

## **Town of Lincoln**

### **Budget Board Meeting**

**November 13, 2014**

#### **Present:**

**&#8203;Carl Brunetti&#8203;&#8203;Bill  
DiBiasio&#8203;&#8203;Richard Foster&#8203;&#8203;Bill McManus  
&#8203;Chris Weggeland&#8203;Felix Fernandes&#8203;Bob  
Turner&#8203;**

#### **Absent:**

**&#8203;Maria Marcello&#8203;&#8203;Rhonda Lacombe&#8203;Mike  
Babbitt&#8203;&#8203;Paul Deutsch**

#### **Call to Order**

**The meeting began at 7:33 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**The minutes of October 23rd were distributed for review.**

**Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Felix Fernandes, to approve the minutes.**

**The minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0 with Bill DiBiasio and Richard Foster abstaining as they were not present on October 23rd.**

#### **Correspondence**

**An email was received from the School Committee Chair regarding**

**the status of the FY 2014 Budget Deficit.**

**The Budget Board also received a copy of the agendas posted for Contract Negotiations Meetings and School Committee Budget Subcommittee Meetings.**

**The Town Administrator sent information about the High School Project Stage 1 Committee, which he is in charge of putting together.**

### **Public Comment**

**There were no public comments or questions at the time.**

### **Old Business**

#### **FY 14 School Department Budget**

**The School Department has stabilized their losses at the end of the year and the surplus will cover their anticipated deficit.**

**They are waiting for the final audited numbers to come back**

**The Budget Board discussed the need to work on health care costs within the current contract negotiations.**

#### **Status of Municipal Capital Projects**

**Work is ongoing on the new police station addition.**

#### **Status of School Department Capital Projects**

**There are no status updates on the renovation of Tucker Field as the project has been put on hold waiting for word as to whether the project is eligible for reimbursement from the state.**

**It does not appear that reimbursement will be granted.**

### **Status of School Department Contracts**

**Certified and Non-Certified Contracts have still not been settled.**

**The Budget Board discussed how negotiation costs and health care changes in the contract could affect the current year's budget.**

### **School Committee Preliminary Discussions on FY 16 Budget**

**The School Committee will be beginning their budgeting meetings.**

### **Review of FY 16 Meeting Schedule**

**The next meeting of the Budget Board will be on January 8th, 2015.**

**The Budget Board will check with the Town Administrator to set a date when he will present his recommended budget to the Budget Board.**

### **New Business**

#### **Discussion of Results of November 14th Elections**

**All of the proposed local charter changes passed.**

**In order to change anything back, a charter review would be necessary. A charter review is supposed to occur at minimum every ten years if nothing changes in between.**

**The Budget Board discussed that there was not a lot of information provided to the public on what was actually being voted on and the implications of the changes, and also that there was no time frame set for implementation of the approved changes.**

**The Water Department will become a department of the Town again due to the passed proposed changes, which will occur when the Town Council takes action to make it official.**

**The Budget Board discussed the process and order of the Town Council's meetings and work sessions.**

### **Public Comment**

**There were no public comments or questions at the time.**

### **Adjourn**

**Richard Foster made a motion, seconded by Bill DiBiasio, to adjourn the meeting.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.**