

**TOWN OF LYMAN**  
**Town Meeting Warrant with Town Meeting Minutes**  
**March 13, 2018**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Lyman, in the County of Grafton, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in the Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on TUESDAY, the THIRTEENTH day of MARCH 2018; polls to open at ELEVEN O'CLOCK in the morning and will not close before SIX O'CLOCK in the evening in said Town Hall, to act on Article 1; the remaining Articles to be considered at SEVEN O'CLOCK in the evening.

**Article 1.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Present were Moderator: Phil Clark, Selectmen Chairman: Jim Trudell, Selectman: Steve Moscicki, Selectman: Bruce Beane, Administrative Assistant: Donna Clark, and Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Carol Messner. At 7:00 pm Moderator Clark called the meeting to order, introduced himself, reviewed procedures of order and thanked all for coming. Moderator Clark then read the results of Article 1.

The following were chosen as Town Officers for the ensuing year:

Selectman (1) (three year term):	
James Trudell*	63 votes
Thomas Smith	2
Planning Board (2) (three year term):	
Rosemary Colombi*	64 votes
Michael Belanger*	56
Darren Hubbard	1
Nancy Simano	1
Board of Adjustment (2) (three year term):	
Michael O'Brien*	48 votes
Larry Schieman*	42
David Simpson	27
Board of Adjustment (1) (two year term):	
Larry Schieman (won 3 yr)	4 votes
David Simpson*	2
Michael Colby	1
Beth Hubbard	1
Sandi Moscicki	1
Robert Meserve	1
Michael O'Brien	1
Nancy Simano	1
Moderator (1) (two year term):	
Philip Clark*	69 votes
Supervisor of the Checklist (1) (six year term):	
Cindy Schieman*	69 votes
Sandi Moscicki	1
Supervisor of the Checklist (1) (2 year term):	



Debra Heathe	70 votes
Trustee of the Trust Funds (1) (three year term):	
Beth Hubbard*	71 votes

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$391,572) to defray Town charges for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

<b>Executive</b>	<b>55,840</b>
<b>Election, Reg., Vital Statistics</b>	<b>45,060</b>
<b>Financial Administration</b>	<b>42,685</b>
<b>Legal Expenses</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Personnel Administration</b>	<b>61,855</b>
<b>Planning</b>	<b>5,545</b>
<b>Zoning</b>	<b>2,570</b>
<b>General Government Buildings</b>	<b>35,365</b>
<b>Cemeteries</b>	<b>11,500</b>
<b>Insurance otherwise not allocated</b>	<b>12,656</b>
<b>Advertising &amp; Regional Assoc.</b>	<b>2,450</b>
<b>Other General Government</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>7,862</b>
<b>Fire</b>	<b>25,500</b>
<b>Emergency Management</b>	<b>5,245</b>
<b>Solid Waste Disposal</b>	<b>40,850</b>
<b>Health Officer</b>	<b>1,180</b>
<b>Animal Control</b>	<b>2,120</b>
<b>Health Agencies</b>	<b>5,284</b>
<b>Welfare Administration</b>	<b>670</b>
<b>Welfare Vendor Payments</b>	<b>2,900</b>
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Library</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>Patriotic Purposes</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Other Culture</b>	<b>2,450</b>
<b>Conservation</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Principal on Long Term Notes</b>	<b>8,275</b>
<b>Interest on Long Term Notes</b>	<b>2,550</b>
<b>Interest on TAN</b>	<b>3,500</b>

Moderator Clark read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. Trudell spoke to the audience of 45 and said the estimated increase in taxes to be raised for 2018 will be \$36,296.00 mostly due to expected lower revenues. The result is an estimated tax rate increase of \$.61 per \$1,000.00 of value. Trudell showed on the overhead projector a summary of the cost of each line item and explained each. Items of note are: a new temporary help person will be sought for Donna Clark's position as Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen to begin training for the eventuality of Donna's retirement and to help with both Planning and Zoning Board tasks. \* There are more elections this year than last so the 2018 budget reflects the added expenses. \* Fairpoint Communications is suing NH towns over telephone pole taxes which is affecting our legal budget. \* There were more fires than normal in 2017 so the 2018 budget was raised



accordingly. \* Lyman received \$31,000 for its share of 2017 from recycling income and the expense of the Tri-Town Transfer Station was \$37,419.25 so that is a fairly good return on our money. \* The budgeted principal on the Dodge Pond Dam for 2018 is \$8,275.00 and the budgeted interest is \$2,550.00. \* The repair to the Mountain Meadows bridge is complete. It was more difficult than expected but was ultimately finished costing the Town less than half the State's estimate. \* Lyman paid \$7,728.00 towards a skid steer for the Tri-Town Transfer Station. We do not have that cost going forward. Clark called for any discussion. Resident, Terry Simpson asked the equalization ratio and D. Clark said we are at 99.6%. Resident, Bryson Yawger appreciates the completed Mountain Meadows Bridge. Moderator Clark asked if there was any further discussion. There was none. Clark re-read the Article and called for a vote. All ayes. **Article 2 passed.**

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (\$253,635) for maintenance, expenses, salaries, supplies, equipment and street lighting for the Highway Department for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

<b>Highway Administration</b>	<b>\$119,385</b>
<b>Highway Maintenance</b>	<b>\$133,650</b>
<b>Street Lighting</b>	<b>\$ 600</b>

