

# Lyndeborough Town Budget Committee Minutes

## 30 November 2010

**Attendees:**

Burton Reynolds, Don Guertin, Bill Ball, Bruce Houston, Karen Grybko, Scott Roper, Don Sawin, Jim Bingham, Kent Perry,

Burton Reynolds was nominated and voted in as Budget Committee Chair

Don Guertin was nominated and voted in as Vice Chair

Changes to the meeting schedule were requested by Rick McQuade. Rick did not want to be on the same night as the police dept budget review, and police wants to push out their date. Jim Bingham to send out a revised schedule via email.

**Highway Budget Review**

Kent Perry went over the rationale for the lease to purchase of a used backhoe/loader decision made by the selectmen. Based on the low number of hours on the loader, and a good deal, it made sense to take advantage of it now (vs. waiting until town meeting) as the loader likely would have sold by then.

**Comments on budget line items as follows:**

Line Item	Comment
Training/mileage	For various training courses for highway dept personnel – up \$200 from last yr to \$800
Equip Rental/Lease	Includes crusher rental to crush asphalt stored at town barn, which is used for fill on various road Projects
Roadside Mowing	Zeroed – combined with Eq Rental – discussed tractor rental for mowing – rec'd better price
Bldg Maint/Supplies	When coordinated with other surrounding towns who also rented it. Savings – ~\$8,000 due to replacement of furnace(s)
Wages – O/T	Generally related to weather events – Plowing
Blasting	Request was \$1,500, added \$500 (now \$2,000) to make certain adequate \$ for Pinnacle Rd blasting
	Then cost should be less in out yrs.
Welding Supplies	\$461 actual vs \$800 2010 budget – welding supplies on order, will spend balance
Fuel – Gas/Diesel	Reduction in line item for 2011 based on more fuel-efficient equipment
Vehicle Maint/Vendor	Includes \$5K for “disaster”, sanders also take lots of this budget (for maintaining)
Vehicle Tires	Went over this yr – needed to replace grader tires
Radios	Need a plan to replace radios by 2013 due to new narrow band requirement. Will look into Possible FEMA grant. Also may consider including in CIP to cover portion in 2011
Culverts/Grates, etc	Budget for 2011 includes contingency for “wash outs”
Signs & Markers	Overage in 2010 spend due to theft – taken for aluminum
Sand	2011 budget up due to Pike not a source anymore, must be trucked from further away
Gravel/Aggregate mtl	Spring Floods drove costs up
Paving	Burton proposes that we increase to \$75K total to align with master paving plan
Hwy Block Grant	Comes from the gas tax – basis is miles in town vs. total in state

*Bruce Houston*