

**TOWN OF LYME  
TOWN MEETING MARCH 13, 2001**

The Moderator, William Waste, called Town Meeting to order at 9:08 A.M. at the Lyme Community Gymnasium. Polls were open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

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

Selectman (3 years)	Allen Newton
Selectman (2 years)	Michael Hinsley
Town Treasurer (3 years)	Luane Cole
Tax Collector (3 years)	Joanne Coburn
Overseer of Public Welfare (1 year)	Kenneth Elder (declined)
Road Agent (1 year)	Fred O. Stearns III
Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years)	Carl O. Larson
Cemetery Commission Member (3 years)	Jean A. Smith
Sexton (1 year)	William H. LaBombard
Budget Committee Members (3 years)	Barney Brannen
	Joshua Kilham
	Stuart V. Smith Jr.
Budget Committee Member (2 years)	Dick Justice
Library Trustees (3 years)	Anne Hartmann
	Judith (Judy) Russell
	Judy Thrasher
Planning Board Members (3 years)	William Ploog
	Freda Swan
Recreation Committee Member (1 year)	Jim Nichols
Recreation Committee Member (2 years)	Dina Cutting
Recreation Committee Member (3 years)	Thomas Burton
	Thomas Schlenker

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the August 1 filing date for the elderly exemption from the property tax under NH RSA 72:33-b.

(Recommended by the Selectmen.)

*The current deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup> means that the tax rate is now set before the number and amount of elderly exemptions are known. Until 1998 people were required to apply for an elderly exemption BEFORE April 1<sup>st</sup> of the year when the exemption was requested. Now one may file an application for an elderly tax exemption as late as March 1<sup>st</sup> AFTER the year when the exemption is requested. If the deadline is changed to August 1<sup>st</sup>, then we will know the number and amount of elderly exemptions and may then correctly calculate the tax rate for all property owners.*

**VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY NONPARTISAN BALLOT**

**YES 347**

**NO 11**

**ARTICLE 3.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Change the “Setback” definition (Article II) as follows: **SETBACK.** The minimum **horizontal** distance from the property lines established by the requirements of this ordinance....

(Recommended by the Planning Board.)

*Explanation: Clarifies setback measurement.*

**VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY NONPARTISAN BALLOT**

**YES 264**

**NO 51**

**ARTICLE 4.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend the STRUCTURES definition in Article II. Definitions. to include **septic systems** in the second sentence.

(Recommended by the Planning Board.)

*Explanation: Clarify that septic systems are considered structures.*

**VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY NONPARTISAN BALLOT**

**YES 230**

**NO 88**

**ARTICLE 5.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Update Section 1.35 Status of Other Land Use Ordinances, Regulations and By-Laws:

The Town of Lyme Building Permit Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, **Regulations for Site Plan Review**, Driveway Access Regulations, ~~Septic System Regulations~~, and Floodplain Development Ordinance, ~~and By-Law Regulations~~ ~~Signs~~ remain in effect....

(Recommended by the Planning Board.)

*Explanation: Ordinances, Regulations, and By-Laws no longer in effect or ones which have been incorporated into others have been deleted. Also added the Regulations for Site Plan Review.*

**VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY NONPARTISAN BALLOT**

**YES 256**

**NO 55**

**ARTICLE 6.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Change Section 3.254 Agricultural Soils Conservation District as follows:

The Agricultural Soils Conservation District is hereby defined as comprising those areas in the Rural, East Lyme and Mountain and Forest Zoning Districts ~~characterized~~ **determined to be** agricultural soils of national, statewide, or local importance. ~~designated as such in its Soil Survey of Lyme, NH. Such soils~~ **Agricultural soils commonly found in Grafton County** are listed in Appendix F. **If any soils found during site field work are not described in the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) publication *Soil Survey of Grafton County Area, New Hampshire*, the applicant must provide a determination of agricultural importance for those soils from NRCS or other appropriate agency.**

(Recommended by the Planning Board.)

