

**TOWN OF LYME
TOWN MEETING MARCH 12, 2002**

The Moderator, Bill Waste, called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. at the Lyme Community Gymnasium. Polls were opened for voting on Articles 1 – 14 at 7:00 A.M. and closed at 7:00 P.M.

The Reverend Jo Shelnut Melendy offered opening prayer.
Colors and salute of the flag presented by the Lyme Boy Scouts.

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

One Selectman to serve for a term of 3 years;	Richard G. Jones
One Town Moderator to serve for a term of 2 years;	Bill Waste
One Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of 1 year;	Nancy Grandine
One Road Agent to serve for a term of 1 year;	Fred O. Stearns III
One Sexton to serve for a term of 1 year;	William LaBombard
One Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of 3 years;	Andrea Colgan
One Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of 1 year;	Tim Callaghan
Three Budget Committee Members to serve for a term of 3 years;	Gibb Cornwell
	Earl Strout
	B. Wayne Tullar
Three Library Trustees to serve for a term of 3 years;	Tish Smith
	B. Wayne Tullar
	Norman Wakely
One Planning Board Member to serve for a term of 3 years;	Jeannie McIntyre
One Recreation Committee Member to serve for a term of 2 years;	Doug Vogt
One Recreation Committee Member to serve for a term of 1 year;	Nancy Copeland
Three Recreation Committee Members to serve for a term of 3 years;	Jim Nichols
	Henry Flickenger
	Heather Caldwell
One Cemetery Commission Member to serve for a term of 3 years;	Jennifer Cooke
One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of 6 years;	John Franklin
One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of 4 years.	Katherine Larson

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

Add definition of “building zone” to establish an area 200’ around the pre-zoning footprint of a principal residential structure. Also amend section “3.254 Agricultural Soils Conservation District” to exclude “building zones” and contiguous units of agricultural soils under one acre from the District. The building zone exclusion will ease the development of pre-zoning homes for new additions and accessory structures.

(Majority non-partisan official ballot required.) (Recommended by the Planning Board.)

YES 282

NO 87

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

Correct the definition of “Development of Regional Impact” and Section 10.81 to conform to NH RSAs 36:55 and 677:3 II.

YES 292

NO 75

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

Change wording to clarify exclusion of non-living space in the definition of Gross Floor Area, Residential.

(Majority non-partisan official ballot required.) (Recommended by the Planning Board.)

YES 273

NO 95

ARTICLE 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Change definition of “Structure” to clearly include a well as a structure.

YES 208

NO 163

ARTICLE 6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Correct order of subsections in Section 3.20, and remove reference to The Mountain and Forest Conservation and Wireless Telecommunications Districts from 3.25 as they are zoning districts and not conservation districts as now indicated. Table 4.1 indicates the permitted uses and special exceptions for these zoning districts, so sections 4.67 and 4.68 are redundant and will be deleted. Table 4.1 also erroneously provides Telecommunications systems as permitted by

right, but should be permitted by special exception only as stated in the current Section 4.68. Change “Mountain and Forest District” to “Mountain and Forest Conservation District” where applicable to be consistent and emphasize the intent of this zoning district.

(Majority non-partisan official ballot required.) (Recommended by the Planning Board.)

YES 267 NO 93

ARTICLE 7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Reword section “4.47 Conversions” and shift wording to more clearly state the intent. Amend to treat residential conversion to business use the same as business conversion to residential use. Move phrase in section “4.47” relevant to section “4.50” to section “4.50.” Change “commercial” to “business” where appropriate throughout the ordinance as “business” is defined and “commercial” is not. Add references in Section 4.47 to other related sections within the ordinance.

(Majority non-partisan official ballot required.) (Recommended by the Planning Board.)

YES 270 NO 87

ARTICLE 8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend section “4.54 Driveways” to direct applicants to other existing requirements for the Highway Agent or State official to look at the proposed driveway access to determine appropriate access and give direction for construction. Also amend reference to a publication by replacing date of publication with “the most current publication” to eliminate need for amendment every time the referenced publication is updated.

(Majority non-partisan official ballot required.) (Recommended by the Planning Board.)

YES 263 NO 89

ARTICLE 9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Change wording of section “5.22 Setback” to more clearly state the intent of this section and delete d.) related to septic system setbacks from roads as State restrictions deal with this concern.

(Majority non-partisan official ballot required.) (Recommended by the Planning Board.)

YES 260 NO 85

ARTICLE 10. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Restate section “5.26 Use of Dimensional Characteristics for Development of Land Protected by a Conservation Easement” to more clearly communicate intent of this section.

