

Town of Lincoln

Budget Board Minutes

April 8, 2010

Present:

**Linda Noble Claudette Lussier Carl Brunetti Hagop Jawharjian
Greg Leonard Bob Ericson Sheila Chisholm Jay O'Grady**

Absent:

Joe Renning Cheryl Ethier

Call To Order

The meeting began at 7:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

The minutes of April 6th were distributed for review.

Bob Ericson made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonard, to accept the minutes.

The minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

The Budget Board received correspondence from the Town Administrator regarding Resolution I, and discussed an amendment that would take out specific numbers since it was recommended by the Town Solicitor and agreed upon by the Administrator and Budget Board.

Old Business

After discussion, Bob Ericson made a motion to accept the Administrator's recommended wording of Resolution I with amendment. The motion was seconded by Greg Leonard.

The motion passed by a vote of 7-1.

Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Bob Ericson, to make some minor typographical and formatting changes to the Resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Budget Board discussed the final budget that will be submitted to the Financial Town Meeting, including what pieces will be included in what order and formatting.

For discussion purposes, Jay O'Grady made a motion, seconded by Bob Ericson, that Resolution IX be revised to strike reference to the School Department and strike the last sentence.

Also discussed was striking the resolution altogether which would leave the \$115,000 for the leasing of Fairlawn as a pure revenue and budget it as such.

The motion and second on record were withdrawn.

A new motion by Jay O'Grady, seconded by Greg Leonard was made

to remove Resolution IX.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Bob Ericson made a motion, seconded by Sheila Chisholm that the total for the Education Resolution be \$508,040.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Jay O'Grady made a motion, seconded by Bob Ericson, that Road Repairs be increased by \$100,000 to a total of \$850,000.

The Budget Board discussed the ramifications of the proposed changes, and how that compares with the Town Administrator's recommendations.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Carl Brunetti made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonard, that Capital be recommended at a total of \$1,550,680.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Carl Brunetti made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonard, that the total recommended Education budget be \$47,971,806, for a total Combined budget of \$69,883,619.

The motion passed by unanimous vote, which makes the recommended tax levy \$50,830,553. This is an increase of \$51,281 from the previous year.

Carl Brunetti received the object codes requested from the School

Department, which are not yet filled in because of the transition to the Uniform Chart of Accounts. The Budget Board will defer any questions that arise at the Financial Town Meeting regarding this to the School Administration.

The Budget Board discussed the fact that the Education Budget as recommended by them does not include state pension aid.

The Budget Board discussed the Administrator's most recent budget changes compared with the Budget Board's modified budget. It was noted that all the audited numbers in the Administrator's original budget submission were accurate as of the submittal date of February 15th.

The Budget Board discussed the extra funds that they are recommending for road repairs, and rather than making a note in the budget, it will be mentioned in the Budget Message.

Meeting Calendar

The Budget Board discussed the calendar of upcoming Budget Board meetings: It was agreed that April 12th, 13th, 14th, and 22nd would be cancelled. Thursday, April 15th and Thursday, April 29th will still be held, and Tuesday, May 11th will be the ratification meeting of the Financial Town Meeting approved budget.

Public Comment

There was none at the time

Adjourn

Greg Leonard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.