*Explanation: This amendment recognizes that various soil mapping techniques are now practiced and enables consistent review by NRCS in accordance with federal policies for designating agricultural soil.*

**VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY NONPARTISAN BALLOT**  
**YES 250 NO 63**

**ARTICLE 7.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add to Section 4.46 C. Cluster Development and/or Lot Size Averaging as follows:

**For the purpose of calculating the density for development (a) when all the soils in the lot are agricultural soils or (b) when non-agricultural soils for development exist, but all the soils adjacent to the road frontage are agricultural, the economically feasible subdivision may be calculated using these agricultural soils (i.e. access, house site and septic site may be shown on them), but calculations of lot size must adhere to sections 5.21 A 3 & 4.**

(Recommended by the Planning Board.)

*Explanation: This amendment allows for density calculations under two specific circumstances not previously allowed*

**VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY NONPARTISAN BALLOT**  
**YES 241 NO 65**

**ARTICLE 8.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Add E. 5 to 4.46 Cluster Development and/or Lot Size Averaging:**

Must meet dimensional controls set by Table 5.1.

(Recommended by the Planning Board.)

*Explanation: This addition will clarify need to address dimensional controls.*

**VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY NONPARTISAN BALLOT**

**YES 246**

**NO 59**

**ARTICLE 9.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add to Table 5.10 Summary Table of Dimensional Controls footnotes 3 & 4 as follows:

**“,whichever is smaller”**

(Recommended by the Planning Board.)

*Explanation: To clarify intent of footprint and lot coverage requirements by adding “whichever is smaller” after the words “ ...shall be a percentage of lot size, or as follows...” in footnotes 3 & 4.*

**VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY NONPARTISAN BALLOT**

**YES 252**

**NO 53**

**ARTICLE 10.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add to Section 5.22 Setback A. Septic Disposal System Setbacks as follows:

**Special Exceptions may be given for property line setbacks (See 5.10 Summary Table) for replacement systems only.**

(Recommended by the Planning Board.)

*Explanation: Clarifies property setbacks for septic systems and allows for a special exception.*

**VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY NONPARTISAN BALLOT**

**YES 257**

**NO 54**

**ARTICLE 11.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Change the title of Section 8.20 to “Non-Conforming Structures **and Buildings** and Structures **and Buildings** Which Would Be Rendered Non-Conforming by Expansion.”

(Recommended by the Planning Board.)

*Explanation: Clarifies meaning of the Section to include all structures rather than just buildings.*

**VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY NONPARTISAN BALLOT**

**YES 243**

**NO 67**

**ARTICLE 12.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Change Section 10.20 Appeals to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as follows:

Any aggrieved person, officer, department, board or bureau of the Town affected by any decision of the administrative officer may appeal to the Board. Appeals of ~~denials~~ shall be taken within **21 calendar** days **beginning with the date of decision** and ~~other appeals shall be taken within a reasonable period of time~~ by filing with the Board a notice of appeal specifying the grounds for appeal. (RSA 676:5)

(Recommended by the Planning Board.)

*Explanation: The change is to remove the ambiguity of “reasonable period of time” and to adopt the number of days recommended by the NH Office of State Planning.*

**VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY NONPARTISAN BALLOT**

**YES 275**

**NO 42**

**ARTICLE 13.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Update Article X.: Zoning Board of Adjustment as follows:

10.16 Records of Proceedings. The Board shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question, or if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact, and shall keep records of its examinations and other official actions. ~~, all of which shall be filed in the Town Office and shall be of public record. The Board shall issue a final written decision on matters brought before it. A copy of the decision shall be filed with the Town Clerk within 72 hours of the issuance of the decision and a copy shall be provided to the applicant~~

~~(RSA 676:3).~~—Whenever the Board votes to approve or disapprove an application or deny a motion for rehearing, the minutes of the meeting at which such vote is taken, including the written decision containing the reasons therefor, shall be placed on file in the Board's office and shall be made available for public inspection within 144 hours of such vote. (RSA 676:3)

AND

10.80 REHEARING Within ~~twenty (20)~~ **thirty (30)** calendar days after any order or decision of the Board, the Selectmen, any party to the action or any person directly affected may apply for a rehearing, as provided by RSA 677:2.

