

**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

GRAFTON, SS

TOWN OF LYME

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lyme, New Hampshire, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Lyme, New Hampshire, will be held at the Lyme Community Gymnasium in the Lyme School on Tuesday, March 13th, 2018, at 7:00 AM, to act upon the following subjects:

Polls will open for voting by ballot on Articles 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 on Tuesday, March 13th, 2017, at 7:00 AM and will close at 7:00 PM, unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. The business portion of the meeting will convene at 9:00 AM that same day, when all of the other Articles will be considered.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Budget Committee-3 members for 3 years
Cemetery Commission- 1 member for 3 years
Library Trustees-3 members for 3 years
Town Moderator- 1 member for 2 years
Overseer of Public Welfare- One member for 1 year
Planning Board-1 member for 3 years
Select Board-1 member for 3 years
Supervisor of the Checklist-1 member for 6 years
Town Clerk-1 member for 2 years
Trustee of the Trust Funds-1 member for 3 years

PETITION FOR AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE

ARTICLE 2. To amend the Lyme Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 3.22 “Commercial District” by extending the southerly boundary of the district on the west side of Route 10 so that the southerly boundary of the district shall follow the southerly boundary lines of Lots 53.1 and 53.2 as shown on the Town Tax Maps. The distance of the depth of the district from Route 10 shall remain 1000 feet as currently shown on the Town Zoning Map, Appendix D.

To amend Appendix D, Lyme Zoning Map, to show the extension of the southerly boundary of the “Commercial District” as described above.

RSA 675:4

(Not recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 4-1)

AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCES

ARTICLE 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Lyme Planning Board for Section 5.21 of the Lyme Zoning Ordinance to add the word “average” as follows:

5.21 Height Regulations.

- A. The greatest height of any point on the structure shall not exceed 35 feet from the **average** finished grade except as permitted below or within the Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance. A special exception may be granted by the ZBA if recommended by the Fire Chief due to specific site conditions which allow adequate fire protection.

(Recommended by the Planning Board by a unanimous vote)

ARTICLE 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Lyme Planning Board for Section 8.26 of the Lyme Zoning Ordinance to ensure that the replacement of a non-residential or multi-dwelling has a site plan review prior to the issuance of a zoning permit:

Current Language:

8.26 Replacement, Restoration, and Reconstruction. Nothing herein shall prevent the substantial restoration or reconstruction within two years of a non-conforming building or structure destroyed in whole or in part by fire or other natural casualties, to include snow load, wind, or age, or the replacement of a building or structure so long as this use does not result in a new or increased violation. Such a restored, reconstructed, or replaced building or structure shall be considered an existing building or structure for purposes of this Ordinance.

The proposed language:

8.26 Replacement, Restoration, and Reconstruction. Any non-residential or multi-dwelling replacement, restoration or reconstruction requires Site Plan Review prior to the issuance of a Zoning Permit. Otherwise nothing herein shall prevent the substantial restoration or reconstruction within two years of a non-conforming building or structure destroyed in whole or in part by fire or other natural casualties, to include snow load, wind, or age, or the replacement of a building or structure so long as this use does not result in a new or increased violation. Such a restored, reconstructed, or replaced building or structure shall be considered an existing building or structure for purposes of this ordinance.

(Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 4-1)

ARTICLE 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Lyme Planning Board for Section 8.27 of the Lyme Zoning Ordinance to ensure that the replacement of a non-conforming non-residential or a non-conforming multi-dwelling has a site plan review prior to the issuance of a zoning permit:

Current Language:

8.27 Replacement of a Non-conforming Structure. Nothing herein shall prevent the replacement of a non-conforming structure so long as the replacement does not result in a new or increased violation.

The proposed language:

8.27 Replacement of a Non-conforming Structure. Any non-residential or multi-dwelling replacement requires Site Plan Review prior to the issuance of a Zoning Permit. Otherwise nothing herein shall prevent the replacement of a non-conforming structure so long as the replacement does not result in a new or increased violation.

(Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 4-1)

TOWN OPERATING BUDGET

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million two hundred and forty-eight thousand and twenty-seven dollars (**\$2,248,027.00**) 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 to recommend an operating budget of \$2,248,027 by a vote of 3-0.)

(The Budget Committee to recommend an operating budget of \$2,248,027 by a vote of 8-0.)

