

**TOWN OF LYME, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**TOWN MEETING**  
March 12, 2019  
Minutes

Town Moderator Kevin Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM in the Lyme School Community Gymnasium. There were approximately 200 people in attendance.

The Moderator voiced appreciation of all veterans and military service members and asked those in attendance to stand or raise a hand and be recognized.

Troop #273 of the Lyme Boy Scouts and members of the Lyme Girl Scouts presented the Colors and those attending this meeting recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Don Elder, Fire Warden for the Town of Lyme, appointed by the State of New Hampshire, was recognized to correct information inadvertently printed in the Town Report, whereby it was stated that Alfred Balch had resigned his position as a Deputy Fire Warden. Mr. Balch decided he was able to continue serving in this capacity and remains a member of the Fire Warden team serving another three year term which will expire 12/31/2021. Mr. Elder went on to express appreciation to Alfred Balch and Bob Sanborn for more than 45 years of service as Fire Wardens serving in the Town of Lyme.

Blake Allison, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, recognized retiring member Lee Larson for his impressive contribution to Lyme after 20 years of service on the Conservation Commission.

Pastor Amy Hayden, reflecting on the Past, read the list of those who died in 2018 with significant Lyme connections. Those included in the list are:

Hellen Darion  
Donald Fisk  
Charles Muntz  
William Watson  
Margaret Miller  
David Washburn  
Frederick Phillips  
Stephan Rich  
Donald Hutchins  
Elizabeth Kilmarx

Beverly Strout  
Gloria LaBombard  
Steve Maddock  
Robin Watson  
Heather Lizotte  
Arthur Laro  
Lynn Smith  
Colin Robinson  
Melvina Beauford

There was a moment of silence in honor of these friends.

Honoring the Present, the Citizens of the Year Award was presented to Pat & Tony Pippin by Lisa Hayes, member of board of the Lyme Foundation.

Honoring the Future was Reverend Amy Hayden, who read the names of new babies born to, or adopted by, Lyme families in 2018.

There was a period of general and procedural announcements. State Representative Polly Campion was introduced.

The Moderator opened the deliberative session with comments acknowledging and thanking the election team.

Voice without Vote was approved for David Robbins, Zoning Administrator and Town Attorney Laura Spector-Morgan, by unanimous Voice Vote.

The Moderator reviewed the Rules of Procedure and requested a motion to accept the rules as presented.

**Bill Waste made the motion to accept the Rules of Procedure as presented.**

Seconded by Judy Brotman.

Motion voted in the affirmative by Voice Vote.

Sue MacKenzie, representing the Select Board, presented highlights of 2018, including road project progress and in-house organizational efforts. There was a round of applause for the efforts by the Select Board and staff.

Judy Brotman, speaking on behalf of the Budget Committee, and Kevin Sahr, speaking for the Select Board, offered an explanation of the reasoning behind Articles 3-7 and the recommended financing options.

After a period of questions and answers, Moderator Kevin Peterson explained that Articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 each obligates the Town to a multi-year financial obligation. This requires the use of paper ballots, the opportunity for voting by paper ballot for one hour, and a 2/3 majority vote for the article to pass.

Eileen Fehskens asked if the voting body would know the results before Article 7 is presented and the Moderator confirmed this would be the case.

Articles 1 and 2 were official ballot voting.

*ELECTION OF OFFICERS*

ARTICLE 1. To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers. Those elected:

Budget Committee-3 members for 3 years	Erik Colberg Elizabeth Glenshaw Michael McKusick
Cemetery Commission- 1 member for 3 years	Laurie Wadsworth
Library Trustees-3 members for 3 years	Marybeth Durkin Dan O’Hara Peter Swart
Overseer of Public Welfare- One member for 1 year	Nancy Elizabeth Grandine
Planning Board-2 members for 3 years	Eric Furstenberg Vicki Smith
Select Board-1 member for 3 years	Benjamin Kilham
Select Board-1 member for 1 year	Judith Lee Shelnutt Brotman
Tax Collector-One member for 3 years	Barbara Woodard
Town Treasurer-One member for 3 years	Mary Lou Robinson
Trustee of the Trust Funds-1 member for 3 years	Stuart V. Smith Jr.

