TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
Tuesday October 27th, 2026
10:00 AM
Town Office Conference Room & Zoom
Approved: November 4th, 2026

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members Benjamin Kilham, Michael Hinsley & David Kahn. Administrator Dina Cutting, Assessing Clerk Jordan Gray (via Zoom) & Road Agent Scott Bailey
Public: Rich Brown, Kym Williams, Gary Phetteplace, Karen Phetteplace, Hebe Quinton, George Beal, Barbara, James Bliska, Rowen Goss, Andrea Hietzman, Mark Bolinger, Greg Hanlon, Nat Niles
Public via Zoom:

1. At 10:00 AM Mr. Kilham opened the public meeting.

2. Public Comment: Residents came before the Board to voice concerns with the 2026 revaluation preliminary numbers. Those concerns were as follows:
    - Encouraged Select Board to get legal advice on these results.
    - Residents reported that 173 homes have a "view" reported in this data.
    - Some people expressed they preferred the old model of factoring in the view under the land section.
    - Some expressed concern that the model is skewed.
    - The question was asked, "Does the Select Board have the power to remove the "View Tax"?
    - Some feel there is an inconsistency in the model and it's not statistically sufficient.
    - Residents reporting only nine sales were used in the sales analysis.
    - Concerns were raised about current use land and if those factors were taken into consideration.
    - Many residents are finding their own expert appraisal service to get another opinion on their property.
3. At 10:55 AM the public comment section of the meeting was closed.
4. Mr. Kahn moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 29th, 2026. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
5. Mr. Kahn moved to approve the manifest totaling $ 720,242.30 Mr. Hinsley seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
6. Mr. Hinsley moved to approve a Report of Woodcut for Map 408 Lot 26 (owner: Gomes) totaling $722.95. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
7. Mr. Kilham moved to approve an Intent to Cut for Map 404 Lot 3. Mr. Kahn seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.

8. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the Boston Post Cane be awarded to Ruth Jenks. Mr. Kahn seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
9. Mr. Kilham regretfully accepted Mr. Kinsler's resignation from the Library Trustees. Mr. Kahn seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
10. The MS-535 was signed.
11. The Select Board reviewed various department proposed budget requests.
12. The roadside mowing bids have been reviewed by the Road Agent and his recommendation to the board is JM Mitchell. Mr. Kahn moved to approve this roadside mowing bid. Mr. Hinsley seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.
13. The board has asked Mrs. Cutting to invite Chad (Avitar Associates) to come to a future board meeting to discuss the revaluation. This meeting date will be published and posted publicly once it is scheduled.
14. At 12:11 PM Mr. Hinsley moved to enter non-public session under RSA 91A:3 II (c) Reputation. Mr. Kilham seconded. Voted unanimously in favor. Present for this nonpublic session were Mr. Kilham, Mr. Kahn, Mr. Hinsley and Mrs. Cutting.
    The Select Board discussed a subject that may affect a reputation of a person other than a board member. At 12:23 the board returned to public session taking no action.
15. At 12:23 Mr. Kahn moved to adjourn. Mr. Hinsley seconded. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Gray