

LYME SELECT BOARD

FIRST QUARTER REPORT

MARCH 31ST, 2017

With 2016 in the rearview mirror and the budget request set, work on the final warrant articles continued for the Public Hearing in February. While we had so far escaped unscathed by any big winter storms the freeze thaw cycles and small but frequent storms were already taking their toll on men and equipment.

The Board continued to work on a variety of projects from input to the FERC hearings and updates on Trans-Canada's relicensing application to discussing summer plans for rebuilding/reconstructing some town roads with the Road Agent, prioritizing plans for River Road repairs, finalizing plans to "solarize" the Town Office Building and installing high efficiency lighting at the Highway Garage to save taxpayers money.

As March began all eyes were on Town Meeting. The Moderator was contacting all the poll workers, holding meetings on how to get set up and any new changes to voting laws or procedures. Just when we thought we had it all figured out, Mother Nature decided to throw a wrench in the gears. After a fairly mild winter for New England a Nor'easter was on the horizon. Town Officials watched the weather reports, listened to the conflicting legal advice and on Monday evening made the decision to press on. The snow came Tuesday, a little earlier than planned, but Town Meeting and ballot voting was completed.

We want to thank all the Poll Workers, the food preparers who fed us as the polls closed all the behind the scenes people who made Town Meeting come off so smoothly. We also want to thank all the brave citizens who came out in typical New England fashion, regardless of the weather, to exercise their right to express their opinions and cast their ballots. And to the newly elected and returning members we wish you a productive term.

While the thermometer doesn't show it yet April showers and May flowers are just ahead. Of course so is mud season but we will get through it all with your help and support.

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