*PETITION FOR AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE*

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Lyme Planning Board for amending the Lot Size Averaging section 5.11 D 3 to allow the Planning Board to set lot sizes, frontage, and setbacks, lot width, building footprint, lot coverage and gross floor area, up to the stated maximums for lot size averaging subdivisions and to remove the special exception for maximum building footprint in section 5.14 D and maximum lot coverage in section 5.15 E for lot size averaging subdivision.

Changes are in bold  
~~Deletions are struck through~~

5.11.D Lot Size Averaging

- 3. Lot sizes, frontage, ~~and~~ setbacks, **lot width, building footprint, lot coverage and gross floor area** shall be determined by the Planning Board based on the



character of the land and neighborhood; the adequacy of the soils to support on-site wastewater disposal and wells; safety of access and traffic circulation; and other issues relating to the future use and enjoyment of the property. The setbacks from abutting properties, not part of the application, shall not be reduced. **Using the same criteria, the Planning Board may allow the following in the Rural, East Lyme and Mountain and Forest Districts:**

**Maximum building footprint of up to 2,500 s.f.**

**Maximum lot coverage of up to 4,500 s.f.**

**Maximum gross floor area of up to 3,000 s.f.**

Road setbacks may be reduced only when on an internal subdivision road approved by the Planning Board as part of the subdivision application. When frontage requirements are reduced, the Planning Board may require shared driveways.

**5.14 Building Footprint.** The maximum building footprint shall be a percentage of lot size as provided in Table 5.1, or as follows, whichever is smaller:

- A. shall not exceed 4,500 square feet in Lyme Center and Lyme Common, except for the Lyme Public school;
- B. shall not exceed 7,000 square feet in the other districts, other than buildings in the Commercial District and those used in conjunction with Skiing Facilities in the Skiway District;
- C. agricultural structures in the Rural, East Lyme and Mountain & Forest Districts shall not exceed 10,000 square feet except as otherwise permitted as a special exception (section 10.40) and in connection with Section 4.64 B; and
- D. except as otherwise permitted by special exception in connection with ~~lot size averaging subdivisions (Section 5.11)~~; planned development (Section 4.49); and expansion of any lawful non-conforming structure in existence when this ordinance was passed (section 8.25).

**5.15 Maximum Lot Coverage.** The maximum lot coverage shall be a percentage of lot size as provided in Table 5.1, or as follows, whichever is smaller:

- A. shall not exceed 6,000 square feet in Lyme Center and Lyme Common, except for the Lyme Public School;
- B. shall not exceed 26,000 square feet per lot size averaged lot in the Commercial District;
- C. shall not exceed 26,000 square feet in the other districts. Driveways do not apply in calculating lot coverage in the Rural, East Lyme and Mountain & Forest Districts;
- D. lot coverage limitations shall not apply to Skiing Facilities Use in the Skiway District;
- E. except as otherwise permitted by special exception for ~~lot size averaging subdivisions (section 5.11-D)~~; planned developments (section 4.49); and expansion of any lawful non-conforming structure in existence when this ordinance was passed (section 8.25); and
- F. except as otherwise permitted by waiver under NH RSA 674:32 a-c for agricultural structures.

(Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 4-1) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 2-1)

**ARTICLE 2 was VOTED in the NEGATIVE BY OFFICIAL BALLOT**

**YES 198 NO 282**

**The Moderator asked for a motion to change the presentation of the Articles, beginning with Article 5.**

**Judy Brotman Made the Motion.**

**Rich Brown Seconded the Motion.**



**Motion was voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.**

***TO PURCHASE A FIRE TRUCK***

**ARTICLE 5. Mike Mundy made the motion** that the town vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a long-term purchasing agreement in the amount of five hundred eighteen thousand dollars (**\$518,000**), payable over a term of 7 years for the purchase of a EONE Pumper/Typhoon Fire truck, and to raise and appropriate \$83,143 for the first year's payment for that purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$83,143 from the Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. This purchase agreement does not contain an escape clause.

(2/3 ballot vote required).). (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)

(These appropriations are not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

*Note: After discussion, the polls and ballot box will remain open for at least an hour for voting on this article.*

**Seconded by Michael Woodard**

Fire Chief Mundy explained the need for the replacement of an old fire truck and described the specifications of the new unit. Because of rapidly increasing prices on steel and rapid loss of trade-in value on the old unit, it is hoped a decision can be made to move forward with this purchase before price increases and tariff issues make the purchase cost prohibitive.

There was a period of questions and answers. Town Attorney Laura Spector-Morgan indicated that an amendment could be made to the Article to change the amount of the expenditure but not the wording on how it's acquired.

