

TOWN OF LYME
TOWN MEETING
MARCH 14, 2006
Minutes

The Moderator, William Waste, called this meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. at the Lyme School Community Gymnasium. Polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. for voting on Articles 1-13 and closed at 7:00 P.M.

The Reverend Bob Edwards from the Lyme Congregational Church offered the invocation. Representatives from the Lyme 5th Grade presented the Colors and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator made general community announcements and established procedural guidelines for this meeting.

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

Three Budget Committee Members to serve for a term of 3 years:	Elizabeth Glenshaw George Lehmann Stuart V. Smith, Jr.
One Cemetery Commissioner to serve for a term of 3 years:	Michael C. Hinsley
Three Library Trustees to serve for a term of 3 years:	Margaret C. Bowles Tom Hunton Alan Hewitt
One 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 Elizabeth Grandine
One Planning Board Member to serve for a term of 3 years:	John Billings
One Road Agent to serve for a term of 1 year:	Fred Stearns III
One Selectman to serve for a term of 3 years:	Charles R. Ragan
One Sexton to serve for a term of 1 year:	William H. LaBombard
One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of 6 years:	Elise A. Garrity
One Town Clerk to serve for a term of 3 years	Patricia G. Jenks
One Treasurer to serve for a term of 1 year:	Andrea Colgan
One Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of 3 years:	Timothy Callaghan

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:

This is a “clean-up” amendment including a broad spectrum of changes which the Planning Board feels are necessary, but not controversial. Amend definition of “abandoned” to include two years as already indicated in sections 8.27 and 8.13. Amend “access ways” to match Curb Cut Regulations. Amend “Best Management Practices” to reference helpful documents. Amend “Dwelling Unit” to be a housekeeping unit for regular occupancy. Amend “home occupation” to include only home businesses with residents as owner/employees. Amend definition of “improvement” to include “structure” rather than just “building.” Amend “minor subdivision” to include “condominiums” rather than “sites.” Amend definition of “restaurant” as not legal to prohibit restaurant by type. Add definitions for “private road,” and “service road.” Amend definition of “unit” to be for regular occupancy and to include institutions. Amend definition of “variance” to provide the basic definition only. Delete section 3.33 Lots Crossed by Town Lines as it does not conform to NH RSA 674:53. Amend 4.42 to require only a zoning easement instead of a conservation easement. Amend section 4.43 Temporary Uses and Structures to state “consistent with the project” rather than “suitable.” Amend section 5.21 Heights Regulations to clarify definition and reference Telecommunications Facility Ordinance. It also provides for a special exception if recommended by the Fire Chief. Amend 7.10 to provide for conditional use approvals by the Planning Board to match amendments made last year and reference the possibility of a ZBA variance. Amend 7.24 Egress Controls to match Curb Cut Regulations. Amend 8.24 Expansion of Existing Structures...Within or Into Conservation Districts to require Planning Board review of steep slopes encroachment as already required in section 4.62 B. and Conservation Commission review of wetland and shoreland encroachment as already required in sections 4.61 B. and 4.63 B. Amend section 10.18 ZBA Powers to exclude Zoning Ordinance Interpretation. The Board is not provided with the power to interpret the zoning ordinance in any forum other than a public hearing for a specific case.

YES 385 NO 124

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:

Amend the definition of “lot coverage” to clearly exclude septic systems, wells, and tanks; and include commercial parking areas.

YES 396 NO 109

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:

Amend the definition of “non-conforming lot,” “non-conforming use,” and section 8.11 Continuation and Expansion (of nonconforming uses) to deem a lot or use non-conforming if it legally existed prior to adoption of the provision in the zoning ordinance which prohibits it rather than prior to the adoption of zoning in 1989.

YES 220 NO 97

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:

Amend the definition of the Ridgeline and Hillside Conservation District in section 3.27.6 to reference a map in the appendices (see attachment).

