

# TOWN OF LYME



## WARRANT FOR MARCH 10, 2009 TOWN MEETING

**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**GRAFTON, SS**

**TOWN OF LYME**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lyme, New Hampshire, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Lyme, New Hampshire, will be held at the Lyme Community Gymnasium in the Lyme School on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at 7:00 AM, to act upon the following subjects:

Polls will open for voting by ballot on Article 1 on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at 7:00 AM and will close at 7:00 PM, unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. The business portion of the meeting will convene at 9:00 AM that same day, when all of the other Articles will be considered.

***ELECTION OF OFFICERS***

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

Budget Committee:	One member for 1 year Three members for 3 years
Cemetery Commission:	One member for 3 years
Library Trustees:	Three Trustees for 3 years
Overseer of Public Welfare:	One Overseer for 1 year
Planning Board:	One member for 3 years One member for 2 years One member for 1 year
Road Agent:	One Road Agent for 1 year
Selectman:	One Selectman for 3 years
Sexton:	One Sexton for 1 year
Town Clerk:	One Town Clerk for 3 years
Trustee of the Trust Funds:	One Trustee for 3 years One Trustee for 2 years

***LIBRARY REVENUES***

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the town will permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment in accordance with RSA 202-A:11-a.

(Ballot vote required.)

**TOWN OPERATING BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million five thousand nine hundred fifty dollars (**\$2,005,950**) 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 \$2,024,201.00 by a vote of 3-0)  
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5-3)

**TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS AND TRUST FUNDS**

*(special warrant article)*

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred ninety three thousand five hundred dollars (**\$293,500**) and make payment to the following Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds previously established for the purposes set forth in the budget submitted by the Budget Committee as follows:

**Capital Reserve Funds:**

Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,000
Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	\$97,000
Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$55,000
Property Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Public Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,000
Emergency Highway Repair Capital Reserve Fund	\$20,000
Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund	\$7,500
Town Buildings Major Maintenance and Repair Fund	\$15,000
Fire Fighting Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$9,000

**Capital Reserve Funds Subtotal: \$223,500**

**Expendable Trust Funds:**

Emergency Major Equipment Rebuilding Trust Fund	\$25,000
Town Poor Expendable Trust Fund	<u>\$45,000</u>

**Expendable Trust Funds Subtotal: \$70,000**

**Capital Reserve Funds and Expendable Trust Funds      Total:      \$293,500**

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

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-1)

**WITHDRAWAL FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS AND  
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS  
(individual warrant articles)**

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred thirty nine thousand five hundred dollars (**\$239,500**) and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Select Board, as agents for the Town, to withdraw and expend 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 Fighter Equipment Trust Fund (Besse M. Hall Trust) (Fire Fighting Protective Clothing & Major Equipment)	\$4,500
Fire Fighting Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (Fire Fighter Protective Clothing)	\$4,000
Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund Fire Truck	<u>\$231,000</u>
<b>Machinery, Vehicles &amp; Equipment Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$239,500</b>

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

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 2-1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)

**WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CEMETERY MAINTENANCE GIFTS  
AND DONATIONS FUND  
(individual warrant article)**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand seventy nine dollars (**\$20,079.00**) for the completion of the cemetery cremation garden 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).

(These appropriations are **not** included in the total 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.*

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

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (**\$400**) 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.

(These appropriations are **not** included in the total 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 FUND  
TOWN MAJOR MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FUND***

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) for maintenance and repairs on the Lyme Center Academy Building and to authorize funding this appropriation by the withdrawal of said sum from the Capital Reserve Fund, Town Buildings Major Maintenance & Repair Fund for the purposes for which it was created.

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

(Majority vote required.) (The Select Board recommended \$27,000 by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-1)

***RECREATION FACILITIES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND***

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, to be known as the “Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund,” for the purpose of repairs, improvements, and maintenance of the recreation areas owned by the Town of Lyme and to appoint the Recreation Commission as agents to expend from this fund, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (**\$1,000.00**) to be placed in this fund.

(These appropriations are **not** included in the total 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 7-0) (Recommended by the Recreation Commission.)

***EASEMENT ON CHAFFEE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY***

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize a conservation easement to permanently protect the Chaffee Wildlife Sanctuary. This easement is intended to satisfy a wetlands mitigation requirement in the DES permitting process for maintenance of Chase Beach and John Balch field at the Town Recreation Facility.

(Majority vote required.)

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

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand four hundred dollars (**\$8,400**) to sponsor an Independence Day celebration, including but not limited to a parade, a picnic and fireworks 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.

(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)

***APPROPRIATING MONIES TO PUT INTO BLISTERS FOR BOOKS  
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND  
(special warrant article)***

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand nineteen dollars (**\$7,019.00**) 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. Said funds to come from the 12/31/2008 unreserved fund balance, and represent monies taken into the general fund in 2008.

*Note: 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.*

(These appropriations are **not** included in the total operating budget warrant 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)

**50% OF LAND USE CHANGE TAX TO  
CONSERVATION FUND (VS. 100%)**

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to place 50% instead of 100% of the revenues collected from land use change taxes into the Conservation Fund pursuant to NH RSA 79-A:25, with the other 50% to remain in the Land Use Change Tax Fund established at the 1993 Town Meeting. The monies in the Land Use Change Tax Fund will carry over until the following annual meeting, at which time the town may vote to appropriate those monies for special projects or, failing that, those monies will go back into the general fund to be used to reduce taxes.

(Majority vote required.) (Not recommended by the Conservation Commission) (Not recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 2-1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-1)

**LAND PURCHASE**

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) for the purchase of land that abuts the Town Forest, to be added to the Town Forest, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said sum from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund.

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Conservation Commission) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5-4)

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to qualified organizations for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property.

(Majority vote required.)

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(a) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body.

(Majority vote required.)

**BROADBAND COMMUNICATION**

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a inter-municipal agreement by and among the towns of Orford, Lyme, Hanover, Enfield, Springfield, Newbury, New London, and Sunapee, to create a non-profit corporation to develop a broadband communications network in accordance with RSA 53-A.

(Majority vote required.)

***POLICE VEHICLE***

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution: That the Town of Lyme will not purchase of a new police vehicle in 2009.

(Placed on this warrant by petition.)

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

**ARTICLE 19.** To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, or Committees or other officers heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

(Majority vote required.)

***OTHER BUSINESS***

**ARTICLE 20.** To transact any other business that may be legally brought before this Town Meeting.

Given under our hands and seal of the Town of Lyme this 5th day of February, 2009.

Town of Lyme  
Select Board

Simon L. Carr, Chair  
Richard G. Jones  
Charles R. Ragan