**Lee Larson offered an AMENDMENT to ARTICLE 5** to insert the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph after the sentence "This purchase agreement does not contain an escape clause":

**Further, to direct the Selectmen to include an article in the 2020 Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to pay the full balance of this loan by withdrawing funds from the Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund.**

**Proposed Amendment was seconded by Vicki Smith.**

The Moderator clarified this would be a non-binding vote.

**Following discussion concerning the pros and cons of financing vs. outright purchase, the question was called by Rich Brown.**

**Proposed AMENDMENT was VOTED IN THE NEGATIVE by VOICE VOTE**

Doug Vogt clarified that the Capital Reserve Fund would be the collateral if Article 5 is voted in the affirmative.

The Moderator moved to vote on Article 5. Polls to remain open for one hour on this article.

Paper Ballot A to be used. Must pass by 2/3 majority vote. Polls opened at 10:43am and closed at 11:43am.

**ARTICLE 5 VOTED in the AFFIRMATIVE BY PAPER BALLOT by 2/3 MAJORITY**

**YES 184 NO 16**

***TO PURCHASE AN EXCAVATOR***

**ARTICLE 3. Tom Toner made the motion** that the town vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a long-term purchasing agreement in the amount of one hundred seventy nine thousand dollars (**\$179,000**), payable over a term of 7 years for the purchase of an excavator, and to raise and appropriate \$28,731 for the first year's payment for that purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$28,731 from the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. This purchase agreement does not contain an escape clause.



(2/3 ballot vote required). (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-1)  
(These appropriations are not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)  
*Note: After discussion, the polls and ballot box will remain open for at least an hour for voting on this article.*

**Seconded by Judy Brotman**

**Steve Williams offered an AMENDMENT to ARTICLE 3: To reduce the amount of \$179,000 to \$155,000.**

**Proposed Amendment was seconded by Tim Cook.**

Select Board member Kevin Sahr explained that this purchase is structured similarly to the Bomag Vibratory Roller purchase of 5 years ago.

There was a period of questions and answers.

**Steve Williams offered a Friendly Amendment that should the proposed amendment pass, the first year payment would be \$24,879.00. The sense of the meeting was to accept this change if amendment passed.**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT to ARTICLE 3 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE by VOICE VOTE.**

There was further discussion on the amended Article 3 concerning financing, logistics of moving the machine, use, operator experience and storage.

The Moderator moved to vote on Article 3. Polls to remain open for one hour on this article. Paper Ballot B to be used. Must pass by 2/3 majority vote. Polls opened at 11:10 am. Polls closed at 12:10 pm.

**ARTICLE 3 – FAILED FOR LACK OF A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE**  
**YES 103 NO 86**

#### ***TO PURCHASE A TON TRUCK***

**ARTICLE 4. Dick Jones made the motion that** the town vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a long-term purchasing agreement in the amount of one hundred thirty thousand dollars (**\$130,000**), payable over a term of 7 years for the purchase of an F550 1 ton with plow and wing, and to raise and appropriate \$20,866 for the first year's payment for that purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$20,866 from the Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. This purchase agreement does not contain an escape clause.

(2/3 ballot vote required). (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0) (These appropriations are not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

*Note: After discussion, the polls and ballot box will remain open for at least an hour for voting on this article.*

**Seconded by Charles Ragan**

There was a period of questions and answers concerning financing vs. purchase, necessity, housing and personnel to use it.

The Moderator moved to vote on Article 4. Polls to remain open for one hour on this article. Paper Ballot C to be used. Must pass by 2/3 majority vote. Polls opened at 11:20am. Polls closed at 12:20pm.

**ARTICLE 4 – FAILED FOR LACK OF A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE**  
**YES 96 NO 83**



**TO PURCHASE A POLICE VEHICLE**

**ARTICLE 6. Chief Shaun O’Keefe made the motion** that the town vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a long-term purchasing agreement in the amount of sixty five thousand dollars (**\$65,000**), payable over a term of 5 years for the purchase of an Ford 150 special police vehicle, and to raise and appropriate \$14,193 for the first year’s payment for that purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$14,193 from the Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. This purchase agreement does not contain an escape clause.