YES 227 NO 88

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:

Amend footnotes of Table 4.1 to clearly allow a “home occupation,” or “agricultural” and “forestry” uses. Amend section 4.48 Business Use to exclude “home occupation.”

YES 241 NO 72

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:

Add definition of “fire protection structures.” Amend sections 4.61, 4.63, and 4.65 to allow “fire protection structures” within the wetlands, shoreland, and flood prone area conservation districts. Amend section 5.13 Setbacks to exempt “fire protection structures” from setback requirements.

YES 240 NO 65

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 4.53 Driveways shall not serve structures more than 1,000’ from a Class V or better road except by special exception.

YES 180 NO 135

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:

Amend sections 4.53 Driveways and 4.62 Steep Slopes Conservation District to limit slope of driveway switchbacks to 5%.

YES 269 NO 233

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:

Amend sections 4.61 Wetlands Conservation District, 4.62 Steep Slopes Conservation District, 4.63 Shoreland Conservation District, and 4.65 Flood Prone Areas Conservation District to require a special exception to alter the natural surface configuration by the addition of fill or by excavation or dredging including bank stabilization.

YES 314 NO 164

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 5.11 Lot Size to allow more than one principal building on a lot if the total number of residential buildings does not exceed the maximum number of lots which would be allowed under lot size averaging.

YES 250 NO 147

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 remove the special exception to build on a Class VI road. This could still be approved if a variance is granted and RSA 674:41 is met.

YES 304 NO 170

ARTICLE 13. (BY PETITION.) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #12 as proposed by the Petitioners for the Lyme Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend the Lyme Zoning Ordinance Table 5.1 (see following page for existing table) by reducing the minimum lot size, road frontage, setbacks, and lot width, and increasing maximum building footprint and lot coverage, as follows:

(A) Minimum Lot Size (Acres)

(a)	Lyme Center District	0.5 acres
(b)	Lyme Common District	0.5 acres
(c)	Commercial District	0.5 acres
(d)	Rural District	3.0 acres
(e)	East Lyme	10.0 acres
(f)	Skiway	50.0 acres
(g)	Mountain & Forest District	20.0 acres

(This section will control if there is any conflict with other sections of the ordinance.)

(B)	Minimum Road Frontage (All Districts)	0.0 feet
(C)	Minimum Road Setback (All Districts)	50.0 feet
(D)	Minimum Side Setback (All Districts)	20.0 feet
(E)	Minimum Rear Setback (All Districts)	20.0 feet
(F)	Minimum Lot Width (All Districts)	50.0 feet
(G)	Maximum Building Footprint (All Districts)	10%
(H)	Maximum Lot Coverage (All Districts)	20%

YES 170 NO 364

ARTICLE 14. Kevin Peterson made the motion that the Town vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a, authorizing the Selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendation by those bodies, where a board or commission or both, exist. After the Selectmen receive the recommendation of the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, where a board or commission or both exist, they shall hold 2 public hearings at least 10 but not more than 14 days apart on the proposed acquisition or sale; provided, however, upon the written petition of 50 registered voters presented to the selectmen, prior to the selectmen's vote, according to the provisions of RSA 39:3, the proposed acquisition or sale shall be inserted as an article in the warrant for the town meeting. The Selectmen's vote shall take place no sooner than 7 days nor later than 14 days after the second public hearing. The provisions of this section shall NOT apply to the sale of and the selectmen shall have no authority to sell:

- (a) Town-owned conservation land which is managed and controlled by the conservation commission under the provisions of RSA 36-A.
- (b) Any part of a town forest established under RSA 31:110 and managed under RSA 31:112.
- (c) Any real estate that has been given, devised, or bequeathed to the town for charitable or community purposes.

SECONDED

Selectman Peter Bleyler spoke to this Article and upcoming Articles 15 and 19.

Article 14 was voted in the AFFIRMATIVE by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 15. Jack Elliott made the motion that the Town vote to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend monies appropriated from the Public Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund adopted by the town meeting on March 11, 1997, under RSA 35:1.

