

**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 official polls of the Town of Lyme, New Hampshire, will be held at the Lyme Community room/Gymnasium in the Lyme School on Tuesday, March 14th, 2023, at 9:00 AM, to act upon the following subjects:

Polls will open for voting by ballot on Article 1 on Tuesday, March 14th, 2023, at **7:00 AM and will close at 7:00 PM**, unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS

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

Budget Committee-2 positions for a 3 year term
Budget Committee-2 positions for a 2 year term
Cemetery Commission-1 position for a 3 year term
Library Trustees-3 positions for a 3 year term
Library Trustee-1 position for a 1 year term
Overseer of Public Welfare-1 position for a 1 year term
Planning Board-1 position for a 3 year term
Planning Board-1 position for a 2 year term
Select Board-1 position for a 3 year term
Trustee of the Trust Funds-1 position for a 3 year term
Supervisor of the Checklist-1 position for a 1 year term

ZONING ARTICLES

WARRANT ARTICLE # 2

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of changes to the Lyme Floodplain Development Ordinance as proposed by NH Office of Planning and Development and recommended by the Lyme Planning Board. This update is provided by State and Federal authorities and makes certain language more accurate and current.

(The explanation and full text for this article is located at the end of this warrant document.)

TOWN OPERATING BUDGET

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million seven hundred fifty nine thousand nine hundred ninety seven dollars (**\$2,759,997**) 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.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)

TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS AND TRUST FUNDS

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate three hundred ninety thousand dollars (**\$390,000**) 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	\$50,000
Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	\$200,000
Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Property Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Class V Roads Rehab Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Public Works Facility Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000
Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,000
Town Buildings Major Maintenance and Repair Fund	\$5,000
Fire Fighting Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$20,000
Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund	<u>\$5,000</u>
Capital Reserve Funds Subtotal:	\$365,000

Expendable Trust Funds:

Town Poor Expendable Trust Fund	\$20,000
Annual Leave Trust Fund	<u>\$5,000</u>
Expendable Trust Funds total:	\$25,000

Capital Reserve Funds and Expendable Trust Funds Total: \$390,000

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 8-0.) (To be raised by taxation.)

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BLOCK GRANT APPROPRIATION

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-five thousand dollars (**\$95,000**) for the purpose of maintenance, construction and reconstruction of Class IV & V highways with \$95,000 anticipated to come from the State of New Hampshire Block Grant. Said sum does **not** include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles. (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty one thousand seven hundred seventeen dollars (**\$81,717**) for the annual payment on the Fire Station, the purchase of which was authorized in 2020; and further to authorize the withdrawal of this amount from the Public Works Facility Capital Reserve 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 Select Board by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

WITHDRAWAL FROM VEHICLE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty two thousand two hundred fifty two dollars (**\$82,252**) for the annual payment on the Fire Truck, the purchase of which was authorized in 2019; and further to authorize the withdrawal of this amount from the Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. The purchase agreement does not contain 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.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

WITHDRAWAL FROM VEHICLE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred forty three thousand seven hundred dollars (**\$243,700**) for the purchase of a highway truck and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of such funds from the Vehicle Capital Reserve 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 Select Board by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

WITHDRAWAL FROM CLASS V ROADS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred forty thousand dollars (**\$240,000**) to fund the completion of the Goose Pond Road project and to authorize the withdrawal of such funds from the Class V Roads Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose.

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.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

***WITHDRAWAL FROM FIRE FIGHTING SAFETY EQUIPMENT
PURCHASING AND MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND***

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty eight thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (**\$38,250**) to fund the purchase of firefighting gear and equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of such funds from the Fire Fighting Safety Equipment Purchasing and Maintenance Trust Fund for this purpose. 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 8-0.) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

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

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand nine hundred eighty-three dollars (**\$6,983**) 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.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

MILFOIL TREATMENT FOR POST POND

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars nine hundred sixty dollars (**\$25,960**) for milfoil treatment of Post Pond, with twelve thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars (**\$12,980**) to be funded through a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; and the balance of twelve thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars (**\$12,980**) to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. 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, 2027, 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.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

***WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CEMETERY MAINTENANCE GIFTS
AND DONATIONS FUND***

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand nine hundred ninety-one dollars (**\$15,991**) to be used towards funding maintenance of the Town Cemeteries 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 Select Board by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

***APPOINT AGENTS TO FIRE FIGHTING SAFETY EQUIPMENT PURCHASING AND
MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND***

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to appoint the Select Board as the agent to expend from the Fire Fighting Safety Equipment Purchasing and Maintenance Trust Fund previously established in 2002, provided that the Select Board may only expend from the Fund upon the written request of the Fire Chief. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0).

READOPT THE ALL VETERANS TAX CREDIT

ARTICLE 15. Shall the town READOPT the ALL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans tax credit voted by the town under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0)

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town shall require the Select Board to perform a “Full Statistical Revaluation” for the tax year 2024 to update appraised property values to more accurately reflect current market (ad Valorem) values and establish a new base year pursuant to RSA 75:1 Rev 601.02; and further to withdraw the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars (**\$55,000.00**) from the Property Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose.

(Not recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 4-3-2)

REPORTS OF AGENTS, AUDITORS & COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 17. 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 18. To transact any other business that may be legally brought before this Town Meeting.