(2/3 ballot vote required). (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)

(These appropriations are not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

*Note: After discussion, the polls and ballot box will remain open for at least an hour for voting on this article.*

**Seconded by Dick Jones**

Chief O’Keefe explained about the new cruiser style, the reasons for considering it and the plan in place to rotate the older cruisers to the FAST Squad/Fire Department when the replacement schedule provides for a new police vehicle replacement. He confirmed the costs is inclusive; including all required police apparatus.

There was discussion regarding financing and general reminder that these purchase issues are discussed and considered carefully at Budget Committee meetings. These meetings are open to the public and poorly attended by the public.

The Moderator moved to vote on Article 6. Polls to remain open for one hour on this article. Paper Ballot D to be used. Must pass by 2/3 majority vote. Polls opened at 11:40 am. Polls closed at 12:40 pm.

**ARTICLE 6 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE by PAPER BALLOT by 2/3 MAJORITY  
YES 122 NO 55**

**WITHDRAWAL FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**

*The processing of Article 7 was set aside until the votes on Articles 3, 4 and 6 were tabulated*

**ARTICLE 7. Simon Carr made the motion** that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred seventy four thousand dollars (**\$374,000**) to fund the following purchases by authorizing the withdrawal of such funds from the Capital Reserve Funds for the purposes for which they were created as submitted by the Budget Committee:

Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund: excavator: \$179,000

Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund: F550 1 ton with plow and wing: \$130,000

Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund: Ford 150 special police vehicle: \$ 65,000

**Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds Total: \$374,000**

(These appropriations are not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-1) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

**Seconded by Michael Woodard**

**Reminder: Articles 3 and 4 failed for lack of a 2/3 majority vote. Article 6 passed with 2/3 majority vote.**

**Judy Brotman made a motion to Amend Article 7 to change the withdrawals to read:**

<b>Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund: excavator:</b>	<b>\$155,000</b>
<b>Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund: F550 1 ton with plow and wing</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>
<b>Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund: Ford 150 special police vehicle</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>
<b>Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds Total</b>	<b>\$285,000</b>



**Motion to AMEND seconded by Tim Cook**

**AMENDMENT VOTED in the AFFIRMATIVE by VOICE VOTE. Article 7 modified to \$285,000.00.**

**Tom Toner made the MOTION to AMEND Article 7** by removing the excavator cost of \$155,000, changing the bottom line to \$130,000.00

**Motion to AMEND Article 7 seconded by David Perlman.**

**Motion to AMEND Article 7 VOTED in the NEGATIVE by VOICE VOTE.**

**By a show of hands of more than 7 registered voters, a request to vote on proposed elimination of excavator on Amended Article 7 by PAPER BALLOT was granted.**

Voters were instructed to use Paper Ballot E for voting on proposed amendment to Article 7 (Toner motion). Yes majority eliminates the excavator. No majority means keep Article 7 as previously amended.

**Results of proposed AMENDMENT      Yes 61   No 71**  
**Proposed AMENDMENT FAILED by PAPER BALLOT VOTE**

**Steve Doig made the motion that vote on ARTICLE 7, as AMENDED be by Paper Ballot.**  
By a show of hands, more that 5 registered voters, approved vote by paper ballot.

Voters were instructed to use Paper Ballot F for voting on Article 7, as amended to \$285,000.00.

**ARTICLE 7, as AMENDED, was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY PAPER BALLOT**  
**YES 85   NO 42**

#### ***TOWN OPERATING BUDGET***

**ARTICLE 8. Judy Brotman made the motion that** the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million three hundred forty eight thousand five hundred fifty eight dollars **(\$2,348,558.00)** which represents the operating budget as recommended by the Budget Committee. Said sum does **not** include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles. (Majority vote required.)

(The Select Board recommends an operating budget of \$2,348,558 by a vote of 3-0)

(The Budget Committee recommends an operating budget of \$2,348,558 by a vote of 8-0)

**SECONDED by Michael Woodard**

Select Board member, Kevin Sahr did a slide presentation to compare proposed 2019 spending with actual 2018 spending, review historical changes in budget amounts and tax rates.

There was a period of questions and answers.

**ARTICLE 8 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE**

#### ***STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BLOCK GRANT APPROPRIATION***

**ARTICLE 9. Tim Cook made the motion that** the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety eight thousand dollars **(\$98,000)** for the purpose of maintenance, construction and reconstruction of class IV & V highways with \$98,000 anticipated to come from the State of New Hampshire Block Grant. Said sum does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

**SECONDED by Judy Brotman**

**ARTICLE 9 was VOTED in the AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE**



***TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS AND TRUST FUNDS***

**ARTICLE 10. Steve Campbell made the motion** that the Town vote to raise and appropriate four hundred fifty-nine thousand five hundred dollars (**\$459,500**) to be added to the following Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds previously established for the purposes for which they were created.

