

TOWN OF LYME, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MINUTES

Town Meeting

March 10, 2015

Town Moderator, Kevin Peterson called this meeting to order at 9:02 am in the Lyme School Community Gymnasium. There were approximately 125 people in attendance.

The Moderator took a moment to acknowledge and extend appreciation to all veterans and asked those veteran's in attendance to stand or raise a hand and be recognized. Followed was the presentation of the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance led by Michael Brannen of Troop # 273 of the Lyme Boy Scouts.

Ellen Thompson, Parish Nurse read a list of those who have passed since the 2014 Town Meeting. Those honored included:

<i>Susan Harris</i>	<i>Catherine Smith</i>	<i>Harriet Phillips</i>	<i>George Palmer</i>
<i>Robert Robinson</i>	<i>Peter Dayton</i>	<i>Letitia Smith</i>	<i>Hugh O'Donnell Jr</i>
<i>Kay Murphy</i>	<i>Melanie Adams</i>	<i>Pamela Gile</i>	<i>Christina Schonenberger</i>
<i>Devey Piper</i>	<i>Marjorie Hathaway</i>	<i>Tony LaBombard</i>	<i>Dorf Sears</i>
<i>Janine Weins</i>			

Patty Jenks offered remembrances in honor of Christina Schonenberger and Dorf Sears.

Representing the Lyme Foundation, Jeff Valence presented Mr. Kenneth H. Uline the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award.

Reverend Amy Hayden was welcomed and she read a list of the future—those babies born in 2014. These names are listed in the 2014 Town Report.

There were general announcements, acknowledgements and rules of procedure for this meeting provided by the Moderator. Attendees were reminded to acquire the yes/no voting cards from the Ballot Clerks.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Those elected:

Select Board	One member for 3 years	C. Jay Smith
Budget Committee	Three members for 3 years	Richard G. Jones
		Charles Ray Ragan
		Vacant
Budget Committee	One members for 1 year	Erik Colberg

Cemetery Trustee	One member for 3 years	Michael C. Hinsley
Library Trustees	Three members for 3 years	Daniel Parish Nancy Snyder Beth Taylor
Planning Board	One member for 3 years	John Stadler
Planning Board	One member for 1 year	Ursula Slate
Overseer of Public Welfare	One member for 1 year	Nancy Elizabeth Grandine
Town Clerk	One member for 3 years	Patricia G. Jenks
Trustee of the Trust Funds	One member for 3 years	Marlene Green

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 to the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Lyme Planning Board as follows:

Change the title section 8.20 from:

8.20 NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURES AND BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES AND BUILDINGS WHICH WOULD BE RENDERED NON-CONFORMING BY EXPANSION

To:

8.20 NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURES AND BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES AND BUILDINGS WHICH WOULD BE RENDERED NON-CONFORMING BY EXPANSION OR RELOCATION

And add section 8.29:

8.29 Relocation of an existing structure in a conservation district.

The relocation of an existing structure in a conservation district to a different location within a conservation district may be permitted as a special exception subject to the provisions of section 10.40 and the following requirements:

- A. The relocation shall better serve the purposes of the Conservation District.
- B. A relocated structure shall not be eligible for conversion under section 4.46 until five years after the completed relocation.
- C. The original area of disturbance will be restored to satisfy the purposes of the conservation district as determined by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

ARTICLE 2 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY OFFICIAL BALLOT

YES 204 NO 62

ARTICLE 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 to the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Lyme Planning Board as follows:

Delete section 8.34.

8.34 Creation of Non-Conforming Lots with Existing Development by Special Exception. The creation of non- conforming lots with existing residences may be permitted as a Special Exception subject to the provisions of Section 10.40 and to the following requirements:

- A. The lot is already developed at the time of application.
- B. No lots are created.
- C. The criteria for lot size averaging set forth in Section 5.11 D. cannot be met.
- D. The acreage, frontage and other characteristics of the land separated from the developed non-conforming lot may not be used to satisfy the acreage or dimensional requirements for development or subdivision of any lot.
- E. All other dimensional requirements of this Ordinance are met to the extent reasonably feasible and practicable as determined by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

ARTICLE 3 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY OFFICIAL BALLOT
YES 198 NO 67

ARTICLE 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 to the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Lyme Planning Board as follows:

Change Table 4.1 to require new restaurants in the commercial district to be permitted by site plan review.

