

TOWN OF LYME

Town Meeting
March 13, 2012

MINUTES

Town Moderator William Waste called this meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. Attendees of this meeting numbered approximately 240 people. The polls opened for voting at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 7:00 P.M. for Articles 1 and 2.

Troop #273 of the Lyme Boy Scouts presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rather than an opening prayer, the Past, Present and Future were acknowledged.

Remembering the *Past*, Rev. Lorain Giles honored the following:

Frances Ackerly

Paul Anderson Jr.

Jean Aull

Beverly Frost Balch

Warren Birch

Alexandra Capsis

Jacob Cooke

Laurel Finley

Eugene Hoch

Wilbur Hutchins

Priscilla King

Arlene McGuire

Robert Owen

Louise Pushee

Judith Thrasher

Rebeca Vidal

Raymond Zack

Honoring the *Present*:

Jeff Valence, on behalf of the Lyme Foundation, presented the *2012 Citizen of the Year* Award to Mike and Jean Smith.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Charles Ragan presented Outstanding Service Awards to retiring Town Moderator William Waste and to O. Ross McIntyre who has an accumulated 41 years of volunteer participation on various boards and committees. In addition he acknowledged the retirement of Wallace Ragan who has served the Town of Lyme as Emergency Management Director for 20 years. Wallace will be presented a plaque when he returns from his winter warmth.

Honoring the *Future* (new babies in 2011): Susan MacKenzie announced the names of the new babies born to Lyme families in 2011. These names are found in the Vital Statistic section of the Town Report.

Moderator Waste gave general instructions and meeting rules. *Voice without Vote* was approved for Zoning Administrator David Robbins, Town Attorney Jae Whitelaw and Officer Tony Swett. It was also agreed that non-resident property owners would be authorized to speak at this meeting.

The rules for debate were presented-- civility and respect at all times. Comments would be addressed to the Moderator and microphones will be used to enable clear communication. The Moderator forewarned that Articles 7, 8, 17 & 18 would be voted by paper ballot upon being moved and seconded. People were instructed to obtain the voting cards (paper ballot) from the designated ballot clerks.

Mr. Waste offered sincere thanks to the community for the support he has received in his tenure as Town Moderator and commended the community for its continuing participation and respectful efforts in the operations of the Town. He was given a standing ovation in recognition of his efforts.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Budget Committee	Three members for 3 years:	Morton F. Bailey Richard G. Jones Charles Ragan
Cemetery Commissioner	One member for 3 years:	Michael C. Hinsley
Cemetery Commissioner	One member for 2 years:	Laurel Ross
Library Trustees	Three members for 3 years:	Anne Baird Margaret (Mardi) Bowles Nancy Snyder
Town Moderator	One member for 2 years:	Kevin Peterson
Overseer of Public Welfare	One member for 1 year:	Nancy Elizabeth Grandine
Planning Board members	One member for 3 years:	John Stadler
Road Agent	One member for 1 year:	Fred O. Stearns III
Selectman	One member for 3 years:	C. Jay Smith
Sexton	One member for 1 year:	William H. LaBombard
Supervisor of the Checklist	One member for 6 years:	John Mudge
Town Clerk	One member for 3 years:	Patricia G. Jenks
Trustee of the Trust Funds	One member for 3 years:	Marlene Green

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

Amend Section 5.13. E.2 so that the distance between sewage disposal systems and wells that serve public water supplies shall be as required by the State rather than 400’, and the map in Appendix E. shall be amended to show the locations of all the public water supply wells as registered from time to time with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. The current state requirements are as follows:

Protective Radius(Ft)	Design Flow (GPD)
75	0 - 750
100	751 - 1,440
125	1,441 - 4,320
150	4,321 - 14,400
175	14,401 - 28,800
200	28,801 - 57,600
250	57,601 - 86,400
300	86,401 - 115,200
350	115,201 - 144,000
400	Greater than 144,001

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

ARTICLE 2 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY OFFICIAL BALLOT:
YES 349 NO 41

ARTICLE 3. Judy Brotman made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million nine hundred forty seven thousand three hundred and fifty dollars (**\$1,947,350**) which represents the operating budget as recommended by the Budget Committee. Said sum does **not** include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles. (Majority vote required.) (The Select Board recommended an operating budget of \$1,947,350 by a vote of 3-0.) (The Budget Committee recommended an operating budget of \$1,947,350 by a vote of 7-1.)

