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4 **WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL**  
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6 **BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

7 Tuesday February 7, 2023, 6:30pm

8 WLC MS Conference Room

9 **Committee Membership:** Jeff Jones (Chair), Leslie Browne (Vice-Chair), Adam  
10 Lavallee, Lisa Post, Bill Ryan, Caitlin Maki (Secretary), Charlie Post (School Board  
11 Representative), Jennifer Bernet, Lyndeborough (vacant), Wilton (vacant)

12 **Present:** Jeff Jones (Chair), Leslie Browne (Vice-Chair), Caitlin Maki, Lisa Post,  
13 Bill Ryan, Jennifer Bernet & Adam Lavallee

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15 **Absent:** Charlie Post (SB Representative)  
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18 Review of Previous Meeting Minutes:

19 1.31.2023 Draft Minutes

20 Leslie Browne makes motion to accept as written, Bill Ryan seconds.

21 Ayes - Leslie Browne, Jeff Jones, Lisa Post, Caitlin Maki, Bill Ryan, Jennifer Bernet &  
22 Adam Lavallee

23 Motion passes  
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25 Facilities Request for Gym Windows \$71K:

26 Bill Ryan expressed concern about adding something to the budget without firm bids.  
27 We have been working on the budget since September and this is the first time he has  
28 heard about this concern. He has been told that we do not have a proper quote and we  
29 should just caulk the windows this year, get quotes and properly plan for this  
30 replacement in the next budget period. This is currently in the CIP for \$61K.

31 Leslie Browne mentioned there has been no discussion and no quote. Adam Lavallee  
32 mentions adding a warrant rather than increasing the operating budget. Lisa Post  
33 reiterated that anything denied in a warrant cannot be done if denied by the town. Jeff  
34 Jones thinks we could increase the request to the building and roadway fund. It is  
35 currently in the CIP plan for 2024.

36 Leslie Browne thinks if Buddy thinks he can get away with another year of caulking  
37 windows and wait for more time for discussion, a couple bids and research then we  
38 should wait until the next budget season.  
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40 Budget Presentation:

41 Lisa Post made a recommendation to adjust the "How the budget affects Tax Rate"  
42 slide to make sure it is noted that these are estimates and can vary once tax rate is set.  
43 Instead of using the value of a home we could use value based on \$1000. Add  
44 disclaimer to bottom of slide that this is based on the current tax rate and provide that  
45 rate.

46 Adam Lavallee would like to see some slides combined because too many slides may  
47 lose attention. Leslie Browne made a comment that the number of slides should be fine  
48 because we can click through the slides quickly while talking.

49 Can the public hearing be recorded so townspeople can watch the recording at a later  
50 time if they are unable to attend in person.

51 Leslie Browne will meet with Kristie LaPlante to discuss the revenue slide. A few of the  
52 years seem too low. If we ultimately do not have accurate numbers, then we will need to  
53 scrap the slide so we don't present something that we cannot back up. The budget  
54 committee believes that we will have enough information in our presentation to properly  
55 present the budget without a revenue slide.

56 Jeff will submit the presentation to the administration by the end of day 2/8. Printed  
57 material will be the presentation and the budget (hide some of the columns to shrink the  
58 print size), 10 copies. There will be a link for those not in person.

60 Adam Lavallee motions to recess for joint session with the school board. Leslie Browne  
61 seconds. Meeting recess at 7:10pm. See Minutes for the school board. Budget meeting  
62 reconvened at 8:45pm in the middle school conference room.

64 Public Comment:

65 Jonathan Vanderhoof would like to reiterate the purpose of a CIP. We shouldn't be  
66 removing items from the plan that were previously presented to the public. The  
67 presentation needs to be consistent. Down the line the town is going to ask where the  
68 money has gone that they have given the school for the projects that were then later  
69 removed or moved around.

71 Next Meeting - Public Hearing February 9th at 7pm in the Media room.

73 Leslie Browne made a motion to adjourn. Lisa Post seconds. All in favor. Meeting ends  
74 9:18 pm