In Table 4.1 restaurants in the Commercial District will be changed from YES to SPR (Use permitted by site plan review.) *Note: Table 4.1 after warrant.*

ARTICLE 4 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY OFFICIAL BALLOT
YES 205 NO 59

TOWN OPERATING BUDGET

ARTICLE 5. Judy Brotman made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million seventy-seven thousand and forty dollars **(\$2,077,040.00)** 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 recommended an operating budget of \$2,077,040.00 by a vote of 3-0.) (The Budget Committee recommended an operating budget of \$2,077,040.00 by a vote of 8-0)

Seconded by Bob Sanborn

Jay Smith offered an AMENDMENT to Article 5: To add a total of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) to the Highway Department Winter Budget: \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to line item 227 –overtime and \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to line item 231-materials.

Amendment Seconded by Simon Carr.

Jay Smith offered an explanation for his amendment citing weekend and holiday storms (overtime) and excessive weather conditions (materials). There were 27 call-outs (when the highway crew is dispatched out for road maintenance) for the Highway crew in January and February 2015. Budgets have been tight with little excess to carry over.

AMENDMENT WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

Article 5 now at \$2,097,040.00 with the approved amendment.

There was no further discussion on Article 5.

ARTICLE 5, AS AMENDED WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BLOCK GRANT APPROPRIATION

ARTICLE 6. Dick Jones made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-three thousand four hundred dollars (**\$83,400**) for the purpose of maintenance, construction and reconstruction of class IV & V highways; said sum to match the amount determined by State of New Hampshire Block Grant allocation and to be offset from the State of New Hampshire Block Grant Aid estimated payments for the 2015-2016 calendar year.

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.)

Note: This appropriation will show up on the MS-2(expenditures) and the MS-4(revenues) Department of Revenue annual forms. This is an in/out and does not affect the operating budget.

Seconded by Judy Brotman

Jay Smith provided an explanation about the Block Grant, which are monies received as apportioned by the State from the income from the gas tax. This is an in/out item.

No discussion.

ARTICLE 6 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS AND TRUST FUNDS

ARTICLE 7. Simon Carr made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate four hundred eighty-four thousand five hundred one dollars (**\$484,500**) 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	\$110,000
Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$68,000
Class V Roads Rehab Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000
Public Works Facility Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000
Emergency Highway Repair Capital Reserve Fund	\$30,000
Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund	\$7,500
Town Buildings Major Maintenance and Repair Fund	\$10,000
Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund	<u>\$5,000</u>
Capital Reserve Funds Subtotal:	\$430,500

Expendable Trust Funds:

Emergency Major Equipment Rebuilding Trust Fund	\$14,000
Town Poor Expendable Trust Fund	<u>\$40,000</u>
Expendable Trust Funds Subtotal:	\$54,000

Capital Reserve Funds and Expendable Trust Funds Total: \$484,500

(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 6-2.)

Seconded by Kathy Larson

Jay Smith explained the Select Board had looked carefully at Capital Reserves and found that historically it was felt they were well funded. However, after researching the replacement costs for equipment and trucks, it was clear they are underfunded. In addition there are several “red-listed” bridges in town which will need attention. Work on some of them has been deferred because they are on roads which have alternate routes. The Hewes Brook Bridge is part of the continuing River Road problem and needs addressing.

Dick Jones explained that he had voted against this increase as a Budget Committee member because he felt things were moving too fast on the Class V road repairs and that too much money was going into the Public Works Facility fund while we are still paying on a bond.

Dave Hewitt commented that expendable funds are intended to be spent and asked why this isn’t part of the operating budget.

Dick Jones replied as a Budget Committee member that by putting money into trust funds, the town is able to set aside enough to meet warrant item expenses.

ARTICLE 7 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

***WITHDRAWAL FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS AND
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS***

ARTICLE 8. Anne Baird made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate forty-six thousand dollars (\$46,000) and to fund these appropriations by authorizing the withdrawal of such funds from the Capital Reserve and Trust Funds for the purposes for which they were created as submitted by the Budget Committee as follows:

Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment:

Fire Fighting Safety Equipment	\$25,000
Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund	\$21,000

Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Fund **Total: \$46,000**

(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 8-0.)