AND

10.81 Motion for Rehearing – A motion for rehearing shall set forth fully every ground upon which it is claimed that the decision complained of is unlawful or unreasonable. The Board shall within thirty (30) **calendar** days ~~after a motion for rehearing is filed~~ **(counted beginning with the date of application approval or disapproval)**, either grant or deny the motion or suspend the order of decision complained of pending further consideration (RSA 677:3 II). The Board's decision to grant or deny a rehearing may be made at a regular or special meeting of the Board.

(Recommended by the Planning Board.)

*Explanation: The changes to Article X. are made to update them according to the NH RSA changes.*

#### **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY NONPARTISAN BALLOT**

**YES 272**

**NO 42**

**ARTICLE 14.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

#### **APPENDIX D**

#### **Wetland Soils**

#### **Very Poorly Drained**

15	Searsport mucky peat
<del>106</del>	<del>Medonk silt loam</del>
295	Greenwood mucky peat
395	Chocorua mucky peat
<b>406</b>	<b>Medomak silt loam</b>
<b>717</b>	<b>Lyme-Peacham association, very stony</b>
731	Peacham and Ossipee soils, very stony

#### **Poorly Drained**

5	Rippowam fine sandy loam		
105	Rumney fine sandy loam		
109	Limerick silt loam		
114A	Walpole-Binghamville <del>Silt Loam</del> <b>complex</b>		
341A	Stissing silt loam, very stony	0-3%	slopes
341B	Stissing silt loam, very stony	3-8%	slopes
347A	Lyme-Moosilauke soils, very stony	0-3%	slopes
347B	Lyme-Moosilauke soils, very stony	3-8%	slopes
534	Binghamville silt, <del>very stony loam</del> <b>loam</b>		
614A	Kinsman sand, <del>0 to 5% slopes</del>		
633	Pemi silt loam		
647A	Pillsbury fine sandy loam, very stony	0-3%	slopes
647B	Pillsbury fine sandy loam, very stony	3-8%	slopes
717	Lyme-Peacham association, very stony		
<b>723B</b>	<b>Peru-Pillsbury, gently sloping, very stony</b>	<b>3-8%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<b>729B</b>	<b>Waumbek-Lyme, undulating, very stony</b>	<b>3-8%</b>	<b>slopes</b>

**Note: Soils 723B and 729B are also listed by the Grafton County Natural Resources Conservation Service as “Moderately Well Drained (not hydric),” so these soils are not necessarily wetlands. Wetland status of these soils can be determined by site, if necessary.**

(Recommended by the Planning Board.)

*Explanation: Updates and corrects current list to match the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) list.*

## **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY NONPARTISAN BALLOT**

**YES 257**

**NO 57**

**ARTICLE 15.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #13 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

### **APPENDIX F Agricultural Soils**

#### **National Importance**

1	Occum fine sandy loam, frequently flooded		
4	Pootatuck very fine sandy loam		
8	Hadley silt loam, <b>frequently flooded</b>		
9	Winooski silt loam		
24A	Agawam fine sandy loam	0-3%	slopes
24B	Agawam fine sandy loam	3-8%	slopes
<b>27A</b>	<b>Groveton fine sandy loam</b>	<b>0-3%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
27B	Groveton fine sandy loam	3-8%	slopes
<b>28A</b>	<b>Madawaska fine sandy loam</b>	<b>0-3%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
28B	Madawaska fine sandy loam	3-8%	slopes

<b>56B</b>	<b>Becket fine sandy loam</b>	<b>3-8%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
62B	Charlton fine sandy loam	3-8%	slopes
72B	Berkshire loam	3-8%	slopes
76B	Marlow fine sandy loam	3-8%	slopes
78B	Peru fine sandy loam	3-8%	slopes
<b>101</b>	<b>Ondawa fine sandy loam, frequently flooded</b>		
104	Podunk fine sandy loam		
108	Hadley silt loam, <b>occasionally flooded</b>		
130A	Hitchcock silt loam	0-3%	slopes
132A	Dartmouth silt loam	0-3%	slopes
<b>201</b>	<b>Ondawa fine sandy loam, occasionally flooded</b>		
330B	Bernardston silt loam	3-8%	slopes
334B	Pittstown loam	3-8%	slopes
401	Occum fine sandy loam, occasionally flooded		
<b>558B</b>	<b>Skerry fine sandy loam</b>	<b>3-8%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<b>632A</b>	<b>Nicholville very fine sandy loam</b>	<b>0-3%</b>	<b>slopes</b>