(Majority non-partisan official ballot required.) (Recommended by the Planning Board.)

YES 259

NO 86

ARTICLE 11. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend section “8.20 Non-Conforming Structures and Buildings and Structures and Buildings Which Would be Rendered Non-Conforming by Expansion.” This section is for pre-zoning buildings which already exceed dimensional requirements or would with proposed additional development. Special exceptions are provided by this section for pre-zoning buildings to exceed maximum dimensional requirements and encroach into conservation districts and property line setbacks by a maximum area. The amendment will clarify square feet of structures and improvements (lot coverage excluding driveways) are to be included toward the maximum area—not just buildings.

(Majority non-partisan official ballot required.) (Recommended by the Planning Board.)

YES 216

NO 126

ARTICLE 12. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend section “8.31 Vacant Lot” to allow use for outdoor recreational purposes by special exception. It is currently not allowed.

(Majority non-partisan official ballot required.) (Recommended by the Planning Board.)

YES 275

NO 78

ARTICLE 13. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend “Section 8.32 Removal of Structures on Non-conforming Lots”.to clarify that remaining subsurface structures such as septic systems and wells do not keep a lot from entering the “Vacant Lot” status under Section 8.31 if the buildings and other surface structures have been removed.

(Majority non-partisan official ballot required.) (Recommended by the Planning Board.)

YES 256

NO 89

ARTICLE 14. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #13 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise the current Floodplain Ordinance amended in 1994 to correspond with the most recent State model revised in 2001. Sections not relevant to Lyme (zones not located in Lyme) have been eliminated from the model. It has also been modified to allow equalized assessed value as well as appraised value in determining Substantial Damage and Improvement to allow greater ease in determining values. There are many changes which are shown in the amended Floodplain Ordinance draft available in Town Offices and which will be available at Town Meeting. It is important for the Town of Lyme to update its ordinance to meet the requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Adopting the State model assures this compliance.

(Majority non-partisan official ballot required.) (Recommended by the Planning Board

YES 280

NO 68

ARTICLE 15. Prior to a motion presenting Article 15 for vote, Board of Selectman Chair, Stephen Maddock offered an explanation of the Chaffee House situation and current standing.

Keven Peterson made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and sixty-two thousand dollars (\$262,000) for the purpose of acquiring the property located at 2 On The Common and shown on the town tax map as Map 201, Lot 37 (the former Dorcas Chaffee property) for town use, said sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action

or to pass any other vote relative thereto and to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$6,714 for payment of interest on the bond for the first year; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any action or to pass any other vote relative thereto and to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$4,367 for payment of principal on the bond for the first year.

(This appropriation is NOT included in the total general budget warrant article (Article 26) as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Two thirds (2/3rds) paper ballot vote required. Polls must be open for a minimum of one hour for voting on this issue.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Note #1: If and when the Town sells the Chaffee property, the proceeds of the sale will go to pay down the bond.

Note #2: Because the town cannot build an addition onto the library/town offices building without purchasing the former Dorcas Chaffee property that abuts the town property, the vote on Article 16 cannot take place if the vote on Article 15 fails. The law requires that the polls for voting on a bond article be open for one hour after the discussion of the bond article, the voting on Article 15 will take place for one hour after the end of the discussion on Article 15. The discussion on the other articles (Articles 16, 17 and 18) may take place while the balloting is taking place. However, at the end of the first hour of balloting on Article 15, the votes on Article 15 will be counted. If Article 15 passes, then the voters will vote on Article 16. If Article 15 fails, then the voters will pass over Article 16 and vote on Articles 17 and 18.

Note #3: The interest is figured for ½ year at 5.125% based on an assumption that the town will not draw down the note until July 1st, 2002. The principal paid is based on a thirty year amortization schedule with the first payment for ½ year being made in December of 2002.

Following considerable discussion, the question was called by Peter Dayton.

Motion to call the question VOTED IN THE NEGATIVE by voice vote.

Debate continued.

Don Elder called for a show of hands to get a sense of the meeting as to whether or not to keep town offices “in town” or consider other options.

The sense of the meeting showed that the Town should consider other options for location of town offices, rather than focus on “in town”.

More discussion followed.

Kevin Peterson called the question. **Motion to call the question was seconded and VOTED IN AFFIRMATIVE by voice vote.**

Voting proceeded by paper ballot on Article 15 at 10:30 am.. Polls remained open for one hour to allow those present at this meeting the opportunity to vote on this article.

The Moderator called the meeting back to order, for continued discussion toward next articles at 11:45 a.m. Voting continued.

Polls closed for voting on this article at 11:30 a.m. Following tabulation, the Moderator announced the results.