Seconded by Judy Brotman

Simon Carr explained there had been concern by the Trustees of the Trust Funds that the money voted into these funds would not be available for use this fiscal year. They have since learned from a call to The New Hampshire Department of Revenue that this is not the case and that as long as Article 7 passes the funds are immediately available.

Jan Williams asked what the funds will be spent on. Fire Chief Michael Hinsley responded that there has been money saved over the years to replace and upgrade breathing apparatus. Previously funds have been spent on protective clothing and co-pay on a grant requesting the new breathing apparatus.

Jay Smith explained that the Town needs to upgrade the computer fire-wall which is obsolete and doesn't meet state specifications for the motor vehicle programs. The Police Department computer system also needs a significant upgrade to stay in compliance with state and regional regulations. The Town has a scheduled rotation for computer upgrades to keep equipment viable.

ARTICLE 8 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

LEASE-TO-OWN AGREEMENT FOR A 2014 BOMAG BW-211D ROLLER

ARTICLE 9. Blake Allison made the motion that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to make the 2nd payment on a 5 year lease-to-own agreement for the purpose of leasing a roller for the highway department for a total cost of \$90,921 and to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand eighty-one dollars (**\$18,081.00**) for the Second year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (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 Simon Carr.

Jay Smith provided follow-up to questions asked at Little Town Meeting: The roller, having had a delayed delivery, didn't arrive until August. It currently has 125 hours on it. Its life expectancy is at least 25 years. Winter storage for it has been worked out.

ARTICLE 9 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

PAVED ROAD REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

ARTICLE 10. Mike Smith made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to one hundred & fifty thousand dollars (**\$150,000.00**) for the purpose of implementing the 2nd year of the 10 year plan to repair and maintain the Town's paved roads. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2020. (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 2-1.) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 3-4-1.)

Seconded by Judy Brotman

Speaking as the Select Board representative on the Roads Committee, Sue MacKenzie provided background materials which help explain the need for this article. Using a Power Point presentation, MacKenzie showed photos of areas on River Road which are distressed and unstable. The priority at this point is a "slump" area on the southern section of River Road. Because of the conditions there, the road has been restricted to one lane until repairs can be made. Engineers are currently analyzing how best to address the problems.

Next in the line of priorities is the Goose Pond Road from the Baker Hill intersection toward Route 10. Water is a critical factor there, undermining the road surface. The tar has already been removed, ground and reapplied which has helped with the massive irregularities in the road surface. The Roads Committee is hoping the remedial measures on this road will be a 20 year fix.

Further on the south end of River Road, near the Hanover town line has river bank stability issues causing broken pavement and compromised conditions. Engineers are currently doing an assessment on that area.

MacKenzie explained about the pavement preservation plan, which is a national effort to preserve all paved roads. Currently Lyme's Road Agent is considering remedial measures for one-half mile of Baker Hill Road to preserve and prevent further asphalt breakdown.

There are funds available from the 2014 and 2015 Block Grant for these purposes. This article requests additional funds to supplement what's available in order to finish taking care of the prioritized issues and begin the others.

Mike Smith offered appreciation for MacKenzie's leadership on the Roads Committee. He commented that the town has deferred the care of the roads because of money restrictions. He commented the we're now at a point where we have to bite the bullet and look at ways to keep the roads drivable and safe, indicating that MacKenzie has done extensive research on ways to accomplish necessary repairs and maintenance using our limited funds. It's the Roads Committee's goal to get as much done as possible for the least amount of money.

Paul Klee was interested in learning why this request has not been supported by the Budget Committee. Speaking for the Budget Committee, Judy Brotman explained the split vote was because it was felt that the requested amount of \$150,000 was just too much.

There was a brief discussion concerning the use of salt vs. sand on winter roads. Part of the explanation, provided by Jay Smith, is that there are federal guidelines and regulations regarding the use of either material excessively and the required costs of spring clean-up efforts.