Moderator Clark read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. Trudell said we have a great road crew who continue to do a fantastic job. They are out all hours of the night keeping roads safe for us. The plan is to grind Pettyboro Road and resurface it with ledgepack. It is cost prohibitive to pave it at approximately \$300,000.00. There were discussions about sand, ledgepack, getting the mix right and experimenting since all our roads will now be this material. Moderator Clark asked for more discussion. There was none. Clark re-read the Article and called for a vote. All ayes. **Article 3 passed.**

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Clark read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. Trudell displayed the 2018 Equipment Replacement Plan. The 2007 International 10-wheel truck had a new motor in 2010 and will probably need a new dump body in 2018 due to salt corrosion of the old dump body. Moderator Clark asked for more discussion. There was none. Clark re-read the Article and called for a vote. All ayes. **Article 4 passed.**

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of producing and purchasing Road Material, including blasting and crushing ledge at the town quarry, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund and to name the Board of Selectmen as Agents to Expend. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)



Moderator Clark read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. Trudell said we normally crush 10,000 yards of material every 2 to 3 years at a cost of \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00. This reserve fund is to begin putting money aside to soften the blow for when we do the crushing. He said we are trying to keep an even tax rate for taxpayers. We will continue to add \$25,000 to this fund each year. Moderator Clark asked for more discussion. There was none. Clark re-read the Article and called for a vote. All ayes. **Article 5 passed.**

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in Building Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Clark read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. This fund is putting money aside for maintenance and repairs to the Town Hall. Possible upgrades mentioned were 3 windows, paneling, the big hall floor and ceiling. Eventually the Grange Hall will need attention. Moderator Clark asked for more discussion. There was none. Clark re-read the Article and called for a vote. All ayes. **Article 6 passed.**

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to be placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Clark read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. Each year we put money aside in this fund to prepare for the revaluation costs of \$35,000.00 to \$40,000.00. The next statistical revaluation will be in 2020. Moderator Clark opened the floor to discussion. Resident, Terry Simpson asked if assessors had been shopped for and was told yes, a few years ago. Resident Jeff Simpson asked how often we have maintenance on the maps and was told Cartographics in Littleton does it annually. We have on-line maps now. Moderator Clark asked for more discussion. There was none. Clark re-read the Article and called for a vote. All ayes. **Article 7 passed.**

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to endorse the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of a committee for the purpose of investigating and evaluating educational alternatives to the current Lisbon Regional School District, including legal issues, financial considerations, availability of alternatives and other related matters, and to instruct the committee to prepare a report of their findings for presentation at a meeting to be announced and posted. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Clark read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. Trudell said school taxes continue to escalate with no end in sight and this committee is an effort to see if there is anything we can do. We last voted to change the school formula in 1989 with the same warrant article wording. The school tax rate jumped from \$8.89 in 2016 to \$10.91 in 2017. It is expected to jump again this year with a



proposed new roof on the School Warrant. Many taxpayers are on fixed incomes and the Town needs to avoid taking more land and homes from residents due to their inability to pay taxes. Resident, Tom Smith said we are all on fixed incomes so that is not a factor. He proposed amending the Article to say that 50% of the committee members be parents of current children in the Lisbon school. There was much discussion. Parents were fearful that Lyman would try to withdraw from the school. They were fearful the Lisbon services of fire, ambulance and landfill would ostracize Lyman if we pulled out of the school. They were fearful Lisbon Lions Club activities would be closed to their children. The lack of sufficient Lyman representation on the School Board which is 7 Lisbon members and 2 Lyman members was mentioned. It was asked whether our concerns should be handled through the school or through this town committee. Other residents' thoughts included; cost shouldn't be the only focus, and, at what point do we say enough is enough to the tax. The formula hasn't been looked at since 1989. The committee will decide the direction and bring it to the Selectmen. The main purpose of the committee is not to withdraw from the school but to research options to level and stabilize taxes. Resident, Mary Ruppert proposed wording the Article differently to allay parents' fears and read aloud her wording. Tom Smith wanted the 50% parent requirement added to the wording. Smith made a motion to amend the Article which was seconded by Terri Simpson. Moderator Clark took a vote on amending the Article. The ayes won. Ruppert then read aloud the Amended Article:

"To see if the Town will vote to endorse the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of a committee for the purpose of investigating and evaluating ways to stabilize school taxes related to the Lisbon Regional School District and to instruct the committee to prepare a report of their findings for presentation at a meeting to be announced and posted. At least 50% of the membership shall be parents of current Lisbon Regional School District students. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)"

Moderator Clark called for a vote on accepting the new wording used to amend the Article and the ayes won. Moderator Clark re-read the Article as Amended. He then called for a vote on the amended Article and the ayes won. **Article 8 passed.**

**Article 9.** To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Resident, Nancy Labbay announced that the Lisbon School meeting will be held Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. Resident, Lori Williams asked that the storage boxes be relocated out of the Town Hall since the hall is available for resident's personal use. It was suggested by Town Clerk, C. Messner that all residents become familiar and frequent our town website at [lymannh.org](http://lymannh.org) to keep up with current events since many people were surprised by Article 8. The Lyman Community Group mentioned they are still gathering recipes for their upcoming cookbook and that Ice Out tickets are still being sold. Resident, Joy Yawger said thank you to the Selectmen for looking out for us all and for doing such a wonderful job. Then thanks went to the Road Crew, to Donna and Carol and to all who serve Lyman. All applauded. With no further discussion a motion to close the meeting was offered by Resident, Tom Messner and seconded by Resident, Bryson Yawger. The meeting was closed at 8:48 pm.



Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of March, 2018.

The Lyman Board of Selectmen

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James Trudell, Chairman

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Bruce Beane

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Stephen Moscicki