SECONDED

No discussion.

ARTICLE 3 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 4. Richard Jones made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty six thousand one hundred thirty dollars (**\$86,130.00**) for the purpose of maintenance, construction and reconstruction of class IV & V highways; said sum to be offset from the State of New Hampshire Block Grant Aid estimated payments for the 2012 calendar year. Said sum does **not** include appropriations in any other warrant articles.
(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

Note: This appropriation will show up on the MS-2(expenditures) and the MS-4(revenues) Department of Revenue annual forms. This is an in/out and does not affect the operating budget.

SECONDED

Richard Jones commented that this article was drafted by state law and that there are no Class 4 roads in town.

Selectman Simon Carr explained that the State requires this as a separate warrant article, but action reflects the same procedure as previously done.

ARTICLE 4 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 5. Mark Schiffman made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate three hundred seventy six thousand three hundred eighty eight dollars (**\$376,388**) to be added to the following Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds previously established for the purposes for which they were created.

Capital Reserve Funds:

Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	\$100,000
Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	\$102,174
Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$48,214
Emergency Highway Repair Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000
Town Buildings Major Maintenance and Repair Fund	\$10,000
Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund	<u>\$11,000</u>
Capital Reserve Funds Subtotal:	\$321,388

Expendable Trust Funds:

Emergency Major Equipment Rebuilding Trust Fund	\$20,000
Town Poor Expendable Trust Fund	<u>\$35,000</u>
Expendable Trust Funds Subtotal:	\$55,000

Capital Reserve Funds and Expendable Trust Funds	Total:	\$376,388
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(These appropriations are **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.)
(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

SECONDED

Simon Car explained that Capital Reserve accounts could be considered as “saving for the future”.

ARTICLE 5 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 6. Scott May made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate four thousand dollars (**\$4,000**) and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of such

funds from the Capital Reserve and Trust Funds for the purposes for which they were created as submitted by the Budget Committee as follows:

Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment:

Firefighting Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (Firefighter Protective Clothing)	\$4,000
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Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Fund	Total:	\$4,000
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(These appropriations are **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.)
(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

SECONDED

Simon Carr explained this represents the regular upgrade and/or replacement of firefighting equipment.

ARTICLE 6 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 7. Jay Smith made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to five hundred ninety thousand seven hundred dollars (**\$590,700**) for the purpose of repairing the river bank and relocating and reconstructing the portion of River Road between Marselis Parsons’ property (Map 404 Lot 18) and Carola Lea’s property (Map 404 Lot 16) that was damaged by the flooding and to acquire the necessary easements for the relocation and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said sum from the unreserved fund balance as of December 31, 2011. Such repairs to follow the design of and be supervised by a licensed engineer.

The sums being made up of:

Payments to landowners and Conservation easement holder:	\$ 14,000
River bank repair:	\$427,100
New road construction:	<u>\$149,600</u>
	Total \$590,700

(This appropriation is **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.)
(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-2.)
Note: taking these funds from the unreserved fund balance, this year the Town will be obliged to borrow against taxes earlier in the year than it does now. The anticipated impact will be that 4723 Interest on the Tax Anticipatory Note will be increased by a maximum of \$8,000 this year.

SECONDED

Jay Smith complemented the Selectmen on their efforts concerning this project and spoke in favor of the article.

Simon Carr shared that the Selectmen has received word there would be a 75% grant (up to \$329,000) from the USDA for the river bank work. As the grant is a reimbursement of expended funds, the article requesting funds for the repair needs to stand.

Issues concerning funding and future maintenance were discussed.

Duncan Mackintosh also commended the Selectmen for their efforts and read a letter sent to this meeting from Gillian Tyler at her request.

