

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Regular Meeting
Town Office Conference Room & Zoom
1 High Street
Lyme NH 03768
Tuesday April 14th, 2026
10:00 AM
Approved: April 28, 2026

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members Benjamin Kilham & David Kahn; Administrator Dina Cutting, Road Agent Scott Bailey. Select Board Member Michael Hinsley was absent from this meeting. Chad Roberge (Avitar Assessing), Jaron Downs (Avitar Assessing), Jason Bickford (New Hampshire Department of Revenue), Todd Haywood (Granite Hill Municipal Services), Brendon McGahan (Granite Hill Municipal Services)
Public: Jim Nourse (Energy Committee Chair), Phil Kinsler, Rich Brown

1. At 10:00 AM Mr. Kilham opened the public meeting.
2. Public comment:
 - Mr. Kinsler distributed an article with information pertaining to how taxes can vary depending on what a municipality does with grant funds. He asked the Board to review this. Mr. Kinsler also reported that the Trustees of the Trust Funds have a new member, Joseph Gerakos. The Trustees will be looking into where Town money is being invested and provide the Select Board with quarterly reports.
 - Mr. Brown asked if questions from the public would be allowed during the meeting with Avitar (new assessing program). Mr. Kilham stated at the end of the meeting with Avitar, the public would have a chance to ask questions.
3. Road Agent, Scott Bailey, reported that he has the opportunity to purchase a brand-new grader blade from the Town of Strafford. Strafford purchased it two years ago and hasn't used the blade. This blade sells new for \$8,700. Mr. Kahn moved to approve the purchase of the grader blade from the Town of Strafford for their asking price of \$6,000.00. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
4. Mr. Kahn moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of Tuesday March 31st, 2026. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
5. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the manifest totaling \$150,481.16. Mr. Kahn seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
6. At 10:15 AM Energy Committee chair, Jim Nourse, came before the Board to speak about public advocacy. Mr. Nourse asked if in the future, if a topic comes up in the legislature that concerns the Energy Committee, would the Select Board feel inclined to take a public stance such that Lyme voices are heard at the State level. Mr. Kilham explained that the Select Board's decision on making public statements will need to be determined on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Kilham encouraged the Energy Committee to bring any legislation they want the Select Board to comment on to the Board for its consideration.
 - Mr. Nourse asked the appropriate timeline for the Energy Committee to propose any long-term recommendations regarding Town capital expenditures (i.e.: electric emergency response vehicles, etc.) to the Select Board and Town. Mrs.

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Cutting is going to share the capital reserve fund lists and timeline with the Energy Committee.

7. Mr. Kahn moved to approve an Intent to Cut for Map 408 Lot 26. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
8. Mr. Kahn moved to approve a Report of Woodcut for Map 406 Lot 31 totaling \$1,693.03. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
9. The Select Board reviewed the 2026 Prouty Application. Chief Swett has reviewed and approved the parking plan. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the common use application for the 2026 Prouty. Mr. Kahn seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
10. The Board reviewed a Current Use Application for Map 414 Lot 27. Mr. Kahn moved to approve and sign the Form A-10, Current Use application. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
11. David Roby contacted Mrs. Cutting to inquire whether the Board would prefer that he come before the Board to discuss the project of moving the electrical service around the common underground prior to the initiation of discussions with engineers, etc. The Board is generally in support of this project and expressed the view that it is comfortable with Mr. Roby meeting with the engineer first and then coming before the Board once he has more detailed information and plans. Mr. Kilham moved that the sense of the Board is to have Mr. Roby meet with the Eversource engineer and report back to the Board. Mr. Kahn seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
12. Mr. Kahn presented an estimate for a company to use a drone to take photos and produce a map of material to be removed from the property located at 116 Dorchester Road. The estimate totaled \$387.50. Mr. Kahn moved to approve this proposal. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
13. The Board met with Avitar Associates to review the revaluation schedule and information.

Avitar's timeline for revaluation is as follows:

- They will begin reviewing sales and data verification (*if needed*) soon. This step is estimated to be completed around June 2026.
- After the sales review is complete, they will begin their field review.
- After the sales analysis and field review is completed Avitar will send the Town a report that will show the preliminary results of the revaluation.
- After the report is reviewed by the office staff and Select Board, notices will be sent to property owners. These notices will include the updated assessment values. They will also include resources for owners to review the change in their assessment, and to compare other property values. There will be information on

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these notices on how property owners can set up appointments (hearings) pertaining to these changes.

- After a hearing process, a second notice will be sent out to anyone who had a hearing or an assessment change later in the process.
- Avitar is currently expects to be completed with the revaluation in August 2026.

14. At 11:05 AM Mr. Kahn moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Gray