SECONDED

Article 15 was voted in the AFFIRMATIVE by Voice Vote

ARTICLE 16. Putnam Blodget made the motion that the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 31-95-c to restrict all of the revenues from the sale of cemetery lots and/or space to expenditures for the purpose of creating additional cemetery space. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the "Cemetery Special Revenue Fund," separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be

expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of this fund or source of revenue.

SECONDED

Selectman Dick Jones offered an explanation for Articles 16 and 17.

Moderator Waste instructed procedure on required paper ballot for this Article.

Registered voters in the Town of Lyme were instructed to move forward, accept Paper Ballot for Article 16 and vote if desired.

During the voting activity Moderator Waste moved on with recognition to retired Supervisor of the Checklist Bernard Tullar who served the Town in this capacity for over 40 years, and to Luane Cole Clark who served as Town Treasurer for over 25 years. Both individuals received applause of appreciation.

Moving on as the Article 16 was still being voted on, Gerry Clancy, a member of the Lyme Foundation presented the 2005 Citizen of the Year Award. As there had not been a venue during 2005 to present this award, it was requested that they be able to do this at Town Meeting 2006.

The Award, given to a citizen who had consistently, competently and patiently given much time and energy to benefit the Town of Lyme over the many years she has been living in Lyme was presented to Betty Lee. Betty was offered a standing ovation in recognition of her gracious and generous service.

Concluding this period of acknowledgements, Moderator Waste recognized Principal of the Lyme School, Gerry Clancy, who has announced his retirement. He also received a round of applause.

Article 16 was voted in the AFFIRMATIVE by Paper Ballot: Total votes: 124

YES 119 NO 4 BLANK 1

Because the Selectmen had invited a guest to address Article 24 and her schedule permitted joining us around 10:00 A.M., Moderator Waste asked if there was objection to moving forward to address Article 24 at this time. There being none, he introduced Hanover, New Hampshire Town Manager Julia Griffin. Judy Brotman moved Voice without Vote so that Ms. Griffin could speak to offer an explanation of Article 24. This was agreed. Ms. Griffin fielded questions from the floor.

ARTICLE 24. Lee Larson made the motion that the Town vote to pay Lyme's share of the cost of funding (with the West Central New Hampshire Regional Homeland Security Communications Consortium) the initial proposal to research, find funding

for and plan for the installation of internet/broadband communication infrastructure with the goal of building a fiber optic cable system or some other system linking our community to state-of-the-art high speed communications and to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500) for this purpose. The infrastructure would include the major arteries in these towns linking households, businesses and key community resources such as police, fire, schools, libraries, and town offices.

SECONDED

Article 24 was voted in the AFFIRMATIVE by Voice Vote.

Ms. Griffin was thanked for taking the time to come and explain Article 24 to Lyme voters.

Moderator Waste returned to sequential order of business for addressing warrant articles.

ARTICLE 17. Sue Ryan made the motion that the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing cemetery land, said fund to be entitled "New Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund," and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand four hundred four dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$13,404.68) from the undesignated fund balance ("surplus") (which is the balance of the former "New Cemetery Fund" account as of 12/31/04 plus the deposits for the sale of cemetery lots in 2005, plus interest) to be placed in the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund, and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

SECONDED

Article 17 was voted in the AFFIRMATIVE by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 18. Vicki Smith 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 Town Poor Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of providing monies and services for persons eligible to receive assistance and to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$19,000 and to appoint the Overseer of the Town Poor as agent to expend from this fund.

SECONDED

Selectman Judy Brotman offered an explanation of this Article.

Article 18 was voted in the AFFIRMATIVE by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 19. Paul Klee made the motion that the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, to be known as the “Town Offices Building Capital Reserve Fund”, for the purpose of purchasing, renovating and/or building town offices and any and all expenses associated with such a project, including but not limited to a feasibility study, and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be deposited in that fund and further to see if the municipality will appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

SECONDED

Article 19 was voted in the AFFIRMATIVE by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 20. Cindy Swart made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to design and build a proper handicapped-accessible crosswalk across Route 10 between the Lyme Elementary School and the Lyme Library. This will be a special purpose non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the crosswalk is completed or by December 31, 2011, whichever comes sooner.

