

Lyme Planning Board Minutes
1/22/2026
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Board Members and Staff Present: Richard Menge Chair; Tim Cook, Vice Chair; David Kahn, Select Board Representative; Vicki Smith, Member; Nathaniel Niles, Member; Rich Brown, Alternate; Hebe Quinton, Alternate; David Robbins, Planning and Zoning Administrator. Joe Driscoll, Town Counsel

Board Members Absent: Nathaniel Niles, Member

Members of the Public Present: Lynne Parshall, Jo Steele, Lynn McRae, Michael Whitman, Sue MacKenzie, Niles Donegan, Linore Bolton, Patrick Mendyka, Allison Schwartz

Members of the public on Zoom: K Phetteplace, Bruce Koloseike, Sean Uiterwyk, Kevin Isett, Matt Brown, Jennifer Boylston, Liz Ryan Cole, John, Kym Williams, Janw, Marianne, Christine Taylor, Ann Christano, Karen Menge, Sarah Mason Eck, Jonathan Eck, J Komarmi, Stephen R. Sullivan

Hebe Quinton noted there was a member absent and stated an alternate is required to be appointed under RSA 673:11. Rich Menge then appointed Hebe Quinton to sit as a regular member.

Item 1) Nonpublic session under RSA 91-A :3 II I.

Vicki made a motion for the Board to go into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A :3 II I. David Kahn seconded the motion.

Rich Brown and the members of the public were asked to exit the room for the duration of the nonpublic session.

The Board came out of the nonpublic session and Rich Menge moved to seal the minutes. David Kahn seconded the motion.

Rich Menge called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 2: Public Comment.

Rich Menge stated that the Board was not in a position to be able to discuss the survey but would be taking public comment.

Lynne Parshall read a prepared letter outlining the reasons she believed the Board should revisit their decision to not use the housing survey. Sue MacKenzie, Jo Steele also spoke in favor of the Board using the survey.

Liz Ryan Cole asked if the board would consider hiring a professional to create a new survey. Rich Menge noted that at this time the Board was not able to discuss anything related to the survey.

There being no more comments, Rich Menge thanked everyone for their comments.

Item 2: Public Hearing on a proposed zoning ordinance amendment to allow buried propane tanks within the Shoreland Conservation District.

The Board reviewed the current language and found no issues. Rich Menge asked if there was any comment from the Board members. He then asked if there was any public comment. There was none. Tim Cook moved to approve the language and send it to Town Meeting. Hebe Quinton seconded the motion.

Rich Menge called for a vote with Rich Menge, David Kahn, Tim Cook, and Hebe Quinton voting to approve the motion. Vicki Smith Abstained.

Item 3: Acceptance of minutes from 1/8/2026

Vicki Smith moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Tim Cook seconded the motion.

Rich Menge called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4: Planning Board Projects for 2026.

Vicki noted that there were still some unfinished projects from 2025, including the housing chapter. She suggested that the Board take some time at the next meeting to review those projects and decide what projects the Board would like to work on in 2026.

Rich Menge asked that the Planning and Zoning Administrator resend out information on lodging and accommodations compiled by Nat Niles and suggested items for table 4.1 from Hebe Quinton.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. Robbins

Lyme Planning and Zoning Administrator.