

TOWN OF LYME

TOWN MEETING

March 9, 2010

MINUTES

GRAFTON, SS

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Moderator Waste called this meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in the Lyme School Community Gymnasium. Attendees of this meeting numbered approximately 200. The Polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. for voting by ballot on Articles 1 and 2.

Representing the Board of Selectmen: Simon Carr, Richard Jones and Charles Ragan.

Troop #273 of the Lyme Boy Scouts presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Troop members present included Wesley Ulman, Randy Snelling, Dylan DeRego and Kaleb O'Keefe.

Reverend Lorain Giles presented names of the *Past* (deaths in 2009), Jeff Valence and Jennifer Schiffman, officers of the Lyme Foundation presented *Citizen of the Year* to Patricia G. Jenks(!) as the *Present* and Susan MacKenzie, PA-C presented Lyme births in 2009 representing the *Future*.

Moderator Waste gave general instruction and meeting protocol to attendees.

Voice without Vote was authorized by VOICE VOTE for Chief of Police Pauline Field, and Planning & Zoning Administrator David Robbins.

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

Budget Committee:	Three members for 3 years	Laszlo Bardos Earl Strout Robin Taylor
Cemetery Commission:	One member for 3 years	Jean A. Smith
Library Trustees:	Three Trustees for 3 years	Nora Palmer Gould Jonathan Kuniholm Daniel Lynch
Town Moderator:	One Moderator for 2 years	Bill Waste
Overseer of Public Welfare:	One Overseer for 1 year	Nancy Elizabeth Grandine
Planning Board:	Two members for 3 years	David M. Roby Vicki Smith

Road Agent:	One Road Agent for 1 year	Fred O. Stearns III
Selectman:	One Selectman for 3 years	Simon Carr
Sexton:	One Sexton for 1 year	William H. LaBombard
Supervisor of the Checklist:	One Supervisor for 6 years	Katherine Larson
Supervisor of the Checklist:	One Supervisor for 2 years	Linda Goodrich
Tax Collector:	One Tax Collector for 3 years	Joanne Coburn
Town Treasurer:	One Treasurer for 3 years	Andrea Colgan
Trustee of the Trust Funds:	One Trustee for 1 year	Michelle Whitcomb
	One Trustee for 3 years	Blake Allison

ARTICLE 2. Ballot Vote to see if the town is in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the petitioned warrant article for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Redraw the lines of the Lyme Common District to include the Lyme Recreation Area on Post Pond.

“Amend Section 3.21 of the Zoning Ordinance to expand the Lyme Common District to incorporate Lyme town owned property and especially recreational fields. The Lyme Common District shall include both the historic district and also the property shown on the attached zoning map and described as follows: all parcels having frontage on Route 10 from the intersection of High Street and Route 10 to Pinnacle Road on the east and North Thetford Road on the west, except the the Lyme Common District shall not extend more than 1500 feet from the center of Route 10”.

YES 46 NO 271

ARTICLE 3. Peter Mulvihill made the MOTION that the Town vote to direct the Lyme Board of Selectmen to take any and all action necessary to return the exclusive custodial and management care of the Chaffee Wildlife Sanctuary back to the Lyme Board of Selectmen or a designee whose management plan will uphold Article 19 passed by Lyme in 2008 requiring that the water level of Post Pond be maintained at 2’ on the water gauge at the boat landing.

This step is intended to facilitate the execution of Article 10 passed at Lyme Town Meeting in 2009 which authorized a conservation easement to permanently protect the Chaffee Wildlife Sanctuary. Said easement is intended to satisfy a wetlands mitigation requirement in the DES permitting process for the maintenance of Chase Beach and John Balch fields at the Town Recreation Facility, while at the same time still complying with Article 19 passed by Lyme in 2008 requiring that the water level of post Pond be maintained at 2’ on the water gauge at the boat landing.

SECONDED

Mr. Mulvihill offered an explanation for his proposal of Article 3.

A short period of questions, answers and comments pertaining to Article 3 followed.

Michael Hinsley MADE THE MOTION THAT NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN, THEREBY TABLELING THE MOTION.