Article 15 VOTED IN THE NEGATIVE BY PAPER BALLOT.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred and ten thousand dollars (\$510,000) to relocate and or renovate the Lyme Town Offices on property comprised by combining 2 adjacent lots: the first lot located at 38 Union Street shown on the town tax map as Map 201, Lot 8, (the present location of the Lyme Library and Town Offices) and the second lot known as the former Dorcas Chaffee property located at 2 On The Common shown on the town tax map as Map 201, Lot 37, said sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof.

(This appropriation is NOT included in the total general budget warrant article (Article 26) as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Two thirds (2/3rds) paper ballot vote required. Polls must be open for a minimum of one hour for voting on this issue.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Note: The estimated interest on a note of \$510,000 would be \$26,138 figured for a full year assuming an interest rate of 5.125%. The Selectmen would not propose to draw down the note until April 1st, 2003. The principal to be paid on a note for \$510,000 would be \$17,000 based on a thirty year amortization schedule with the first payment being made at the end of December of 2003. The amount of the interest and principal payments would not be appropriated until the year the note would be drawn down.

There being NO MOTION to move Article 16, THE MODERATOR DECLARED THIS MOTION LOST.

ARTICLE 17. Bruce King made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to rebuild the Lyme Highway Garage, presently located at 24 High Street shown on the town tax map as Map 201, Lot 104, said sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto and to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$10,250 for payment of interest on the bond for the first year; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any action or to pass any other vote relative thereto and to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$6,667 for payment of principal on the bond for the first year.

(This appropriation is NOT included in the total general budget warrant article (Article 23) as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Two thirds (2/3rds) paper ballot vote required. Polls must be open for a minimum of one hour for voting on this issue.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Note: The interest is figured for ½ year at 5.125% based on drawing down the note on July 1st, 2002. The principal paid is based on a thirty year amortization schedule with the first payment for ½ year being made in December of 2002.

SECONDED

Moderator reiterated that the “Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee”. This was offered as a “friendly amendment” as agreed by the meeting as such.

Mike Smith made the motion to postpone indefinitely Article 17.

SECONDED

Discussion followed.

Motion to postpone Article 17 indefinitely VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) (gross budget) to build a Safety Services Building at the site of the present Fire Station/Police Station at 44 High Street, shown on the town tax map as Map 201, Lot 103, to include:

1. Fire Department
2. Police Department
3. Fast Squad
4. Forest Fire Department;

said sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto.

(This appropriation is NOT included in the total general budget warrant article (Article 26) as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Two thirds (2/3rds) paper ballot vote required. Polls must be open for a minimum of one hour for voting on this issue.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Note: The interest on a note of \$450,000 would be \$23,063 figured for a full year assuming an interest rate of 5.125%. The Selectmen would not propose to draw down the note until April 1st, 2004. The principal to be paid on a note for \$450,000 would be \$15,000 based on a thirty year amortization schedule with the first payment being made at the end of December of 2004. The amount of the interest and principal payments would not be appropriated until the year the loan would be drawn down.

There being no motion to move Article 18, THE MODERATOR DECLARED THIS MOTION LOST.

ARTICLE 19. Dick Jones made the motion that the Town vote to amend Article 11 of the Town Meeting of March 14, 2000, which amended Article 14 of the Town Meeting of March 11, 1997, to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Lyme, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years,	\$45,000;
for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years,	\$90,000;
for a person 80 years of age or older,	\$160,000.

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$22,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$33,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$100,000, excluding the value of the person's residence.

(Majority paper ballot required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Note: The Town of Lyme experienced a town-wide property valuation update during the 2001 tax year. For some people who qualified for the elderly exemption, the increase in their assessments outstretched the amount of their exemptions. Consequently, the Board of Selectmen proposes three significant changes to the previously adopted elderly exemption.

NH RSA 72:39-a allows a town to set the following above a certain floor:

- *Qualifying Net Income*
- *Qualifying Level of Assets*
- *Exemption Amount*

Maximum Level of Net Income: *Originally, the applicant was allowed a maximum level of net income of not more than \$10,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$12,000. The 1996 revision to the State Law increased the lowest maximum level of net income allowed to \$13,400, if single, and to \$20,400, if married. The prior statute excluded the applicant's social security payments in calculating net income. The 1996 revised statute included social security payments in calculating an applicant's net income.*

In 1997, the Town modified the maximum taxable income level to \$17,000, if single, and \$24,000 if married. Following a town-wide property revaluation in 2000, the Selectmen compared Lyme's exemption to other towns in the state and based on their research recommended increasing the maximum taxable income level to \$20,000 if single and to \$30,000, if married. The overall increase in valuation as a result of the update was approximately 10%. The Board of Selectmen recommends that the exemption levels be increased by approximately 10% as well.

