



TOWN OF OLD LYME

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes – Special Board of Selectmen Budget Review Meeting

January 5, 2026, at 12:30 PM

LOCATION: Mezzanine Meeting Room – Memorial Town Hall

This meeting did not have a virtual option.

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm.

Attendance – First Selectwoman Martha Shoemaker, Selectman Jim Lampos, Selectman John Mesham, and guests from the Board of Finance – Bennett J. Bernblum, Andy Russell, Tom Walsh and Fred Behringer (arrived later).

The following budgets will be discussed with the Board of Selectmen.

12:30 - Building Department budget presented by Mark Wayland. Discussion topics included mileage account and the possibility of using a town vehicle for the building inspector. The cost of new and updated building code manuals for 2026 were also discussed.

12:45 - Senior and Social Services budget presented by Amy Bonatti. The need for a new printer in the Social Services office was discussed as well as our annual contribution to the New London Homeless Hospitality Center.

1:00 - Human Resources budget presented by Jamie McLinsky. Topics included SHRM membership and police officer recruitment.

1:15 - Finance/Treasurer/Probate presented by Anita Mancini. Probate Court updated figures have not been sent to the Town at this time.

1:45 - Health – presented by Martha Shoemaker and Anita Mancini. No discussion on this topic.

2:00 - Land Use presented by Eric Knapp. Board of Selectmen suggested increasing the Planning Commission's legal line by \$1000.

2:15 - Public Works/Transfer Station presented by Ed Adanti. The Beach Cleaning contract exact numbers were requested. Martha Shoemaker said she would provide that to the Finance Director. The Public Works Repair and Maintenance line was reduced by \$5,000 after consulting with Facilities Director Erik Olsen. Anita Mancini requested that Ed Adanti visit her to review the fuel account. Board of Selectmen requested that the Public Works miscellaneous supply account for posts and signs be increased by \$2500 as many of the road signs need to be replaced.

2:45 - Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association - Martha Shoemaker/Anita Mancini

Selectman Jim Lampos made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:56. Seconded by Selectman John Mesham. Vote was unanimous.