**Capital Reserve Funds:**

Bridge Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000

Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund \$150,000

Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund \$37,000

Class V Roads Rehab Capital Reserve Fund \$50,000

Public Works Facility Capital Reserve Fund \$50,000

Emergency Highway Repair Capital Reserve Fund \$40,000

Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund \$7,500

Town Buildings Major Maintenance and Repair Fund \$10,000

Fire Fighting Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund \$10,000

Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund \$5,000

**Capital Reserve Funds Subtotal: \$459,500**

**Capital Reserve Funds and Expendable Trust Funds Total: \$459,500**

(These appropriations are **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)

***WITHDRAWAL FROM CAPITAL RESERVE***

**SECONDED by John Sanders**

There was a short discussion.

**ARTICLE 10 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 11. Bret Ryan made the motion** that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (**\$7,500**) to fund the following purchases by authorizing the withdrawal of such funds from the Capital Reserve Funds for the purposes for which they were created as submitted by the Budget Committee:

Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund: Equipment: \$7,500

**Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds Total: \$7,500**

(These appropriations are not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

**SECONDED by Michael Woodard**

**ARTICLE 11 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE by VOICE VOTE**

***APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ROAD REPAIR DUE TO JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> STORM  
BAKER HILL # 1 LOCATION***

**ARTICLE 12. David Russ made the motion** that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars (**\$70,000**) for the purpose of repairing and stabilizing the portion of Baker Hill Road damaged by the July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 storm to include testing, engineering, construction and materials for this project. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, and will not lapse until the road repair is complete or December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner.

(This appropriation is not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)

**SECONDED by Margaret Caudill-Slosberg**

**ARTICLE 12 was VOTED in the AFFIRMATIVE by VOICE VOTE**



***APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ROAD REPAIR AT  
DORCHESTER ROAD LOCATION***

**ARTICLE 13. Tim Cook made the motion** that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (**\$618,500.00**) to repair and replace culverts on various sections of the Dorchester Road with four hundred sixty three thousand eight hundred seventy five dollars (\$463,875.00) to be funded through a grant from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and one hundred and fifty four thousand six hundred twenty five dollars (\$154,625) to be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, and will not lapse until the road repair is complete or December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner.

(This appropriation is not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (Majority vote required.)

(Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)

**SECONDED by Mardi Bowles**

Select Board member Rusty Keith offered an explanation and commended Erin Darrow of Right Angle Engineering for her help on the project.

**ARTICLE 13 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE**

***APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO COMPLETE REPAIRS  
ON GOOSE POND ROAD***

**ARTICLE 14. Kathy Larson made the motion** that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty thousand dollars (**\$160,000**) for the purpose of construction repairs to the Goose Pond Road. The funds will be used for all expenses necessary to repair and stabilize the culverts, inlet and out let, including but not limited to testing, engineering, construction and materials for this project. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, and will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner.

(This appropriation is not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)

**SECONDED by Dick Jones**

There was clarification of the wording between the article read and the article shown on the screen by way of explanation. The written article had been revised for warrant and town report. The distributed article was the original wording. A **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT was ACCEPTED** by Larson and Jones to accept the correct wording for the purposes of the vote.

**ARTICLE 14 WAS VOTED in the AFFIRMATIVE by VOICE VOTE**

***INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND***

**ARTICLE 15. Jennifer Boylston made the motion** that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand nine hundred eighty-three dollars (**\$6,983.00**) to sponsor an Independence Day celebration, including but not limited to a parade, picnic, music and family fun and to fund this appropriation by authorizing withdrawal of that sum from the Independence Day Celebration Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 2003 Town Meeting. (This appropriation is **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0 ) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

**SECONDED by Judy Brotman**

**ARTICLE 15 was VOTED in the AFFIRMATIVE by VOICE VOTE**



***MILFOIL TREATMENT FOR POST POND***

**ARTICLE 16. Blake Allison made the motion** that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty eight thousand one hundred fifty-seven dollars **(\$28,157.00)** for milfoil treatment of Post Pond, with seven thousand thirty-nine dollars (\$7,039.00) to be funded through a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; a withdrawal of six thousand eight hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$6,898.00) from the unassigned fund balance and fourteen thousand two hundred twenty dollars (\$14,220.00) to be funded by the Conservation Commission. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the milfoil problem is resolved or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner.