Tom Toner asked to have the slump location clarified and asked if the Roads Committee was aware of another compromised location on River Road between the access to Gregory Road and the Berway Farm. MacKenzie explained that the slump is .2 miles south of the East Thetford road and that the Select Board and Roads Committee are aware of the other location of concern.

Earl Strout explained his negative vote on the Budget Committee was because although he believes the facts are sensible; things should be prioritized with sensible costs and done in different years.

Discussion continued, and Dan Brand reminded that costs are much worse if maintenance is deferred rather than keeping to a schedule of regular maintenance. He commented there is no savings in waiting and we'll always be playing catch-up. It's time to appropriate some "real money" to deal with the problem areas and feels that the requested \$150,000 is a modest amount, all things considered.

John Mudge thanked the Roads Committee, saying he is very familiar with the River Road issues and tremendous erosion problems.

Mimi Weinstein thanked the Road Crew for their efforts in caring for the roads and MacKenzie's efforts in leading the Roads Committee.

Dick Jones offered an AMENDMENT to Article 10. The amendment reads Amend Article 10 from \$150,000.00 to \$100,000.00.

Seconded by Earl Strout

Discussion included comments from Walt Swift who is concerned about this amendment feeling that given the history it just kicks up the amounts for future budgets and Mike Smith who spoke against the amendment.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 10 WAS VOTED IN THE NEGATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

Kathy Larson called the question.

ARTICLE 10 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

***AUTHORIZE THE SELECTBOARD
AS AGENT TO EXPEND MONEY FROM CLASS V ROADS REHABILITATION
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND"
(individual warrant article)***

ARTICLE 11. Steve Campbell made the motion that the Town vote to authorize the Select board as agent to expend money from the Class V Roads Rehabilitation Capital Reserve fund and for the monies to be used for the purpose of repairs, improvements, and maintenance of the Town owned roads this fund was established in 2013 under RSA 35:1.(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0.)

Seconded by Judy Brotman

Simon Carr felt the Select Board should not have the ability to expend from this fund; it should be a vote at Town Meeting.

After considerable discussion, including explanations of how the article was written (Department of Revenue guidelines), what procedures would be and how this change would be contrary to historical procedure **Dick Jones called the question.**

VOICE VOTE WAS INCONCLUSIVE; MODERATOR CALLED FOR PAPER BALLOT VOTE

ARTICLE 11 WAS VOTED IN THE NEGATIVE BY PAPER BALLOT

YES 61 NO 62

**WITHDRAWAL FROM CLASS V ROADS REHABILITATION
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

(this article needed only if article 11 fails)

ARTICLE 12. Mimi Weinstein made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate

the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) repairs, improvements, and maintenance of the Town roads and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Class V Roads Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose and fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) from taxation. (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.)

Seconded by Nadia Gorman

Judy Brotman offered an AMENDMENT to Article 12: To authorize withdrawal of \$100,000.00 from Class V Roads Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose (strike out \$50,000.00 from taxation).

Amendment seconded by Dick Jones.

There was a short discussion.

AMENDMENT to Article 12 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 12 as amended was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

INCREASE PARKING LOT IN DOWNTOWN LYME

ARTICLE 13. Dan Brand made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to thirty thousand dollars (**\$30,000.00**) for the purpose of planning and constructing to increase the parking to a total of 29-34 parking spaces in the parking lot located at 3 Main Street.

(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 Bob Sanborn

Dan Brand explained that the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation has offered to split the costs for this project with the Town of Lyme. Abutters will help with grounds keeping. He feels this is a real opportunity for the Town and urged a positive vote.

Sue MacKenzie speaking for the Select Board explained the scope of the project. The connection to Mascoma Bank parking will be preserved. The temporary environmental testing structure will

be removed, the town will take care of winter plowing & maintenance and the state will take care of paving maintenance and stripping parking lines.

Questions about keeping the project as environmentally friendly as possible, handicapped parking and pedestrian traffic allowances were asked. These will be worked out with the State.

Jay Smith provided history on how this came about: Originally the Town approached the state about acquiring extra property at the park & ride location to expand parking. The state indicated they'd require an appraisal which the town would have to pay for and then a fair market value sale price would be provided. The Select Board at that time felt this would be too expensive and dropped the idea. This past year, working on Roads Committee projects with the state, the idea was broached again, culminating in this arrangement which keeps the State of New Hampshire as the owner, but allowing the Town increased parking access, hence this Article is brought forth for consideration.

