

LYNDEBOROUGH BUDGET COMMITTEE

CITIZENS HALL

February 10, 2016

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Members Present: Scott Roper, Burton Reynolds, Sandy Schoen, Peter Dallas, Walter Holland, Lee Mayhew, Nancy Rose, Karen Grybko

Hearing was called to order at 7:05PM by Chairman Burton Reynolds. The hearing was preceded by the bond hearing for improvements to Mountain Road. Engineer Kevin Leonard stayed to answer a few questions the major one being must we excavate the Section D portion. His answer was that typically you have poor soils thus grinding the pavement and removing some of that poor material and replacing it with quality gravel will suffice. Here we have stones, some large, as the base, not soil. There is no way to repave and have it last without removing the stones.

Before covering the operating budgets, it was noted that the two budgets we share with Wilton had \$20,000 changes, one up and the other down. Ambulance was down but partly because Wilton elected to remove the Capital Portion for 2016. Recycling was up due to less income and a deficit for 2015. Also, Greenville has announced their intent to go on their own in 2017 and that will leave a \$100,000 gap in the budget next year. It was agreed the two Boards of Selectmen need to work together during 2016 to address this issue.

Next the Chairman reviewed each department operating budget sharing any major changes. The public received a handout, copy attached, to assist in following along. Overall, the operating budget is up 3% or \$50,000 which would be .30 on the tax rate.

Capital spending was covered by reviewing the Capital Improvement Plan – copy supplied to the public and a copy attached. There is a \$70,000 jump but not do to additional spending. Most of that increase is because last year the Selectmen elected to pay for the Mountain Road engineering cost of \$60,000 out of fund balance. Each item in the plan was noted. The leasing of a dump truck and the purchase of a small 1-ton in 2016 was explained. The \$70,000 increase will increase the tax rate by .64 cents

After the presentation, the committee voted as follows:

Operating Budget of \$1,793,143 Moved by Scott Roper, 2nd by Nancy Rose All in favor

Capital Improvement Plan of \$304,500 Moved by Lee Mayhew, 2nd by Karen Grybko All in favor

Article 2 (Mtn. Rd Project) \$1,667,354 Moved by Karen Grybko, 2nd Scott Roper All in favor

Article 21 Dump Truck Lease of \$187,000 Moved by Sandy Schoen, 2nd Peter Dallas All in favor

Motion to adjourn at 8:50PM: Lee Mayhew, 2nd Walter Holland

*Respectfully Submitted,
Burton Reynolds*