

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
Tuesday December 30th, 2025
10:00 AM
Town Office Conference Room & Zoom
Approved: Tuesday January 6th, 2026

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members Judith Brotman, Benjamin Kilham and David Kahn; Administrator Dina Cutting, and Assessing/Select Board Clerk Jordan Gray (via Zoom)

Public: Rich Brown, Phil Kinsler

1. At 10:08 AM Mrs. Brotman opened the public meeting.
2. Public comment:
 - Mr. Brown asked when Town Meeting will be. Mrs. Brotman reported that at a previous meeting it was voted to hold the business portion of Town Meeting on Saturday March 14th, 2026 at 9:00am. Voting will be held on Tuesday March 10th, 2026 from 7:00AM – 7:00PM. Little Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 3rd, 2026 at 6:00PM. An announcement will be sent out with all this information.
3. Mr. Kahn moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on Tuesday December 9th and December 19th, 2025. Mr. Kilham seconded. Mrs. Brotman proposed to change the wording in number 10 to read ‘operating budget’ rather than “budget”. Voted unanimously in favor.
4. Mrs. Brotman moved to review the manifest independently and reach out to Dina later today with their vote. The motion was moot as the Board reviewed and voted to approve the manifest later during the meeting.
5. The Board reviewed carryovers from the 2025 operating budget.
 - Aprons – the Board has estimates, if we can get a contract, Mrs. Brotman proposes to go forward with this job. Mr. Kahn moved. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
 - Proposal for fire department-school communication radios –the Board will wait to hear from Fire Chief – carry over if possible based on estimate
 - Clean-up remaining funds to carry over - \$127,666
6. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed Warrant Articles.
 - Semiannual Property Tax Collection to start in 2027: Mr. Kahn moved. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
 - Change Overseer of Public Welfare from an elected to an appointed position. The format of the proposal is to be discussed with counsel. Mrs. Brotman moved to take this proposal to Town Meeting. Mr. Kahn seconded. Voted unanimously in favor. 3-0.
 - Veterans Tax Credit: Mr. Kilham moved to take this warrant article in the amount of \$2,500 to Town Meeting. Mr. Kahn seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.

- Authorization to put a Conservation Easement on the Town Forest: The Board is waiting to hear back from the Conservation Commission on some questions. Sense of the Board is that they may not want to recommend this warrant article.
- Conflict of Interest Ordinance: Mr. Kahn moved to take this warrant article to Town Meeting. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
- Town Operating Budget: \$3,155,573 previously approved.
- Exterior Painting of the Lyme Center Academy Building. Mr. Kahn moved to take this warrant article in the amount of \$35,000 to Town Meeting. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
- To Capital Reserve Funds and Trust Funds: Mrs. Brotman moved \$675,000 to be added to the CRF and Trust funds. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor.
- To Capital Reserve Funds: Mr. Kahn moved the amount of \$850.00 to be added to the Recreation CRF. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
- State of New Hampshire Block Grant Appropriation: \$99,000 Mr. Kahn moved to take this warrant article to Town Meeting. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
- Withdrawal from the Public Works Facility Capital Reserve Fund: Mrs. Brotman moved to take this warrant article in the amount of \$81,717 to Town Meeting. Mr. Kahn seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
- Withdrawal from Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund: For the Maintenance/Highway truck. Mrs. Brotman moved to take the amount of \$90,000 from the Vehicle CRF and to take this warrant article to Town Meeting seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor.
- Withdrawal from Capital Reserve Funds (Computer Systems Upgrade CRF): Mrs. Brotman moved to take the amount of \$10,000 from the Computer Systems Capital Reserve Fund and to take this warrant article to Town Meeting. Mr. Kahn seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
- Withdrawal from Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund - \$90,000 Fire/EMS truck: Mrs. Brotman moved to take this warrant article to Town Meeting. Mr. Kahn seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
- To purchase a repeater to address school emergency communications: The Board is going to wait to vote on this item until after they speak with Fire Chief Rich at the next Select Board meeting. This possibly can come from the carryover funds.
- Independence Day Celebration Special Revenue Fund: Mr. Kilham moved to take this warrant article to Town Meeting. Mr. Kahn seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
- Milfoil Treatment for Post Pond: Mr. Kilham moved to take this warrant article to Town Meeting. Brotman seconded. Voted unanimously in favor. This Article amount has not been given to the Town for the Grant information yet.
- Road Aprons \$25,000: Mr. Kahn moved to take this warrant article to Town Meeting. Mrs. Brotman seconded. Voted unanimously in favor. (only if there is not enough funding in the 2025 budget for a carry-over)

- Carry-over money for property clean-up \$127,666: Mrs. Brotman moved to carry over these funds. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor. The Board will also be writing an additional warrant article for \$100,000.00 in case additional funds are needed.
7. Mr. Kahn moved to approve two Reports of Woodcut for Map 407 Lot 68, totaling \$800.19 and Map 406 Lot 11, totaling \$1,205.71. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
 8. The Board members were able to review the manifest during the meeting. Mr. Kilham moved the manifest in the amount of \$77, 167.24. seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor.
 9. At 11:12AM Mrs. Brotman moved to enter Non-public under RSA 91A:3 II. (c) reputation. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor. Present for this session were Mrs. Brotman, Mr. Kilham, Mr. Kahn and Mrs. Cutting. The Select Board returned to public session with no votes taken.
 10. At 12:05PM Mr. Kilham moved to adjourn. Mr. Kahn seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jordan Gray