

Town of Lincoln

Budget Board Meeting

October 14, 2004

Members Present:

Ken Booth Roberta Gosselin Linda Noble

Carl Brunetti Dave Hartley Joe Dziobek

Cheryl Ethier Bob Ericson

Claudette Lussier Mary Varr

The meeting began at 7:40 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of September 30 were distributed for review.

It was noted that John Sheehan has not yet officially resigned from the Budget Board.

Linda Noble made a motion to accept the minutes of September 30. Claudette Lussier seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a vote of 6-0 with Roberta Gosselin, Carl Brunetti, Cheryl Ethier, and Dave Hartley abstaining because they were not present on September 30.

In outgoing correspondence, Ken Booth distributed a draft letter addressed to the school committee regarding the receiving of information by the Budget Board, and Ken stated that he will read it publicly at the next school committee meeting if he can be put on the agenda for Monday, October 18.

Linda Noble felt that with a new school committee elected, the view of the school committee may hold the administration more accountable for the processing and passing along of information.

Joe Dziobek wanted to know how much money for Medicaid had been collected as of June 30th.

Pension information is not yet available because of a difficulty with the information from the school side.

Roberta Gosselin has been to two meetings with the Pension Advisors and Investment Committee. She noted that no minutes were taken and that the meeting agendas were not posted. Also, the town has no investment plan yet.

Roberta also noted that while the other members of the pension board are sent to professional development seminars, she does not get to attend and does not feel as knowledgeable as the other members in the subject matter.

She would like to see regularly scheduled meetings for the pension board.

In old business, Carl Brunetti has filled the position left open by John Sheehan, but there is still one board vacancy for the position in Limerock left open by Ted Sullivan.

The following are the tentative dates to begin the 2004-2005 scheduled meetings.

November 18, 2004 – Budget Board Meeting

January 13, 2005 – Budget Board Meeting

February 15, 2005 – Delivery of budget by Administrator

February 17, 2005 – Budget Presentation by Administrator

Joe Dziobek asked if Ken Booth had talked to the Town Council President about the management audit yet. He has not.

In elections for the officers of the Budget Board:

Roberta Gosselin nominated Ken Booth for Chair, Linda Noble for Vice Chair, and Claudette Lussier for Secretary. Bob Ericson seconded the motion.

The nomination passed by unanimous vote.

The following will be the 2004-2005 Budget Board Subcommittees:

Schools: Mary Varr, Joe Dziobek, Cheryl Ethier, Linda Noble, and Carl Brunetti

Joe Dziobek nominated Cheryl Ethier as Chair. Mary Varr seconded the motion.

Motions passed by unanimous vote.

Municipal: Dave Hartley, Bob Ericson, Claudette Lussier, Roberta Gosselin and Ken Booth.

Roberta Gosselin made a motion to elect Ken Booth as Chair. Dave Hartley seconded the motion. Motions passed by unanimous vote.

Library: Roberta Gosselin and Bob Ericson

Bob Ericson will arrange the annual town tours.

The Budget Board discussed having a tour maybe in November to look at what projects the schools have completed.

Linda Noble will set up a meeting with the school committee once they have received the drafted letter regarding the passing along of information.

The Budget Board welcomed public comments and questions.

Benny Sisto would like to see the Budget Board spend more time on the revenue generators this year, such as the tax stabilization plan and the underassessment of the Lincoln Mall properties.

Also, Benny thought that compensation should be better for the town employees because calculating 3% raises does not really give them enough.

Benny thought that while issues are being discussed by the Budget Board, the public should have a limited time to make comments and questions before the voting so that they can at least voice their opinion.

Regarding the facilities study, Benny was curious as to why 2 buildings were done instead of just fully completing the study for one, and he wondered who had picked which two facilities were completed.

Benny also thought there was a need for a facilities study that focused on the school facilities.

**Joe Dziobek made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Linda Noble.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:40.**