SECONDED

Lyme Police Chief Pauline Field offered an explanation of this Article. After a good deal of discussion a motion was made to end debate on this article.

Motion to end debate was SECONDED.

Motion to end debate was voted in the AFFIRMATIVE by Voice Vote.

A Voice Vote was inconclusive.

Moderator Waste asked for a show of hands to determine vote.

A Show of Hands was also inconclusive.

Moderator Waste instructed use of Paper Ballot to determine this vote.

Article 20 was voted in AFFIRMATIVE by Paper Ballot: Total ballots cast: 139

YES 72 NO 67

ARTICLE 21. Mike Smith made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate two hundred forty-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$243,500) 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	\$1,000
Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	\$125,000
Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$35,000
Property Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Public Works Facility Capital Reserve Fund	\$35,000
Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Town Buildings Major Maintenance and Repair Fund	\$5,000
Fire Fighting Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$7,500

Trust Funds:

Emergency Major Equipment Rebuilding Trust Fund	\$15,000
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Total: \$243,500

SECONDED

Selectman Dick Jones offered explanation of this Article. It was confirmed that this Article included funding in anticipation of replacing 3 fire engines, 1 fire rescue truck, 4 dump trucks, 2 small dump/utility trucks, 2 police cruisers, 1 wheeled backhoe, 1 loader, 1 grader and 1 large lawn mower over a period of the next 20 years.

It was clarified that the \$35,000.00 item listed under Public Works Facility Capital Reserve Fund is intended for a new compactor for use at the Transfer Station or for a new salt shed at the Highway Garage.

Article 21 was voted in the AFFIRMATIVE by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 22. Tony Ryan made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate four hundred fifty-six thousand three hundred eleven dollars (\$456,311) and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen, 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:

Land:

Public Land Acquisition Trust Fund	\$110,000
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Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment:

Emergency Major Equipment Rebuilding Trust Fund	\$25,907
Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund (Fire Truck)	
Fire Truck – grant match	\$12,000

Rescue Truck – new truck	\$133,000
Bessie M. Hall Trust (Fire Department) (Fire Fighter Equipment)	\$1,500
Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund	\$15,000
Buildings:	
Town Offices Building Capital Reserve Fund	\$25,000
Improvements Other Than Buildings:	
Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	\$17,500
Public Works Facility Capital Reserve Fund (Transfer Station)	\$35,000
Emergency Highway Repair Capital Reserve Fund	\$65,404
Property Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund	\$16,000
Total:	\$456,311

SECONDED

Selectman Dick Jones offered explanation of this article.

Fire Chief Michael Hinsley clarified information on the rescue truck replacement.

Tony Ryan offered an AMENDMENT to Article 22.

Amendment is to substitute “Salt Shed” for “Transfer Station” ; reading as follows:

Public Works Facility Capital Reserve Fund (Salt Shed) **\$35,000**

AMENDMENT was SECONDED

Discussion of the proposed amendment continued. A significant number of concerns and questions were presented regarding the compactor and Transfer Station issue. Selectman Pete Bleyler, a representative on the Transfer Station Committee indicated that he and a couple of the members of the committee had done site visits at other transfer stations that used compactors. They did not feel that foul smells, attracting rodents or raccoons or runoff that might compromise water sources (concerns expressed by several), were issues of concern.

The question was asked if the Town had a site plan in place for the Transfer Station and if they have state approval for operation.

Simon Carr, a consultant to the Transfer Station Committee, addressed this by saying that a site plan is being prepared but has not been submitted to the state as yet. He indicated that abutters to the Transfer Station could have input by attending a public hearing.

Mike Smith asked if Article 21 could be re-opened for consideration to further address this issue. Moderator Waste indicated it could not.

Lee Larson made the Motion to CALL THE QUESTION.