#### Statewide Importance

56C	Becket fine sandy loam	8-15%	slopes
62C	Charlton fine sandy loam	8-15%	slopes
72C	Berkshire loam	8-15%	slopes
76C	Marlow fine sandy loam	8-15%	slopes
78C	Peru fine sandy loam	8-15%	slopes
130B	Hitchcock silt loam	<del>8-15</del> <b>3-8%</b>	slopes
132B	Dartmouth silt loam	<del>8-15</del> <b>3-8%</b>	slopes
254B	Monadnock & Hermon soils	3-8%	slopes
254C	Monadnock & Hermon soils	8-15%	slopes
313A	Deerfield loamy fine sand	<del>0-5%</del>	<del>slopes</del>
330C	Bernardston silt loam	8-15%	slopes
334C	Pittstown loam	8-15%	slopes
613A	Croghan loamy fine sand	<del>0-5%</del>	<del>slopes</del>
<del>613B</del>	<del>Croghan loamy fine sand,</del>	<del>5-8%</del>	<del>slopes</del>
632B	Nicholville very fine sandy loam	3-8%	slopes

#### Local Importance

2	Suncook loamy fine sand		
5	Rippowam fine sandy loam		
22A	Colton loamy sand	0-3%	slopes
<del>22B</del>	<del>Colton loamy sand,</del>	<del>3-8%</del>	<del>slopes</del>
<del>22C</del>	<del>Colton loamy sand,</del>	<del>8-15%</del>	<del>slopes</del>
26A	Windsor loamy fine sand	0-3%	slopes
26B	Windsor loamy fine sand	3-8%	slopes
26C	Windsor loamy fine sand	8-15%	slopes
<b>27C</b>	<b>Groveton fine sandy loam</b>	<b>8-15%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
36A	Adams loamy sand	0-3%	slopes



<del>36B</del>	<del>Adams loamy sand,</del>	<del>3-8%</del>	<del>slopes</del>
<del>36C</del>	<del>Adams loamy sand,</del>	<del>8-15%</del>	<del>slopes</del>
<b>57B</b>	<b>Becket fine sandy loam, very stony</b>	<b>3-8%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<b>57C</b>	<b>Becket fine sandy loam, very stony</b>	<b>8-15%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<b>63B</b>	<b>Charlton fine sandy loam, very stony</b>	<b>3-8%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<b>63C</b>	<b>Charlton fine sandy loam, very stony</b>	<b>8-15%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<b>73B</b>	<b>Berkshire loam, very stony</b>	<b>3-8%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<b>73C</b>	<b>Berkshire loam, very stony</b>	<b>8-15%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<b>77B</b>	<b>Marlow fine sandy loam, very stony</b>	<b>3-8%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<b>77C</b>	<b>Marlow fine sandy loam, very stony</b>	<b>8-15%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<b>79B</b>	<b>Peru fine sandy loam, very stony</b>	<b>3-8%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<b>79C</b>	<b>Peru fine sandy loam, very stony</b>	<b>8-15%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<b>90B</b>	<b>Tunbridge-Lyman complex</b>	<b>3-8%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<b>90C</b>	<b>Tunbridge-Lyman complex</b>	<b>8-15%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
102	Sunday loamy sand		
105	Rumney <del>fine sandy</del> loam		
109	Limerick silt loam		
114A	Walpole-Binghamville complex	<del>0-3%</del>	<del>slopes</del>
130C	Hitchcock silt loam	8-15%	slopes
<b>255B</b>	<b>Monadnock and Herman Soils, very stony</b>	<b>3-8%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<b>255C</b>	<b>Monadnock and Herman Soils, very stony</b>	<b>8-15%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
310A	Quonset loamy sand	0-3%	slopes
<del>310B</del>	<del>Quonset loamy sand,</del>	<del>3-8%</del>	<del>slopes</del>
<del>310A</del>	<del>Quonset loamy sand,</del>	<del>8-15%</del>	<del>slopes</del>
<b>331B</b>	<b>Bernardston silt loam, very stony</b>	<b>3-8%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
331C	Bernardston silt loam, very stony	8-15%	slopes
336B	Pittstown loam, very stony	3-8%	slopes
336C	Pittstown loam, very stony	8-15%	slopes
341A	Stissing silt loam, very stony	0-3 %	slopes
<b>360B</b>	<b>Cardigan-Kearsarge complex</b>	<b>3-8%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<b>360C</b>	<b>Cardigan-Kearsarge complex</b>	<b>8-15%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<b>534</b>	<b>Binghamville silt loam</b>		
<b>559B</b>	<b>Skerry fine sandy loam, very stony</b>	<b>3-8%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<b>559C</b>	<b>Skerry fine sandy loam, very stony</b>	<b>8-15%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<del>613A</del>	<del>Croghan loamy fine sand,</del>	<del>0-5%</del>	<del>slopes</del>
<b>614</b>	<b>Kinsman sand</b>		
<b>633</b>	<b>Pemi silt loam</b>		
<b>647A</b>	<b>Pillsbury fine sandy loam, very stony</b>	<b>0-3%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<b>701B</b>	<b>Becket-Skerry, gently sloping, very stony</b>	<b>3-8%</b>	<b>slopes</b>
<b>721B</b>	<b>Peru-Marlow, gently sloping, very stony</b>	<b>3-8%</b>	<b>slopes</b>