ARTICLE 13 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

***ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL LEAVE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
AND WITHDRAWING FROM IT
(special warrant article)***

ARTICLE 14. Jan Williams made the motion that the Town vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the "Annual Leave Expendable Trust Fund (ETF)" for the purpose of providing monies to cover employee leave expenditures in the event Town employee leaves employment, and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (**\$7,500.00**) for deposit in that fund and to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend from this fund.

(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 2-1.) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 2-6.)

Seconded by Nadia Gorman

Sue MacKenzie explained that this article was presented because of the Town Auditors adverse opinion in the annual reviews of the Towns' accounting. Although small towns like Lyme have less exposure to liabilities such as these the potential is always there. Currently the Town has an unfunded liability if a long-term employee leaves.

Judy Brotman explained this Article wasn't supported by the Budget Committee in an effort to hold a line on costs, feeling that this commitment didn't need to be done at this time.

There was a period of general questions and responses.

ARTICLE 14 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

***DISCONTINUE BLISTERS FOR BOOKS
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND***

ARTICLE 15. Judy Russell made the motion that the town vote to discontinue the Blisters for Books Expendable Trust Fund established in 2007, said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the general fund.

(Majority vote required.)

Seconded by Simon Carr

ARTICLE 15 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

***APPROPRIATING MONIES TO PUT INTO BLISTERS FOR BOOKS
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND***

(this article needed only if article 15 fails)

ARTICLE 16. Judy Russell made the motion to PASS OVER ARTICLE 16 which was to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand six hundred fifty nine dollars **(\$4,659.00)** to put into the “Blisters for Books Expendable Trust Fund” established in 2007 for the purpose of purchasing children’s books, audiotapes and other resources and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said sum from the 12/31/2014 unreserved fund balance. The amount represents monies taken into the general fund in 2014 from last year’s Blisters for Books.

(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.)

This amount of money has already been raised from last year’s Blisters for Books. The Library Trustees are appointed to expend from this fund.

Seconded by Judy Brotman

MOTION TO PASS OVER ARTICLE 16 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

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

ARTICLE 17. Kathy Larson made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand six hundred two dollars **(\$13,602.00)** 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.)

Seconded by Dick Jones.

ARTICLE 17 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

***TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CEMETERY SPECIAL REVENUE FUND INTO THE
NEW CEMETERY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
(special warrant article)***

ARTICLE 18. Lee Larson made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred dollars (**\$900.00**) to be placed into the New Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund re-established in 2005 under the provisions of RSA 35:1, and to authorize funding this appropriation by the withdrawal of said sum from the Cemetery Special Revenue Fund established in 2005 under the provisions of RSA 31:95-c for that purpose.

(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 Bob Sanborn

ARTICLE 18 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

MILFOIL TREATMENT FOR POST POND

ARTICLE 19. Russell Hirschler made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand one hundred fifteen dollars (**\$21,115**) for milfoil treatment of Post Pond, to be funded 25% (up to \$5,279.00) through a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, with the remaining 75% (up to \$15,836.00) to be raised by taxation. 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, 2019, 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.)

Seconded by Judy Brotman

ARTICLE 19 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

REPORTS OF AGENTS, AUDITORS & COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 20. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, or Committees or other officers heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

(Majority vote required.)

Shirley Tullar thanked the townspeople for their support of the farm tax relief 79F bill last year. The Berway Farm did apply; jumped through numerous hoops and received a refund of approximately \$34. Shirley reported the State is trying to amend the bill.

Don Elder, Fire Ward let folks know they are now able to go on-line to obtain burn permits. Wardens still have the right to inspect burn piles before they are burned.

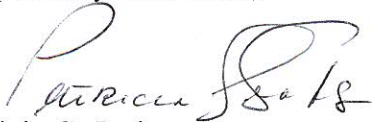
Sue MacKenzie thanked the townspeople and voters on behalf of the Select Board and Roads Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

ARTICLE 21. To transact any other business that may be legally brought before this Town Meeting.

This meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Patricia G. Jenks", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Patricia G. Jenks
Town Clerk