Carola Lea spoke in favor of Article 7 and acknowledged Shirley Tullar who was responsible for alerting the Town to the possible USDA support. Carola also thanked Simon Carr for the many hours of work he has put into this project. In closing she read a letter she had received from Deborah Weymouth of NRCS in support of Article 7.

Helen North asked if the project specifications included burying the power lines. Simon Carr responded that no, they didn't and to consider this would be an additional (estimated) \$50,000.

David Keane wondered if the proposed work would take care of the sink holes. Simon Carr responded that the engineers believe it will. Other areas of River Road will be evaluated for future work.

Donna Andersen spoke in favor of Article 7, stating that her business (Breakfast on the Connecticut) has suffered significant lost revenue as the result of the extended road closure.

Laurence Butterfield asked if the grant money could be used for additional work to the road rather than to offset the cost of repairs to this section.

Simon Carr replied that the grant was specific to this particular section.

Additional quick questions were answered for Jane Fant, Chris Jackson, Lee Larson, Faith Catlin, Richard Jones, Cynthia Bognolo, Colin Robinson and David Kotz. These included the following:

-If the Town is sued, is it insured and are the Selectmen responsible? The Town is insured—Attorney Jae Whitelaw outlined and explained different scenarios; and if the Selectmen are deemed to be “reckless” they may be held personally accountable.

-The town has applied for the necessary NHDES permits; approval is in progress.

-If undesignated funds balance did not have to be used for the River Road project, could it be used to reduce taxes? Possibly.

-Are there any current law suits? There are a couple of tax abatement issues and nothing else current.

-Once the concerning section of River Road is repaired, will other sections be addressed when the dam is adjusted? Yes.

-Once this section is stabilized, do we know what the effect will be for downstream? The DES permit addresses this.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator moved to a vote by paper ballot.

ARTICLE 7 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY PAPER BALLOT

YES 208

NO 20

BACK UP ARTICLE: APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE TO REPAIR RIVER ROADWASH OUT

***If this warrant article is approved, it shall only be effective if
Warrant Article 7 is NOT approved.***

ARTICLE 8. Steve Maddock made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to ninety thousand dollars (**\$90,000**) for the purpose of conducting an engineering study by a NH licensed engineer for the repair of the river bank and River Road between Marselis Parsons' property (Map 404 Lot 18) and Carola Lea's property (Map 404 Lot 16) and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said sum from the unreserved fund balance as of December 31, 2011.

(This appropriation is **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-2 with 1 abstention.)

Note: taking these funds from the unreserved fund balance, this year the Town will be obliged to borrow against taxes earlier in the year than it does now. The anticipated impact will be that 4723 Interest on the Tax Anticipatory Note will be increased by a maximum of \$800 this year.

SECONDED

Charles Ragan made the motion to TABLE ARTICLE 8.
MOTION TO TABLE ARTICLE 8 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 9. Paul Klee made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand six hundred sixty three dollars (**\$15,663**) for the completion of the cemetery cremation garden and to authorize funding this appropriation by the withdrawal of such sum from the Cemetery Maintenance Gifts and Donations Fund (established by the Select Board on January 5, 2000).

(This appropriation is **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

Note: In 2006 Margaret Burdette Wise left \$30,000 to the Town of Lyme for cemetery use, the above amount is the balance left to spend.

SECONDED

ARTICLE 9 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

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

ARTICLE 10. Beverly Strout made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand six hundred dollars (**\$1,600**) to be placed into the New Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund re-established in 2005 under the provisions of RSA 35:1, and to authorize funding this appropriation by the withdrawal of said sum from the Cemetery Special Revenue Fund established in 2005 under the provisions of RSA 31:95-c.

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

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0.)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

SECONDED

ARTICLE 10 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 11. Philip Barta made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand four hundred dollars (**\$8,400**) to sponsor an Independence Day celebration, including but not limited to a parade, a picnic and fireworks and to fund this appropriation by authorizing withdrawal of that sum from the Independence Day Celebration Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 2003 Town Meeting.