SECONDED

A request for PAPER BALLOT on Article 22 was presented to the Moderator, signed by 6 registered voters in the Town of Lyme.

SECONDED

Moderator Waste reminded attendees that the requested written ballot is addressing the proposed Amendment offered earlier by Tony Ryan, to change the description of the expenditure of \$35,000.00 in Article 22 from Transfer Station to Salt Shed.

A question of the legality of this vote was raised. Administrative Assistant, Carole Bont expressed concern about the accuracy of posted public notice if this change is accepted.

Mike Smith asked if there is a plan to address the salt shed issue if this amendment fails. Judy Brotman responded as Chair of the Highway Garage Committee that efforts had been made to follow through with the salt shed project, but that due to factors beyond their control they were unable to get a commitment from the dealer who specializes in the salt shed they were interested in.

Steve Maddock spoke in favor of voting expenditure for both needs-compact and salt shed- as these are what he considers environmental issues. He's also concerned that if the compact is not voted for, our arrangement with the current hauler for the Transfer Station will be compromised and cost the Town of Lyme more money.

Alfred Balch asked about the anticipated noise level with compact use. Pete Bleyler said based on the research previously mentioned, the noise level would be less than the packer now used is.

Ross McIntyre wondered if less salt could be kept on-site. Lee Larson felt that addressing the salt shed issue should happen sooner rather than later. He also asked what would happen if it turned out the vote taken at this time turns out to be illegal.

Moderator Waste addressed this from a Parliamentary perspective.

Katie Jenks indicated that she was under the impression that the Transfer Station in its current location was intended as a temporary site. One concern she has is that the growth and permanence created by these expenditures will compromise the efficiency of the Highway Garage site.

Paper ballots were distributed to registered voters in the Town of Lyme. While the ballot process took place, members of the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen contacted Town Counsel to obtain advice on proper and/or acceptable procedure to move forward on issues presented by Article 22.

Vote on AMENDMENT as proposed by Tony Ryan voted in the AFFIRMATIVE by Paper Ballot.

Total Ballots Cast : 121

YES 78 NO 43

The meeting resumed following the break for legal consultation and vote. Moderator Waste reminded attendees about the issue at hand.

Barney Brannen, Chair of the Budget Committee shared with attendees what he learned during the consultation with Town Counsel. That is, Voters must be careful of switching around the direction of a posted warrant article. Counsel advised that the Town follow up with the Department of Revenue Administration. It is Counsel's opinion that if the DRA is satisfied with the direction of the amendment and consequential vote then it would stand, however if DRA does not approve, the vote would be void.

For purposes of Parliamentary Procedure, this Amendment will be considered passed.

Barney Brannen offered a second AMENDMENT to Article 22:

To add to the appropriation from the Public Works Facility Reserve Fund \$23,000.00, to be expended, along with the existing \$35,000.00 line item, for purposes of the Transfer Station and Salt Shed.

SECONDED

Discussion continued.

Jack Elliott made the motion to CALL THE VOTE.

SECONDED

Motion to call the vote was voted in the NEGATIVE by Voice Vote.

Discussion continued.

James Graham moved to CALL THE QUESTION. Motion to call the question was voted in the AFFIRMATIVE by Voice Vote.

SECONDED

Amendment #2 to Article 22 as offered by Barney Brannen was voted in the AFFIRMATIVE by Voice Vote.

Article 22, as amended was voted in the AFFIRMATIVE by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 23. Kathy Larson made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to eight thousand three hundred dollars (\$8,300) 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 from the

Independence Day Celebration Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 2003 town meeting. This is a "special" warrant article pursuant to NH RA 32:3, VI.

SECONDED

Selectman Judy Brotman confirmed that this project is funded with private monies, and that those monies are deposited to the Town General Fund for disbursement toward expenses of this event. No tax dollars are used.

Article 23 was voted in the AFFIRMATIVE by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 24. See above--out of sequence vote.