(This appropriation is not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by vote of 8-0.) (No amount to be raised by taxation)

**SECONDED by Margaret Caudill-Slosberg**

**ARTICLE 16 was VOTED in the AFFIRMATIVE by VOICE VOTE**

***WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CEMETERY MAINTENANCE GIFTS  
AND DONATIONS FUND***

**ARTICLE 17. Michael Woodard made the motion** that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand six hundred two dollars **(\$13,602)** to be used towards funding maintenance of the Town Cemeteries and to authorize funding this appropriation by the withdrawal of such sum from the Cemetery Maintenance Gifts and Donations Fund (established by the Select Board on January 5, 2000).

(This appropriation is **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)

*Note: In 2006 Margaret Burdette Wise left \$30,000 to the Town of Lyme for cemetery use, the above amount is the balance left to spend.*

**SECONDED BY Judy Brotman**

**ARTICLE 17 was VOTED in the AFFIRMATIVE by VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 18. John Mudge made the motion:** Resolved, that the Town of Lyme NH again, through the FERC relicensing process has been presented with information on the Connecticut River. If it is shown that there is a causal relationship between the operation of the Bellows Falls Dam and/or Wilder Dam by Great River Hydro or subsequent owners resulting in the deterioration of the riverbank and attendant roads and farmland, it is recommended that the town of Lyme NH formally request that Great River Hydro or subsequent owners modify current dam operations and create a mitigation fund to reimburse towns and landowners for any and all damages. (Recommended by the Select board by a vote of 3-0.)

**SECONDED by Michael Woodard**

John Mudge indicated this is the 7<sup>th</sup> year of the dam-relicensing process. He also took the opportunity to thank the Town for including a picture of his mother, Eleanor Mudge, in the Town Report.

**ARTICLE 18 was VOTED in the AFFIRMATIVE by VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 19. Blake Allison made the motion that** the Town vote to relinquish any real property rights it has in conservation easements held by the Connecticut River Conservancy, provided that such relinquishment may only occur in the event that the affected conservation easement is assigned to a qualifying easement holder and such assignment is approved by the NH Attorney General's office, Charitable Trust Unit and such affected easement is reviewed and signed off on by the Select board. This action is recommended by the Select Board and Conservation Commission to reduce the Town's risk associated with enforcement of said easements.



**SECONDED by Steve Campbell**

**ARTICLE 19 was VOTED in the AFFIRMATIVE by VOICE VOTE**

***REPORTS OF AGENTS, AUDITORS & COMMITTEES***

**ARTICLE 20. Judy Brotman made the motion** to hear reports of Agents, Auditors, or Committees or other officers heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

**SECONDED by Michael Woodard**

Select Board member Kevin Sahr brought up the issue of the Transfer Station operations. After a period of discussion, Moderator Peterson asked for a sense of the meeting as to whether to continue recycling efforts and maintain the operations as is or to discontinue recycling efforts as a money saving effort.

**The SENSE OF THE MEETING VOTE by VOICE VOTE was to continue recycling efforts.**

Further, regarding the Transfer Station, Sahr discussed the operations on Wednesday and Sunday, asking if people would consider suspending the Wednesday hours and expanding the Sunday hours.

The Moderator asked for a Sense of the Meeting vote. A yes vote recommends suspension of Wednesday hours and expansion of Sunday hours; a no vote recommends keeping both Sunday and Wednesday hours.

**The SENSE OF THE MEETING VOTE by VOICE VOTE was to continue the Sunday and Wednesday hours as are currently being done.**

***OTHER BUSINESS***

**ARTICLE 21. Judy Barker made the motion** to transact any other business that may be legally brought before this Town Meeting.

**SECONDED by Dick Jones**

Judy Barker asked the Select Board and Conservation Commission to consider the failing water quality of Post Pond. Tom Toner felt part of the problem with the significant change in water quality seen years ago stems from a drainage project done by the State along Route 10, resulting in redirected run-off, which over the years has adversely affected the pond.

Moderator Peterson expressed appreciation to those who attended this lengthy meeting and to the numerous board and committees who worked all year on behalf of the Town.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Patricia Jenks, Town Clerk