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BLOCK GRANT APPROPRIATION

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety thousand dollars (**\$90,000**) for the purpose of maintenance, construction and reconstruction of class IV & V highways with \$90,000 anticipated to come from the State of New Hampshire Block Grant. (No amount to be raised by taxation)

Said sum does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.

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

TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS AND TRUST FUNDS

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate four hundred sixty-nine thousand five hundred dollars (**\$469,500**) 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	\$150,000
Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$37,000
Class V Roads Rehab Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000
Public Works Facility Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000
Emergency Highway Repair Capital Reserve Fund	\$40,000
Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund	\$7,500
Town Buildings Major Maintenance and Repair Fund	\$10,000
Fire Fighting Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund	<u>\$5,000</u>
Capital Reserve Funds Subtotal:	\$459,500

Expendable Trust Funds:

Town Poor Expendable Trust Fund	<u>\$10,000</u>
Expendable Trust Funds Subtotal:	\$10,000

Capital Reserve Funds and Expendable Trust Funds Total: \$469,500

(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.)

LAND USE CHANGE TAX FUND

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to rescind the 1993 vote that directed that one hundred (100) percent of funds collected through the Land Use Change Tax be deposited in the Conservation Fund, and further to vote one hundred (100%) percent of fund collected through the Land Use Change Tax be deposited in a Land Use Change Tax Fund.
(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0)

WITHDRAWAL FROM CAPITAL RESERVE

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty one thousand five hundred dollars (**\$181,500**) to fund the following purchases by authorizing the withdrawal of such funds from the Capital Reserve Funds for the purposes for which they were created as submitted by the Budget Committee:

Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund: Loader: \$174,000

Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund: Equipment: \$7,500

Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds Total: \$181,500

(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)

(No amount to be raised by taxation)

LEASE-TO-OWN AGREEMENT FOR A 2015 BOMAG ROLLER

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand eighty-one dollars (**\$18,081**) for the fifth payment on a 5-year lease/purchase of a Bomag Roller for the Highway Department. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

(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 Select Board by a vote of 3-0)

***APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ROAD REPAIR AT
RIVER ROAD/GRANT BROOK SOUTH LOCATION***

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred forty eight thousand five hundred thirty nine dollars (**\$248,539.00**) for the purpose of stabilizing the portion of River Road south of Grant Brook on River Road. The funds will be used for all expenses necessary to repair and stabilize the river bank, including but not limited to testing, engineering, construction and materials for this project. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, and will not lapse until the road is reopened or

December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner.

(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 Select Board by a vote of 3-0.)

***APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ROAD REPAIR DUE TO JULY 1ST STORM
BAKER HILL # 1 LOCATION***

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (**\$200,000**) for the purpose of repairing and stabilizing the portion of Baker Hill Road damaged by the July 1st, 2017 storm to include testing, engineering, construction and materials for this project. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, and will not lapse until the road repair is complete or December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner.

(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 Select Board by a vote of 3-0.)

CULVERT INVENTORY PROJECT

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty one thousand dollars (**\$21,000**) to be used towards funding the Lyme Culvert Inventory Project, with ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500) to be funded through cost sharing paid by NHDOT's UPWP funding and ten thousand five hundred (\$10,500) 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 Select Board by a vote of 3-0.)

***INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND***

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred eighty-four dollars (**\$7,584.00**) to sponsor an Independence Day celebration, including but not limited to a parade, picnic, music and family fun 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 Select Board by a vote of 3-0.)

(No amount to be raised by taxation)

MILFOIL TREATMENT FOR POST POND

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty six thousand seven hundred eighty-five dollars (**\$26,785.00**) for milfoil treatment of Post Pond, with six thousand six hundred ninety-six dollars (\$6,696.00) to be funded through a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; a withdrawal of thirteen thousand eight hundred sixty-six dollars (\$13,866.00) from the unassigned fund balance and six thousand two hundred twenty-three dollars (\$6,223.00) to be funded by the Conservation Commission. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the milfoil problem is resolved or by

December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner.

(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 Select Board by a vote of 3-0.)

(No amount to be raised by taxation)

POLICE SPECIAL DETAIL REVOLVING FUND

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of Police Special Details and equipment. All revenues received from fees, charges, or other income derived from the police working a special detail will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (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 Select Board by a vote of 3-0.)

REPORTS OF AGENTS, AUDITORS & COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 18. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, or Committees or other officers heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

(Majority vote required.)

OTHER BUSINESS

ARTICLE 19. To transact any other business that may be legally brought before this Town Meeting.