

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Regular Meeting
Town Office Conference Room & Zoom
1 High Street
Lyme NH 03768
Tuesday April 28th, 2026
10:00 AM
Approved: May 12th, 2026

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members Benjamin Kilham, David Kahn and Michael Hinsley; Administrator Dina Cutting.
Clerk: Jordan Gray (via zoom)
Public: Phil Kinsler, Rich Brown, Tim Cook

1. At 10:00 AM Mr. Kilham opened the public meeting.
2. Public comment: no public comment.
3. Mr. Kahn moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 14th, 2026. Mr. Hinsley seconded. Voted two in favor and one abstention (Mr. Hinsley).
4. Mr. Kahn moved two manifests totaling \$750,327.31 and \$23,649.09. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
5. Fire Chief, Aaron Rich, requested an emergency vehicle repair expense from Emergency Vehicle Repair Capital Reserve Fund for the E1 Typhoon totaling \$5,301.55. Mr. Kahn moved to approve spending \$5,301.55 from the Emergency Vehicle Repair Capital Reserve Fund. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
6. Fire Chief, Aaron Rich, submitted a quote in the amount of \$8,135.20 for Motorola radios for the new Fire Truck. Mr. Hinsley moved to approve the cost of the Motorola radios totaling \$8,135.20. Mr. Kahn seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
7. The Board signed the previously approved mowing contract with Lyme Lawn Care.
8. Mrs. Cutting reminded the Board to consider scheduling an appointment with the Dartmouth Skiway to discuss the Town's current agreement with Dartmouth concerning the Skiway (signed in 2002). The Board will review the information and return to this topic at a later meeting.
9. Abatements:
 - Mr. Kahn moved to approve the Assessor's recommendation for 131 River Road (assessment change -\$6,600.00, with an updated assessment total \$597,900.00). Mr. Hinsley seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
 - Mr. Kahn moved to grant the abatement totaling \$1,442.37 plus interest for the property of 772 River Road. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor.
10. Mr. Kahn moved to approve an intent to cut for Map 418 Lot 3. Mr. Hinsley seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
11. Mr. Kahn moved to approve a Report of Wood cut for Map 421 Lot 20 totaling \$1,491.45. Mr. Hinsley seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
12. Mr. Kahn moved to approve a Report of Wood cut for Map 415 Lot 22. Seconded by Mr. Hinsley. Voted unanimously in favor.

13. The Board reviewed and Mr. Kahn moved to approve an updated Forest Stewardship Application for Map 409 Lot 28. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
14. Mr. Kahn gave a brief update concerning the drone imaging of the property located at 116 Dorchester Road and the related clean-up efforts.
15. Moderator, Mark Shiffman came before the Board to review recent changes to the conduct of Town meeting (TM).
 - Mr. Schiffman thinks that what really draws people into coming to TM is what warrant articles are on the ballot. Mr. Schiffman did receive some positive feedback from residents that had never been able to attend, but with it being on Saturday this year they were able to attend. Mr. Shiffman and Ms. Shepard (Town Clerk) would propose we stick with the schedule employed this year for the 2027 TM.
16. At 11:10 AM Mr. Kilham moved to entered non-public session under RSA 91A:3 II (c) reputation. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote. Present for this nonpublic session were Mr. Kilham, Mr. Kahn, Mr. Hinsley, and Mrs. Cutting.

The Select Board reviewed a matter which could affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member.
17. At 11:37 AM Mr. Kilham moved to enter non-public session under RSA 91A:3 II (l) Legal. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote. Present for this nonpublic session were Mr. Kilham, Mr. Kahn, Mr. Hinsley, and Mrs. Cutting.

The Select Board reviewed information from legal counsel. The Select Board discussed possible language for a letter. Mr. Kahn will produce a draft of this letter and Select Board members will review, revise, finalize, and then come to the office to sign the final letter. Mr. Kilham moved to proceed in the manner described. Seconded by Mr. Hinsley. Voted unanimously in favor.
18. At 11:55AM The Select Board returned to public session.
19. At this time the Select Board reviewed a letter of resignation from Fire Chief Aaron Rich. Mr. Kahn moved that with appreciation after years of service and dedication the Select Board regretfully accepts Chief Aaron Rich's resignation as of May 31, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor.
20. At 11:57AM Mr. Kahn moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Gray