(This appropriation is **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

SECONDED

ARTICLE 11 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 12. Cindy Swart made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand and three dollars (**\$6,003**) to put into the “Blisters for Books Expendable Trust Fund” established in 2007 for the purpose of purchasing children’s books, audiotapes and other resources and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said sum from the 12/31/2011 unreserved fund balance. The amount represents monies taken into the general fund in 2011 from last year’s Blisters for Books.

(This appropriation is **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

Note: This amount of money has already been raised from last year's Blisters for Books. The Library Trustees are appointed to expend from this fund.

SECONDED

ARTICLE 12 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 13. Lee Larson made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to ten thousand dollars (**\$10,000**) for the purchase of service to update the Town Forest Management Plan, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said sum from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund.

(This appropriation is **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Conservation Commission.) (Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

SECONDED

Lee spoke about the management plan for the Town Forest and indicated that it was overdue for an update. There's an additional 156 acres which are not yet covered by the existing plan. Money needs to be added to the fund according to state law and the funds may only be expended by a vote at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 13 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 14. Mardi Bowles made the motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to eight thousand dollars (**\$8,000**) for renovations to the library's building and to authorize funding this appropriation by the withdrawal of such sum from unexpended non-current funds held in the Converse Free Library's operating accounts.

(This appropriation is **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by vote of 9-0.)

Note: The library seeks permission to spend up to \$8,000 of unexpended non-current funds on renovating the portico over the front door and on painting interior woodwork in the front portion of the library.

SECONDED

ARTICLE 14 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 15. Blake Allison made the motion that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand two hundred fifty dollars (**\$6,250**) for milfoil treatment of Post Pond, to be funded 50% (\$3,125) through a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, with the remaining 50% (\$3,125) to be raised by taxation.

(This appropriation is **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Conservation Commission.)

(Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee by vote of 9-0.)

SECONDED

Mr. Allison provided some background about this article.

There were questions and concerns regarding the use of herbicides and the effects on

wildlife, the rate of success with treatment, use of watercrafts, how to monitor the boats entering and exiting the pond and if Resevior Pond was being monitored.

Responses include: Herbicides will be used as last resort with the understanding is that the ones used by the company providing them are not particularly threatening to the wildlife. Given the aggressive nature of the plant the Conservation Commission feels it's critical to act on the problem sooner rather than later. Success is not absolute. Boats, water fowl and pretty much any object travelling from one body of water where the plant is present to another body of water may likely introduce it.

Resevior Pond has been monitored and according to Conservation Commission representatives does not exhibit signs of invasion, although that determination was challenged by Don Elder who encouraged more monitoring and action when necessary on that pond.

The monitoring of boats and watercraft activity is something to be considered. A petition to the State of New Hampshire could be presented to address allowing no motorized crafts on the water.

It was noted that both Lake Fairlee and Lake Morey made aggressive efforts to eradicate the milfoil with poor results. It was felt that efforts should have started much sooner than they did.

Laurence Butterfield, a Post Pond property owner offered the use of his pontoon boat for treatment efforts. He is concerned about chemicial use, such as products containing some of the same ingredients as Agent Orange. Information about the treatment options may be found in the Town Offices.

Several people spoke in support of this effort and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Charles Ragan indicated that the State of New Hampshire has provided funding for treatment efforts to New Hampshire towns.

ARTICLE 15 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE

ARTICLE 16. Amy Record made the motion that the Town serve and encourage the town's agricultural heritage and to insure the availability of local food sources for the residents of Lyme we the following petition the town to exempt certain agricultural buildings from local property taxes including:

1. Buildings that house animals to produce food or fiber for sale to the public.
2. Buildings used to store feed, bedding or machinery involved in agricultural food production for sale to the local public where such use of said buildings is no less than 75%, and annual receipts are no greater than \$500,000/year subject to annual review and approval by the Select Board.

(Majority vote required.) (Not recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.)

SECONDED

Amy Record explained the rational behind this petitioned warrant article which was intended to help local farmers, of which few are left and all of whom are struggling. She understands the wording of the article is not legal but wondered if there are tools available to the governing body which enbles more help/forgivance to the working farms.

