

MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF FINANCE
LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

The following Board of Finance Public Hearing was called to order by Michael Zelasky, Chairman, at 7:01 p.m.:

To present and to solicit comments from taxpayers on the proposed Fiscal Year 2019/2020 General Government and Education budgets.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Zelasky, Frank Burzycki, Randy Baah, Wayne Donaldson
Gail Gwiazdowski (ALT), Thomas Wakely (ALT)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dennis Duplice, Miles LaFemina, Philip Kiley (ALT)

Available to the public at the Public Hearing were the following documents:

- a) Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budgets - Calendar, High Level Budget View, and Incinerator
- b) Town of Lisbon Statements of Proposed Expenditures and Projected Revenues and Changes in the General Fund Balance
- c) Proposed FY 2019/2020 General Government Budget - \$2,848,786.00
- d) Proposed FY 2019/2020 Board of Education Budget - \$9,598,391.00
- e) FY 2017/2018 Annual Report

Chairman Zelasky asked for public comment. Ellen Joly asked what the process was for eliminating the referendum. Thomas Sparkman, First Selectman, responded that the ordinance was created by petition, and must be rescinded by petition.

Richard Rogers of Bayberry Lane thanked the Board of Selectmen for their hard work in negotiating with Wheelabrator. He then asked, if there were to be an increase in the mill rate, will it be done at one time, or in increments? Chairman Zelasky responded that it may be raised approximately ½ mill this year, if they do not cut the budget, and after 2020 it would be raised in increments if necessary. Mr. R. Rogers then asked the Board of Education, why the increase in the budget? Ian Rogers, Board of Education Chairman, responded that the BoE has been consistent for the past six or seven years, but that they are required to add a new position due to new state mandates.

Bill Krauss of Ross Hill Road, asked the Board of Education what the contracted fee increases were for the high schools? BoE Chairman Rogers responded that NFA increased by 1.75 % for Regular Education and 2% for Special Ed; Griswold increased both by 2%.

This Public Hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

Elaine Joseph, clerk

APPROVED: _____

Michael Zelasky, Chairman

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