Maximum Level of All Assets, Excluding Residence: *According to the 1996 revised State Law, the Town could choose a maximum level of all assets, excluding residence.*

However, the level of assets chosen could not be less than \$35,000. The Town's former maximum value of all assets allowed to an applicant, excluding the applicant's residence, was \$50,000. In 1997 the Town increased the maximum level of assets, excluding residence, to \$65,000. After the town-wide revaluation the town increased the maximum level of assets to \$75,000. This year, following the town-wide update, the Board of Selectmen recommends that the maximum level of assets be increased to \$100,000. [The applicant's "residence" includes the applicant's principal housing unit and related structures such as unattached garage or woodshed (all of which is considered to be the applicant's principal home) and the land upon which the house is located up to the greater of 2 acres or the minimum single family residential lot size specified in the local zoning ordinance. "Residence" does not include attached dwelling units and unattached structures used or intended for commercial or other nonresidential purposes.]

Amount of Exemption: *The town-wide update increased the level of assessment about 10% overall. The proposed increase in the amount of the exemption is approximately 10%. The present exemption levels are:*

<i>for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years,</i>	<i>\$40,000;</i>
<i>for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years,</i>	<i>\$80,000;</i>
<i>for a person 80 years of age or older,</i>	<i>\$140,000.</i>

SECONDED

Doug Gernhard moved to AMEND Article 19, changing item #1 from 45,000.00 to \$90,000.00; #2 from \$90,000.00 to \$125,000.00 and leaving #3 at \$160,000.00.

SECONDED

Motion as AMENDED voted in affirmative by voice vote.

Kevin Peterson made the motion that Article 19 be tabled.

.SECONDED

Motion to table article 19 VOTED IN AFFIRMATIVE by voice vote.

ARTICLE 20. Judy Brotman made the motion that the Town vote to amend Article 1 of the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting, amending Article 15 of the Town Meeting of March 11, 1997, to modify the exemption for the disabled by increasing the amount of the exemption for the totally and permanently disabled from \$40,000 to \$45,000. The exemption, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, shall be \$45,000.

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned

by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$22,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$33,000; and own assets not in excess of \$100,000, excluding the value of the person's residence.

(Majority paper ballot required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Note: The Social Security Administration determines whether the applicant is eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act for benefits to the disabled and, therefore, is disabled for purposes of this exemption. See the preceding Article 24 for our explanation of what assets are included.

SECONDED

Dick Jones made the motion to adjust Article 20 by correcting the last line of paragraph one to read “ The exemption, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, shall be \$90,000.00.”

SECONDED

Motion as amended voted in affirmative by voice vote.

Kevin Peterson made the motion to table Article 20 as amended.

SECONDED

Motion to table Article 20 voted in affirmative by voice vote.

ARTICLE 21. Barney Brannen made the motion that the Town vote pursuant to RSA 72:37 to amend Article 13 of the March 14, 2000, Town Meeting which amended Article 2 of the Town Meeting of March 11, 1986, to increase the exemption for the blind from the assessed value of residential real estate for property tax from \$40,000 to \$45,000 as the town has determined is appropriate to address the significant increases in property values in accordance with procedures in RSA 72-36-b. The exemption, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, shall be \$45,000.

The term “residential real estate” as used shall mean real estate which the person qualified for an exemption occupies as his principal place of abode together with any land or buildings appurtenant thereto and shall include manufactured housing if used for said purpose. All applications made under this section shall be subject to the provisions of RSA 72:33 and RSA 72:34.

(Majority paper ballot required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Note: The Blind Services Program, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Education determines whether the applicant is blind for purposes of this exemption.

SECONDED

Moderator called for vote by paper ballot on Articles 19, 20, & 21 as amended. All agreed. Polls open for one hour to vote on these Articles.

Articles 19, 20, & 21, as amended VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE by paper ballot.

ARTICLE 22. Fred Phillips made the motion that the Town vote to establish an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Fire Fighting Safety Equipment Purchasing and Maintenance Trust Fund, for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining fire fighting safety equipment, including, but not limited to, breathing apparatus, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to be deposited in that fund.

(This appropriation is included in the total general budget warrant article (Article 26) as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

SECONDED

VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 23. Judy Brotman 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	\$55,000
Equipment Capital Reserve Fund - Heavy	\$27,500
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:

Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	\$1,000
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Emergency Highway Repair Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
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Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund	\$12,000
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Total:	\$112,500
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(These appropriations are included in the total general budget warrant article (Article 26) as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (Recommended/ by the Budget Committee.)

