

Town of Lincoln

Budget Board Meeting

January 6, 2011

Present:

Linda Noble Claudette Lussier Carl Brunetti Peter Fucci Greg Leonard Domenic Ricci Hagop Jawharjian Joe Renning Paul DiDomenico

Call To Order

The meeting began at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

The minutes of November 18th were distributed for review.

The minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0 with Paul DiDomenico and Peter Fucci abstaining because they were not present on November 18th.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence for the Budget Board to review.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Old Business

Linda Noble and Greg Leonard met with the Town Administrator and

with the School Administration.

Regarding the municipal budget, discussion included the Assistant Finance Director position that was filled, an extension of the library to be paid for out of capital, Post-retirement benefits and other benefits.

In the School Budget, discussion included enrollment decreases and the fact that the Town Administrator, Superintendent and State Department of Education all had differing information regarding enrollment numbers last year.

Also discussed was possible consolidation of certain departments between the schools and municipal services such as Information Technology and Finance.

After meetings with the School Department and School Committee, it seems Substitute Teachers and Teacher Absenteeism are still of concern because of overexpenditures.

Carl Brunetti submitted some questions in writing about the school budget as well, in particular about formatting.

The budget that was passed last year was in the old format but this year will be the first year the entire thing was in the new Uniform Chart of Accounts format.

The Budget Board discussed attending the School Subcommittee meetings where they discuss their budget recommendations.

In the upcoming year the state will be implementing a new formula for state aid to the schools.

Both the Teacher's Contracts and Support Staff are both due for negotiation in the upcoming budget year because the pay freeze that occurred extended them.

The Budget Board discussed being more vocal in the media to keep the public up to date on what is happening during the budget process, such as letters to newspapers.

The Budget Board discussed their meeting schedule.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 16th for the presentation of the Town Administrator's 2011-2012 recommended budget.

Nomination of Officers

Greg Leonard nominated Claudette Lussier for Budget Board Secretary.

Linda Noble seconded the nomination.

Claudette Lussier became Secretary by unanimous vote.

Linda Noble nominated Greg Leonard for Budget Board Vice Chair.

Joe Renning seconded the nomination.

Greg Leonard became Vice Chair by unanimous vote.

Claudette Lussier nominated Linda Noble for Budget Board Chair.

Greg Leonard seconded the nomination.

Linda Noble became Chair by unanimous vote.

Adjourn

Greg Leonard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.