MOTION TO TABLE ARTICLE 3 WAS SECONDED

MOTION TO TABLE ACTION ON ARTICLE 3 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE, thereby ceasing discussion of the article at this time. Moderator Waste affirmed that the issue may be discussed at another time.

ARTICLE 4. Judy Brotman made the MOTION to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million nine thousand five hundred twenty dollars **(\$2,009,520)** which represents the operating budget as recommended by the Budget Committee. Said sum does **not** include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.

SECONDED

Laszlo Bardos asked why there is a difference between what the Budget Committee recommended and what the Board of Selectmen presented.

Bill Lewis, speaking as a member of the Budget Committee responded. He said the meetings of the Selectmen and Budget Committee were good and that the Budget Committee had asked that the Selectmen find a way to lower the proposed budget to equal last years' budget.

Article 4 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 5. Marlene Green made the MOTION that the Town vote to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend monies from the Town Building Major Maintenance & Repair Capital Reserve Fund established in March 2007.

SECONDED

Richard Jones, Selectman, explained that this is a one-time item.

Article 5 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 6. Bob Sanborn made the MOTION that the Town vote to raise and appropriate three hundred twenty one thousand two hundred fifty dollars **(\$321,250)** 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	\$1,000
Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	\$175,000
Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$48,000
Property Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,000
Public Works & Safety Facility Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,000
Emergency Highway Repair Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund	\$7,500
Town Buildings Major Maintenance and Repair Fund	\$20,000
Firefighting Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$7,750
Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund	\$11,000

Capital Reserve Funds Subtotal: \$290,250

Expendable Trust Funds:

Emergency Major Equipment Rebuilding Trust Fund	\$5,000
Town Poor Expendable Trust Fund	<u>\$26,000</u>

Expendable Trust Funds Subtotal: \$31,000

Capital Reserve Funds and Expendable Trust Funds Total: \$321,250

SECONDED

There was a short discussion about undesignated reserve funds and what they are used for.

Article 6 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 7. Lee Larson made the MOTION that the Town vote to raise and appropriate two hundred sixty eight thousand dollars (**\$268,000**) and to fund this appropriation 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:

Firefighter Equipment Trust Fund (Bessie M. Hall Trust) (Firefighting Protective Clothing & Major Equipment)	\$4,500
Firefighting Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (Firefighter Protective Clothing)	\$4,000
Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund (Dump Truck, 1 Ton Truck & Police Vehicle)	\$252,000
Computer Systems Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund	\$7,500

Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment: \$268,000

SECONDED

Article 7 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 8. Katherine Larson made the MOTION that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand six hundred thirty three dollars (**\$15,633.00**) 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).

SECONDED

Richard Jones, Selectman clarified that this is money from a bequest. No tax dollars are being spent.

Article 8 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 9. Michael Hinsley made the MOTION that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred fifty dollars (**\$350**) 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.

SECONDED

Richard Jones, Selectman clarified that these monies represent the sale of cemetery lots. No tax dollars are being spent.

Article 9 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 10. Judy Brotman made the MOTION that the Town 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.

SECONDED

Article 10 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 11. Marlene Green made the MOTION that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand nine hundred eighty five dollars and twenty five cents

(\$5,985.25) 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 12/31/2009 unreserved fund balance, and represent monies taken into the general fund in 2009.

SECONDED

Clarification was made that these funds are raised by the Blisters For Books event and there are no tax dollars involved.

Article 11 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 12. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, or Committees or other officers heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Ross McIntyre, speaking on behalf of the 250th Celebration Committee warmly invited people to fill out the survey which has been designed and circulated as a means of learning what Lyme folks would like to see as part of this celebration to be held in August 2011. The Committee is still accepting design ideas for a logo to be used for this event. Participation and the contribution of ideas from everyone will help make this a true success for the entire town.

Matt Brown, speaking on behalf of the Energy Committee, thanked Fire Chief Michael Hinsley for his help in identifying energy loss and/or issues with energy testing in the Academy Building. The Energy Committee continues its commitment to educate people on various ways to preserve the economy and natural resources.

OTHER BUSINESS

ARTICLE 13. To transact any other business that may be legally brought before this Town Meeting.

As there was no other business to bring before this meeting, it was declared a remarkably short session and was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia G. Jenks
Town Clerk
Lyme, NH