The response to this came from Charles Ragan who indicated anyone may apply for an abatement on taxes and from Attorney Jae Whitelaw who touched on various legal options. There are no easy answers to this issue at this time.

The question was asked if certain farm buildings may be exempted from taxation. Simon Carr indicated no more than is done now.

Steve Maddock urged the town to approve this advisory article in support of the local farms. He also urged the Board of Selectmen and our State Representative to address the issue.

David Celone asked if the language was amended and the proposed article revised, would the Board of Selectmen be empowered and able to issue abatements as requested or is there a law preventing this.

Attorney Jae Whitelaw said that the Town does not have the authority to instruct the Selectmen to do anything and the request would not be supported by legislation.

State Representative Beatriz Pastor, a resident of Lyme spoke to this, indicating that it would be very helpful if this body voted in support of this article. She could then meet with the Department of Agriculture and work on crafting a law which might help.

Tom Toner asked if the statutes addressing this have been thoroughly investigated. The answer was that 79-F would have to come to the next Town Meeting for authorization; 79B is already in place.

Shirley Tullar spoke in favor of this article.

ARTICLE 16 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR RE-OPENING RIVER ROAD TO ONE LANE ON TEMPORARY BASIS FROM UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate fifteen thousand three hundred dollars (**\$15,300**) for the purpose of re-opening River Road on a temporary basis between Marselis Parsons' property (Map 404 Lot 18) and Carola Lea's property (Map 404 Lot 16) which is the portion currently closed to vehicular traffic, to one lane of vehicular traffic, with suitable use of jersey barriers, signs, and other reasonable means of redirecting and warning said traffic, until such time as a more permanent plan is developed and adopted for reopening that section of road to two-way traffic, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said sum from the unreserved fund balance as of December 31, 2011. Such temporary re-opening to follow the design of the NH DOT and to be supervised by the Road Agent.

(This appropriation is **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Majority vote required.) (Not recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.)

(Not recommended by the Budget Committee by vote of 5-4.)

**THERE BEING NO MOTION TO MOVE THIS ARTICLE,
ARTICLE 17 WAS PASSED OVER.**

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE BACK UP ARTICLE APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO TAKE LAND BY EMINENT DOMAIN ABUTTING RIVER ROAD AND TO MOVE RIVER ROAD SO AS TO RE-OPEN TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC

If the warrant article is approved, it shall only be effective if warrant article 7 is NOT approved.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred sixty-three thousand six hundred dollars (**\$163,600**) to take, by eminent domain land immediately abutting River Road on its East side between Marselis Parsons' property (Map 404 Lot 18) and Carola Lea's property (Map 404 Lot 16), which is the portion currently closed to vehicular traffic and to relocate said section of River Road east of its current location and thereby reopen to two-way traffic, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said sum from the unreserved fund balance as of December 31, 2011. The sums being made up of:

Payments to landowners and conservation easement holder:	\$14,000
Road Construction	<u>\$149,600</u>
	\$163,600

(This appropriation is **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Majority vote required. (Not recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.)

(Not recommended by the Budget Committee by vote of 4-0 with 5 abstentions.)

**THERE BEING NO MOTION TO MOVE THIS ARTICLE,
ARTICLE 18 WAS PASSED OVER.**

REPORTS OF AGENTS, AUDITORS & COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 19. Richard Jones made the motion to hear reports of Agents, Auditors, or Committees or other officers heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.
(Majority vote required.)

Richard Jones pointed out that page 118 of the 2012 Town Report should have stated he served as Selectman for 15 years.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Tim Cook spoke about the newly formed Heritage Commission and the project they're working on having to do with homes over 50 years old.

Simon Carr thanked Charles Ragan for his service as Selectman for 6 years. Charles was given a round of applause.

Kathy Larson asked that the Board of Selectmen find a way to prevent the Academy Building from having to be closed during mud season. She encouraged other boards, committees and individuals to support this request.

There being no further comment or discussion this meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia G. Jenks
Town Clerk