

TOWN OF LYME, NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN MEETING

March 13, 2018

Minutes

Town Moderator Kevin Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM in the Lyme School Community Gymnasium. There were approximately 225 people in attendance.

As this year presented another significant storm prediction, the Moderator took a minute to explain the state laws and regulations about the postponement of warned town meetings. Voting by official ballot may not be postponed (unless under critical circumstances). The Moderator has the authority to postpone the deliberative portion of Town Meeting. After consulting with Police and other Election officials it was decided to proceed with the entire meeting as posted.

The Moderator voiced appreciation of all veterans and asked those in attendance to stand or raise a hand and be recognized.

Troop #273 of the Lyme Boy Scouts presented the Colors and those attending this meeting recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Amy Hayden, reflecting on the Past, read the list of those having died since the 2017 Town Meeting with significant Lyme connections. Those included in the list are:

Gene Rondeau

Ronald JA Balch

Joanne Sailer

Bruce Matulay

Freda Swan

Charles Balch

Henry Swan

Mike Whitcomb

Bruce Smith

Joseph Danaher

Thomas Hughes

Tony Perry

Marion Balch

Constance Dezan

Hellen Darion

Beverly Strout

There was a moment of silence in honor of these friends.

Honoring the Present, Susan MacKenzie, Select Board member recognized out-going Board member Charles Jay Smith with words of appreciation, well wishes, a certificate and gift.

Also honoring the Present, the Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Parish Nurse, Ellen Thompson by Jeff Valence and Kristin Roth, members of the Lyme Foundation.

Honoring the Future were Parish Nurses Sharon Morgan and Karen Allen who read the names of new babies born to, or adopted by Lyme families in 2017.

There was a period of general and procedural announcements. Principal Jeffrey Valence invited all to attend a "Day of Recognition" on March 14, 2018 with school children and staff members wishing to participate in remembering the 17 people killed in the recent Florida shooting. This was not a political event, a protest movement or a rally of any kind; simply an opportunity to

reaffirm our commitment to caring and supporting each other. The gathering is scheduled from 10:00 am to 10:17 am.

The Moderator opened the deliberative session with comments acknowledging and thanking the election teams and recognizing Ballots Clerks who have recently resigned after serving many years. Included were Julia Elder, Kathy & Lee Larson, Darlene & Jeff Lehmann, Cathy Johnson and Earl Strout.

Voice without Vote was approved for David Robbins, Zoning Administrator by unanimous Voice Vote.

The Moderator reviewed the Rules of Procedure and requested a motion to accept the rules as presented.

Judith Brotman made the motion to accept the Rules of Procedure as presented.

Seconded by Mike Smith

Motion voted in the affirmative by Voice Vote.

Articles 1 through 5 were official ballot voting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

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| Budget Committee-3 members for 3 years | Chris Ramsden
Richard G. Jones
Wilkes McClave III |
| Budget Committee-1 member for 2 years | Jennifer Boylston |
| Cemetery Commission- 1 member for 3 years | Michael C. Hinsley |
| Library Trustees-3 members for 3 years | Beth Taylor
Cindy Valence
Deborah Robinson |
| Town Moderator- 1 member for 2 years | Kevin Peterson |
| Overseer of Public Welfare- One member for 1 year | Nancy Elizabeth Grandine |
| Planning Board-1 member for 3 years | John Stadler |
| Select Board-1 member for 3 years | Kevin Scott Sahr |
| Supervisor of the Checklist-1 member for 6 years | John T.B. Mudge |
| Town Clerk-1 member for 3 years | Patricia G. Jenks |
| Trustee of the Trust Funds-1 member for 3 years | Michelle Whitcomb |

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

(Majority non-partisan official ballot required.)

(Not recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 4-1) (recommended by the Select Board 2-0-1)

Article 2 requires a 2/3 majority vote for passage per RSA 675:5.

ARTICLE 2 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY OFFICIAL BALLOT

YES 366 NO 150

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.

(Majority non-partisan official ballot required.) (Recommended by the Planning Board by a unanimous vote) (Recommended by the Select Board 2-0-1)

ARTICLE 3 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY OFFICIAL BALLOT

YES 430 NO 71

