

# Lyndeborough Budget Committee

## Meeting Minutes

### November 28, 2022

#### Citizens' Hall

Chairman Karen Grybko called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Chairman Karen Grybko, Arnie Byam, Walter Holland, John Pomer, Alyssa Lavoie, Geoff Allen, Fran Bujak, Kevin Boette and Selectmen's Rep. Mark Chamberlain

Present: Town Administrator Russ Boland, Finance Officer Paul Hebert, and Road Agent Rick McQuade

*T/A Boland started an audio recorder, see file 221115-0108. Minute taker Kathleen Humphreys arrived at 6:56 p.m. and left at 7:33 p.m. to attend the ZBA hearing, which was being held on the first level of Citizens' Hall. Paul Hebert, Finance Director was present and had the budget documents projected on a screen and will be able to make changes in real-time.*

#### **Election of Officers**

*It was challenging to hear who made the vote, so please correct me if this is not accurate.*

**VOTE: John Pomer made a motion, Arnie Byam seconded to nominate Karen Grybko to remain as chairperson. Motion passed.**

**VOTE: John Pomer and Kevin Boette nominated themselves as vice-chair. Motions were seconded. Kevin Boette received 4 votes; John Pomer received 3 votes. Karen Grybko abstained. Kevin Boette was elected as Vice Chairperson by a majority vote.**

T/A Boland said this will be a challenging year. Last year all the Warrant Articles were funded with the surplus. As we move forward, we will do a deeper analysis into how much we have from surplus and how much we exceed in revenue. We set the tax rate and shows what the surplus in the unreserved fund balance is 9.45%. The Town received a grant in the amount of \$55,000 for reimbursement for equipment. We have \$73,000 we didn't expect from highway. The One Ton dump truck was put on Municibid and the high bid is \$27,000 and the Selectmen will make the decision on Wednesday if they agree to sell it for that much. Between \$120,000-\$150,000 and expect to have a surplus in the expense in the revenues. Warrant Articles in in progress. The operating budget is up 5.6% and the Warrant Articles will be \$190,000. \$169,500 is projected to be carried over from last year, it might be more like \$190,000. They will be confirmed in a few weeks.

#### **4300 Highway Department**

Road Agent Rick McQuade reviewed the Highway Department Budget.

*See the budget worksheet for details on department budget heard tonight*

*Question to Committee...how detailed do you want the discussions to be regarding the reasons for budget changes? Will the worksheet do? I can insert the PDFs in here.*

Karen Grybko left at 7:30 p.m. and Kathleen Humphreys left at 7:33 p.m. to attend the ZBA meeting. Kevin Boette took over as chairperson.

A general discussion on the paving budget, paving needs, Center Rd. deterioration since the project has been delayed and the impact inflation is having on the cost of paving.

**Adjournment: John Pomer made a motion to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Could not tell who second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kathleen Humphreys* – signed electronically

Kathleen Humphreys  
Minute Taker