

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
Friday September 10, 2026
10:00 AM
Town Office Conference Room & Zoom
Approved: September 15th, 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. Officer Terino.

Public: Sandra Marsh of Quintown Containers. Zoom: Mr. Pettaplace.

1. At 10:00 AM Mr. Kilham opened the public meeting.
2. Mr. Kahn reviewed the original court order which is in place and we are to follow.
 - The question is how does the change in state inspections effect this court order? What can be removed must be made very clear.
 - One of the property owners has submitted a letter that lists 35 vehicles, multiple campers, riding lawn mowers, trailers and many other items he believes he has the right to keep on the property.
 - Mr. Kahn felt the court needs to clarify what vehicles should be removed from the property.
 - The landowner sought a temporary restraining order, which was denied because of a technical error.
 - The landowner apparently does not have an attorney and it was noted it would be better to allow the property owners to be heard once again in court. The Select Board can achieve this by filing a motion asking the court to clarify, and if necessary, amend its prior order to make it very clear what vehicles and other materials be removed from the property.
 - The landowner also moved his log truck that was at the end of the driveway and it is currently blocking any access to the majority of the areas the contractors will need to get to.
 - Going back to court will push the cleanup commencement date back. Sandra Marsh of Quintown Containers noted that the delay was not a problem and they can accommodate this change.
3. Mr. Kahn wanted to clear up a few things in the resent Valley News article.
 - Mr. Kahn is not the chairman of the Select Board.
 - The Town did not jump in at the last minute and hire a contractor to cleanup the properties. This has been going since 2015.

- Various previous dates over several years were set and agreed to in writing by the property owners to clean up the property themselves. These deadlines were not met.
 - After the 2025 Town Meeting, residents volunteered to help the Smiths. After months of attempting to help concerned citizen informed the Board they were not continuing and suggested the town move forward with the cleanup.
4. After considering the Select Board's responsibilities to follow through with the court order, it was the sense of the Select Board to not commence the cleanup of 116 Dorchester Road on Tuesday September 15th.
 5. Mr. Kahn moved to pause at this time and seek a court order to clearly identify what should be removed from this property. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Mr. Hinsley noted it is incumbent upon the Select Board to treat people equally and as the law requires. If the junk yard law states 2 vehicles, then he believes that is what the Board needs to permit. (The board had previously offered to allow the property owners to retain up to six ungaraged vehicles of their choosing.) Mr. Hinsley believes all vehicles, trailers, horse trailers, campers, containers and anything else identified by the court should be removed. For the safety of all the work site should be marked a safety zone and only the contractor allowed in these areas during cleanup operations.
 6. This motion was voted unanimously in favor.
 7. The Select Board will have the opportunity to review the court motion to make sure everything is included before it is filed.
 8. At 10:46AM Mr. Kahn moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Hinsley. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Cutting