(Recommended by the Planning Board.)

*Explanation: Updates and corrects current list to match the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) list.*

**VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY NONPARTISAN BALLOT**

**YES 249**

**NO 63**

**ARTICLE 16.** Barbara Woodard made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate funds and make payment to the following Capital Reserve and Trust Funds previously established for the purposes set forth in the budget as submitted by the Budget Committee as follows:

**Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment:**

Equipment Capital Reserve Fund - Vehicle	\$45,000
Equipment Capital Reserve Fund - Heavy	\$25,000
Emergency Major Equipment Rebuilding Trust Fund	\$5,000

**Buildings:**

Lyme Center Academy Building Renovation Capital Reserve Fund	\$2,000
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**Improvements Other Than Buildings:**

Property Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,000
Public Works Facility Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Emergency Highway Repair Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000

Total: \$112,000

(These appropriations are included in the total appropriations of the budget approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Recommended by the Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**SECONDED**

**MOTION VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 17.** Putnam Blodgett made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,551 dollars to be added to the expendable general fund trust fund entitled the "Trout Pond Management Area Trust Fund" previously established by the Town in Article 15 at the March 10, 1998, Town Meeting. This sum to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation.

(These appropriations are not included in the total appropriations of the budget approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Not recommended by the Selectmen.) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)

After much discussion and clarification of numbers and reasons the Selectmen were not in favor of the article the question was called for vote from the floor.

**SECONDED**

**VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 18.** George Palmer made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate funds and authorize the Selectmen, as agents for the Town, to withdraw and expend such funds from the Capital Reserve and Trust Funds for the purposes set forth in the budget as submitted by the Budget Committee as follows:

**Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment:**

Emergency Major Equipment Rebuilding Trust Fund	\$20,254
Equipment Capital Reserve Fund - Vehicle	\$87,934
Equipment Capital Reserve Fund - Heavy	\$90,000
Bessie M. Hall Fund (Fire Equipment)	\$5,000

**Buildings:**

Lyme Center Academy Building Renovation Capital Reserve Fund	\$2,000
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**Improvements Other Than Buildings:**

Emergency Highway Repair Capital Reserve Fund	\$48,690
Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund	\$9,829

Total: \$263,707

(These appropriations are included in the total appropriations of the budget approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Recommended by the Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**SECONDED**

**AN AMENDMENT** was made by Freda Swan to reduce line #1-Emergency Major Equipment Rebuilding Trust Fund by \$10,000.00. This changes the Total Appropriations to \$253,707.