SECONDED

VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 24. Dorf Sears 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:

Land:

Public Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund	\$89,000
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Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment:

Emergency Major Equipment Rebuilding Trust Fund	\$15,254
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Bessie M. Hall Fund (Fire Equipment)	\$1,500
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Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund	\$20,000
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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
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Public Works Facility Capital Reserve Fund	\$55,000
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Total:	\$231,444
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(These appropriations are included in the total general budget warrant article (Article 26) as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

SECONDED

Dick Jones made the motion to **AMEND** Article 24 to change:

Public Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund from \$89,000 to \$0.00
Public Works Facility Capital Reserve Fund from \$55,000 to \$20,000

SECONDED

Explanation: In light of results of bond vote this date these line items should be adjusted.
Discussion followed.

Question was called to vote by Judy Brotman.

Seconded and voted in affirmative by voice vote.

Motion to move Article 24, as amended VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 25. Lee Larson made the motion that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a land-locked parcel of land adjacent to the Town Forest, located between Mud Turtle Pond Road and Route 10 and identified in the town's records as Tax Map 406, Lot 27, said parcel comprising 106 acres, more or less, to be added to and become a part of the town forest, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for this purpose, to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund, with no part of said sum to be raised by taxation. (This article was inserted at the request of the Lyme Conservation Commission.)

(This appropriation is included in the total general budget warrant article (Article 26) as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

SECONDED

Explanation by Lee Larson, followed by discussion

VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 26. Tony Ryan made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Six Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,641,222) which represents the total appropriations as recommended in the budget by the Budget Committee.

[This sum also includes amounts included in warrant articles 22, 23, 24, and 25. It does NOT include articles 15, 16, 17, or 18 (the four bond issues).

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

There was clarification that the numerical figure as shown in the Town Report and on the warrant was the correct figure (\$1,641,222.00). There being a typo in the report and warrant, there was some confusion.

MOTION, AS CLARIFIED WAS SECONDED

Mike Smith made the motion to AMEND Article 26, reducing the amount to \$1,517,222.00.

SECONDED

Question was called by Dick Jones and SECONDED. Voted in Affirmative by Voice Vote.

Motion to accept amended motion voted in affirmative by Voice Vote.

Don Elder made the motion to AMEND line 162, page 51: Fire Dept. Breathing Units, reducing the amount from \$21,000.00 to \$10,955.00

Following explanation, motion was SECONDED.

Motion to accept amended motion voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Mike Smith made the motion to further reduce the budget by reducing line 428 by \$20,000.00, zeroing it out.

Explanation was having to do with gifts for the Academy Building Fund, clarified by Carole Bont following discussions with Department of Revenue Administration. Revised figure to be voted on is now \$1,487,177.00.

Motion to amend Article 26 voted in affirmative by voice vote.

Bruce King made the motion to AMEND Article 26 by reducing line 129 which addresses the Police Department budget. Figure to change from \$43,713.00 to \$38,980.00 and line 130 which adjusts from \$32,420.00 to \$25,600.00 and line 137 adjusting from \$6,000.00 to \$3,000.00

SECONDED

Explanation offered by Bruce King, with discussion and clarification following.
Question was called to vote by Putnam Blodgett. Seconded.

This AMENDMENT VOTED IN THE NEGATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

**Motion to call for vote on Article 26 made by Dick Jones.
Seconded. Voted in affirmative by voice vote.**

Article 26, as amended: \$1,487,177.00

MOTION, AS AMENDED VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 27. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, or Committees or other officers heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Town Clerk, Patty Jenks offered apologies for any confusion caused by the typos found in the Town Report Vital Statistic section. Significant lack of editing issues this year.

Alfred Balch clarified another typo found in the Town Report: Page 97-Dartmouth Skiway Projects: should read Grafton Turnpike Road.

Tish Smith clarified that Judy Thrasher is currently the Chairperson on the Library Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE 28. To transact any other business that may be legally brought before this Town Meeting.

Selectman Allan Newton recognized and thanked outgoing Selectman Stephen Maddock for his many years of service on the Board and to the Town.

Albert Pushee was recognized and thanked for his many years as a Supervisor of the Checklist.

Michelle Couture, JJ Pippin and Dina Cutting were recognized and thanked for their efforts on the Recreation Committee.

Alfred Balch was acknowledged and thanked for his years of service as Forest FireWarden.

This meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia G. Jenks
Town Clerk, Town of Lyme
March 16, 2002