ARTICLE 25. Barney Brannen made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million, eight hundred twenty-two thousand, four hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$1,822,438) which represents the operating budget as recommended in the budget by the Budget Committee; the Selectmen recommend one million, eight hundred five thousand, four hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$1,805,438). Said sum does **not** include special articles addressed in warrant articles 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24.

SECONDED

Barney Brannen spoke to this Article and offered a **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT** to his prior amendment to Article 22: **To Add \$10,000.00 to the Operating Budget (page 74, line 108- "Other Buildings-Town"-Town Report 2005).**

SECONDED

Comments, including questions concerning insurance costs for Town of Lyme employees were addressed by Selectman Peter Bleyler.

Charles Balch offered comments about the street lighting situation on Pleasant Street and offered a **MOTION** addressing Article 25: **"That the Board of Selectmen be instructed to direct the purchase and installation of three street lights on the utility poles on 1 Pleasant Street where such lights were formally located and that the budget item for street lighting expense be increased by 1200 dollars (\$1200.00) to cover the cost of this action."** (reference page 80, line 248 of 2005 Town Report)

SECONDED

The lighting issue and prior action taken in 2005 regarding the discontinuance of certain street lights in town was addressed by Selectman Dick Jones.

Motion presented by Charles Balch, which results in an AMENDMENT to Article 25 was voted in the AFFIRMATIVE by Voice Vote.

Dick Jones verified that the result of this vote brings the bottom line of Article 25 to One Million Eight Hundred Thirty three Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars (\$1,833,638.00); an addition of \$11,200.00 to the MS-7 subtotal found on page 65 of 2005 Town Report.

Article 25, as amended was voted in the AFFIRMATIVE by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 26. Steve Maddock made the motion that the Town vote to **Amend Article 28 of the Town Meeting dated March 8, 2005**, by changing the membership of the Recreation Commission to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 35-B:4 from a 7-member commission to a 5-member commission.

SECONDED

Article 26 was voted in the AFFIRMATIVE by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 27. George Palmer made the motion to hear reports of Agents, Auditors, or Committees or other officers heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

SECONDED

Article 27 was voted in the AFFIRMATIVE by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 28. Roger Berger made the motion to transact any other business that may be legally brought before this Town Meeting.

SECONDED

Judy Brotman offered appreciation to out-going Selectman Peter Bleyler for his three years of service on the Board of Selectmen. Pete was acknowledged with a round of applause.

Michael Hinsley recognized the Highway crew, specifically Mark Hewes, Russell Stearns, Scott Bailey and Bill LaBombard for admirable efforts during a particularly difficult year of significant health issues and reduced man-power within the Highway Department.

Jennifer Cooke asked about an increase of road signs that keep appearing on the back roads. According to the Police Chief and Selectmen, these are safety issues requested and paid for by private citizens or required by state law.

Cynthia Bognolo suggested that better efforts toward communicating issues before they come to Town Meeting for a vote would be appreciated and helpful. She also pointed out that while the street light issue was addressed by the administration with an effort toward fiscal responsibility, the human factor was equally, if not more important to consider. Preventative safety should always be a priority.

The issue of traffic concerns in front of the school was addressed. Chief Field indicated that she is confident that the rearrangement of the crosswalk will help, and reminded folks that the speed limit is reduced in front of the school during the hours when children are present and for 45 minutes before and after school is open. In our case the limit is reduced to 20 miles per hour during these times. She'll also recommend to the State that we have regulation school crossing flashing lights installed to help with safety of kids crossing, loading and unloading during school hours of operation. She reminds us that if we obey the law and speed limit, those behind us will also.

Charles Ragan also spoke about the recommended crosswalk change on behalf of the Safety and Joint Loss Prevention Committee for the Town of Lyme. The S&L Committee has been supporting and recommending this action for several years in an effort toward preventative safety measure.

Moderator Waste offered deep appreciation to all in attendance for the patient and thoughtful participation in today's meeting.

This meeting was adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia G. Jenks
Town Clerk
Town of Lyme