

Lincoln Budget Board

2/18/25 @ 7:00pm CarlBrunetti

Carl Brunetti, Bob Turner, Bruce Whitehead, Nicholas Rodrigues, Andrew Esposito, **Sandra Ackerman**, DaveHart, Aidan Carey, JenniferStadnik, Marc Beaulieu, Michael Ferry.

Also in attendance: none

*if marked **red** this denotes absent

Presentation of TownAdministrator's Recommended FY26 Budget

The TownAdministrator presents his Budget by highlighting the \$6.5 million in ARPAfunds, used over the last couple of years, in infrastructure and equipment, with \$350,000.00 allocated for a centralized rescue building. The town received \$7.5 million in grants over 20 months. The municipal recommended operation budget is \$28,441,543.00 with \$1.526 million in capital. The School Department's operation budget is \$67,538,809 with \$1.5 million capital. The town plans to centralize rescue services, repurpose the old buildings, and address stormwater management. Also mentioned that the casino revenue is down, affecting the budget, and he discussed the possibility of being more aggressive in collecting outstanding taxes, including sending pre-tax sale letters. The Town Administrator also mentions the intention of scheduling meetings with department heads to discuss the budget increases and new positions.

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Minutes:

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Motion by Bruce Whitehead to approve and second by JenniferStadnik unanimous.

Correspondence:

1/31 – Reached out to school business administrators for a meeting on the 20th or 25th to discuss budget approaches.

1/31 – Asked the Town Administrator and the School Department for one-, three- and five-year capital plans, and I didn't receive a response.

1/31 – Asked School Department to clarify both the Rhodelsland energy damage and cost to the town.

2/15 – Received a copy of the budget to meet charter requirements.

New Business:

FY25 Budgets:

The Town council has not met to discuss the FY25 budget, no updated report is available.

FY26 Municipal Budgets:

We just received a copy of the recommended budget. The FY26 municipal budget showed a \$2.25 million increase, with significant transfer and capital requests.

FY 25 Educational Budgets:

No update.

FY 25 Budget Strategy:

We explored different strategies for approaching the budget, with Nick suggesting a focus on specific meetings. Additionally, we considered whether to handle it as a two-member team.

FY 26 Budget Tasks/Responsibilities:

Final decisions on Thursday.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by DaveHart and second by Jennifer Stadnik @8:30pm

Next Meeting date:

2/20/2025 @7PM