

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Regular Meeting
Town Office Conference Room & Zoom
1 High Street
Lyme NH 03768
Tuesday September 1st, 2026

10:00 AM

Approved: September 15th, 2026

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members Benjamin Kilham, David Kahn, Michael Hinsley and Town Administrator Dina Cutting
Zoom: Select Board/Assessing Clerk Jordan Gray

Public: Rich Brown, Phil Kinsler, Arielle Baker (via zoom), Karen Keane, Jonathan Eck (via zoom)

1. At 10:00 AM Mr. Kilham opened the public meeting.
2. Public comment:
 - Mr. Brown expressed his disappointment in the timeline of the assessments being completed.
3. Mr. Kahn moved to approve two manifests totaling \$10,186.00 and \$96,752.30 Seconded by Mr. Hinsley. Voted unanimously in favor.
4. The board reviewed a memo from Library Director Judy Russell, correcting a statement made by a resident at a previous meeting. Mrs. Russell has not publicly announced her retirement or asked for public input on her replacement. The board would like to acknowledge the receipt of this memo and publicly correct that Mrs. Russell has not asked public input on the hiring of the next Library Director. The Library Trustees may ask for public input in the future when the search is active for a new library director.
5. There are a couple of residents who would like to see trees and other landscaping on the common. The board received an anonymous donor willing to donate funds for this project. Once the underground electricity is complete, the board will review a plan proposed for the common and go from there. Mr. Kahn moved to accept this generous donation for this project (subject to the proposed plan being reviewed and approved by the board). Mr. Hinsley seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
6. Mr. Kilham moved to approve an application from the Utility Club for the use of the Lyme Center Academy Building (Quilt Show) and grant the waiver of fees. Mr. Kahn seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
7. Mr. Kilham moved to approve an application from the Utility Club for the use of the Lyme Center Academy Building (Utility Club Meetings) and grant the waiver of fees. Mr. Kahn seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
8. The board reviewed a letter from Primex regarding workers comp insurance for Lyme volunteer firefighters. There has been an increase in the cost and the number of volunteer firefighters. Fire Chief Dan Breton and Mrs. Cutting met with Primex to begin a conversation and understand the best route for the Lyme Fire Department's future. Mrs. Cutting and Mr. Breton are gathering information
9. The board reviewed a letter from Hanover to New Hampshire Department of Transportation requesting the restriping, resurfacing and change of speed limit of Route 10. The board will inquire more knowledge and return to this topic. Mr. Hinsley

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volunteered to attend a meeting in Hanover about this topic and report back to the Select Board.

10. The board reviewed a letter from Town Council pertaining to the sale of a surplus vehicle. The Fire Department has outgrown the old police cruiser. Mr. Hinsley moved to put this vehicle out to bid. Mr. Kahn seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
11. Town Meeting and Election dates:
 - Election: Tuesday March 9th, 2027
 - Business Meeting: Saturday March 13th, 2027
12. The first Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 16th, 2026.
13. Mr. Kinsler gave a report on the Bar Harbor reports (see attachment).
14. Mr. Hinsley will attend the scheduled clean-up on September 15th on Dorchester Road.
15. Mark Adamczyk from Dartmouth Skiway has reached out to Police Chief Swett about placing a crosswalk in front of the Skiway. Chief Swett explained to Mr. Adamczyk that the state has many rules/regulations pertaining to crosswalks. Chief Swett and Mrs. Cutting are gathering all information and rules/regulations and will report back to the board. –
16. Mr. Kahn moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 18th, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Hinsley. Voted unanimously in favor.
17. At 10:59 AM Mr. Kahn moved to enter non-public session under RSA 91A:3 II (I) Legal. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote. Present for this nonpublic session were Mr. Kilham, Mr. Hinsley, Mr. Kahn and Mrs. Cutting.
18. At 11:14AM The Select Board returned to public session having taken no action.
19. At 11:14AM Mr. Hinsley moved to enter non-public session under RSA 91A:3 II (b) Hiring. The Select Board reviewed a candidate for the Highway equipment operator job. This candidate was recommended by road agent Scot Bailey. Following a discussion the Select Board supported Mr. Bailey's recommendation.
20. At 11:19AM Mr. Hinsley moved to return to public session. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor.
21. Mr. Kahn moved to hire Frank Phelps at the position of Equipment Operator for the Town of Lyme Highway Department. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor.
22. At 11:20AM Mr. Kahn moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Hinsley. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Jordan Gray