

Town of Lincoln

Budget Board Meeting

April 29, 2010

Present

**Linda Noble Claudette Lussier Carl Brunetti Bob Ericson Joe Renning
Hagop Jawharjian Sheila Chisholm**

Absent

Jay O'Grady Cheryl Ethier Greg Leonard

Call To Order

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

Minutes

The minutes of April 8th and April 15th were distributed for review.

Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Bob Ericson, to accept the minutes of April 8th. The minutes were approved by a vote of 6-0 with Joe Renning abstaining because he was not present on April 8th.

Carl Brunetti made a motion, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian, to accept the minutes of April 15th.

The minutes were approved as amended by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

There was none at the time.

Public Comment

There was none at the time.

New Business

The Budget Board discussed information provided in an article in the Valley Breeze about their recommended budget that will be presented at the Financial Town Meeting, and particularly the tax levy of \$50,830,553.

The order of operations of the Financial Town Meeting was discussed.

-There will be a Call To Order by the Town Clerk, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. -Any Pertinent Announcements will be made. -There will be a reading of the warrant that calls for the Financial Town Meeting. -There will be elections for vacant Budget Board positions, including Moderator, District 1, 2 and 5. -The First Reading of the Resolutions by the Town Clerk. -The Rules of the Financial Town Meeting, including House Rules and Robert's Rules of Order by the Town Moderator. -Reading of the Budget Board Message. -Adoption of Resolution I and II. -Adoption of Resolutions V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X. -First Reading of Education Budget Summary -First Reading of Municipal Budget. -First Reading of Debt Service -Second Reading and Vote of Any Items that Held Objections -Vote on Total

Combined Budget -Adoption of Resolutions III and IV.

The Budget Board discussed the fact that there will not be a vote on the final tax levy because that number will be unchangeable once it is achieved because it is a result of the budget votes during the meeting.

The Budget Board discussed the Charter pertaining to Budget Board elections and how it will be changed so that newly elected members will become active once the budget is ratified.

The Budget Board decided that some members will walk in the Town of Lincoln Annual Memorial Day Parade to represent the Board, and will notify the coordinator.

The Budget Board discussed charter school tuitions and the number of Kindergarten slots allotted because there may be an increase in the number of slots to fill by the charter schools, and it may affect the number of slots budgeted. However, it was noted that if charter school enrollments increase for Kindergarten significantly, the public school enrollments should decrease by the same proportion and should work out.

Other

It was noted that for the first time, sewer expenses and revenues are not shown in the operating budget because they will be an enterprise

fund, and the Budget Board discussed the fact that some taxpayers may be against this because it will mean they cannot vote on that part of the budget. It was also noted that it was the Finance Director and Town Council that made the decision to make this an enterprise fund.

Public Comment

There was none at the time.

Adjourn

Carl Brunetti made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Renning.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.