
3. The only vehicle for the FD being funded via a CRF in 2010 is the Rescue truck. The body only is to be replaced in 2011.
4. The Department is to give more thought to the need for a substation in the Center in the future.
5. All the vehicles other than the Rescue truck are in the plan with CRF expenses starting either in 2011 or 2012.
6. The PD plans to switch to two 4WD rather than one Sedan and one 4WD. The assumption is the cars will last about 4 years and will cost in the low \$30,000 range.
7. Highway equipment is accounted for in the plan with CRFs funding their replacements. The only change was to base the replacement of the large backhoe with a used piece of equipment rather than new in 2013.
8. The Recycling Center funds capital improvements from its own sinking fund and the ambulance replacement is now funded as part of the fee the Town pays Wilton for the service.

9. Although it was not certain if the School Board would place an addition on the warrant a placeholder amount was built into the plan.
10. The Road Improvement project for 2010 is the reclamation of Wilton Road that will include replacement of several culverts, improvement of the base materials, and then repavement.
11. Concern was expressed that there are no funds for bridge replacements and there are some bridges in need of replacement. That will be evaluated over the next year.
12. The police/fire space study received much discussion and in the end the committee recommendation was for the Selectmen to look more closely at the possibility of putting money away to actually built some space for the police rather than study the issue.
13. Overall, the bottom line cost of the plan over the six year period looks reasonably stable.

Submitted by Burton Reynolds