**AMENDMENT WAS SECONDED**

**AMENDMENT WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE**

**MOTION AS AMENDED WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 19.** Dick Jones made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Six Hundred Seventy Two Thousand One Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars (\$1,672,129) which represents the total appropriations as recommended in the budget by the Budget Committee.

[This sum also includes amounts included in warrant articles 16 and 18. The sum of the individual line items is \$1,672,189.00 or \$60.00 more than included in this article. After any floor debate and/or amendments to the budget, a corrected amount will be proposed to the voters for their approval.]

(Recommended by the Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

**SECONDED**

A **“FRIENDLY AMENDMENT”** was offered by Dick Jones as outlined in a handout provided by the Board of Selectmen. (See attached). Amendment changes the final budget figure to \$1,678,740, which includes \$14,551.00 for the Trout Pond Management Area Trust Fund, the addition of \$2,000.00 to the Conservation Commission and the removal of \$10,000.00 from Article 18.

**AMENDMENT WAS SECONDED**

There were questions and comments from the floor regarding employee wages and benefits which were addressed by the Selectmen and Treasurer.

**MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 20.** Alfred Balch made the motion that the Town vote to accept corrective deeds to property deeded to the Town for cemetery purposes by Charles R. and Mertie U. Balch dated May 8, 1994 and accepted by the Town Meeting on March 8, 1994. The corrective action transfers a 20’ strip of the former Balch property abutting the Town garage to the Town garage lot, allowing the selectmen, in their discretion, to permit use of the strip as a trail for snow-traveling vehicles.

(Recommended by the Selectmen.)

**SECONDED**

Mike Hinsley, for the Cemetery Commission, spoke to this article.

**MOTION VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 21.** Dick Jones made the motion to hear reports of Agents, Auditors, or Committees or other officers heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

**SECONDED**

Mr. Jones pointed out the various handouts for corrections to the Town Report; including pages 69 and 70. (Attached)

Charles Balch spoke regarding the Library Trustees Report in the 2000 Town Report. This report addresses the actual name of the library. After significant research Mr. Balch recited the relevant portion of Sidney Converse’s will dated 1929 which names the Town of Lyme as his beneficiary. It was his feeling that

the contents of the will made the issue of the library name very clear and that there should be no doubt that the correct name to be used for this purpose is “The Converse Free Library”.

Dorf Sears responded that she too has spent a tremendous amount of time researching the issue and that she was in total agreement with Mr. Balch.

Alida Ciampa, Library Trustee in attendance made the assurance that this would be brought before the Library Trustees and corrected as necessary.

Bill Grant suggested that the final paragraph of the Library Trustee Report-2000 (Page 85) be annulled until further investigation.

As presented, Mr. Grant’s suggestion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 22.** To transact any other business that may be legally brought before this Town Meeting.

Moderator Bill Waste recognized out-going Selectmen Judith Shelnutt Brotman and Richard Jones for their dedicated service to the Town of Lyme during the terms they have served. They received a standing ovation and spoke briefly in thanks and appreciation for the acknowledgement.

There was also recognition for Ken Elder, who for the last Forty-plus years has served the Town of Lyme in many capacities, including Selectman and most recently Overseer of Public Welfare. It was remarked that his efforts are both notable given the longevity of his service and remarkable for his dedication to the Town of Lyme.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia G. Jenks  
Town Clerk

### **RETURN OF WARRANT**

We hereby attest that the within Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the Town Meeting described therein and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy of this warrant at the place of meeting:

**Lyme School**

Union Street, Lyme, NH

On the inside door to the Lyme Community Gymnasium  
in the Lyme School

And a like copy at one other place in Lyme, namely:

**Nichols Hardware Store**

Main Street, Lyme, NH

On the outside bulletin board; and

**Lyme Center Post Office/Rich Insurance Agency**

Dorchester Road, Lyme Center, NH

On the outside bulletin board

14 days before the day of the meeting, not counting the day of posting or the day of the meeting.

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen

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Richard G. Jones, Chair

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Judith Lee Shelnuitt Brotman

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Stephen J. Maddock

**RECORDING OF WARRANT**

This Warrant and Return of Warrant has been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Lyme, New Hampshire, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2001.

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Patricia G. Jenks, Town Clerk