

TOWN OF LYMAN
Town Meeting Warrant with Town Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019

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 TWELFTH day of MARCH 2019; 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: Bruce Beane, Selectman: Jim Trudell, Administrative Assistant: Donna Clark, and Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Bethany Carignan. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Moderator Clark, he introduced himself and reviewed procedures of order and thanked all for coming. Before the start of the articles the Selectman presented retiring Town Clerk Carol Messner with a clock and plaque for her 13 years of dedicated service to the Town. Selectman Trudell read a letter of resignation from Selectman Steve Moscicki and acknowledged his 14 years of service. Selectman Trudell also noted that the hours of the office of town clerk/tax collector will be changing starting April 1, 2019 to Monday 12pm-6pm, Wed and Thur 8am-2pm. Due to ballots still being counted Moderator Clark moved to Article 2.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars (\$415,494) to defray Town charges for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Executive	63,840
Election, Reg., Vital Statistics	40,460
Financial Administration	52,860
Legal Expenses	8,000
Personnel Administration	64,800
Planning	5,545
Zoning	2,030
General Government Buildings	32,530
Cemeteries	11,500
Insurance otherwise not allocated	10,825
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	2,805
Other General Government	700
Ambulance	7,995
Fire	28,750
Emergency Management	4,150
Solid Waste Disposal	46,850
Health Officer	850
Animal Control	2,165

Health Agencies	5,264
Welfare Administration	670
Welfare Vendor Payments	2,900
Library	1,700
Patriotic Purposes	150
Other Culture	2,450
Conservation	200
Principal on Long Term Notes	8,275
Interest on Long Term Notes	2,230
Interest on TAN	5,000

Moderator Clark read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded Jerry Landry. Trudell showed on the overhead projector a summary of the cost of each warrant article and then went line by line thru each item in Article 2. Items of interest are as follows. Selectman Trudell mentioned the Highway Block Grants are down this year and revenues from car registrations are also down this year. The estimated increase in taxes to be raised for 2019 will be \$34,651.00. The total tax appropriation is \$726,419. We have \$100,000 fund balance and estimated revenues of \$287,285 to apply toward it. The result is an estimated tax increase of \$.58 per \$1,000.00 of value. Administration budget increase includes part time office help and training and a new portable 4-station voting booth. A Deputy will be sought and hired. A new computer program with support will be purchased to upgrade vehicle registration and dog registration functions costing approximately \$9,000. * Cemeteries is \$11,500. Selectman Beane spoke on some of the repairs being made at the cemetery. Selectmen began to fix broken and fallen cemetery stones in Center Cemetery. Some replacement stones were obtained at a discount from rejected military supply. The original replaced stones will also be retained. * Health insurance costs went up \$2,945. Employee contributions to their health insurance costs remain the same at 12%. * Employees received a 3% increase. * Ambulance costs are based on population. * The fire budget, due to more fires, is up and Selectmen are in talks with Lisbon about possibly becoming a regional fire department. The town pays \$2,000 a year for mutual aid. Celine Presby asked if there was a way to bill a person who has a fire so Lyman doesn't get hit so hard. Selectman Beane responded by saying sometimes the circumstances don't lend themselves to that at this time. * Money from recycling is down. The situation may worsen if Casella closes its doors and we are forced to transport trash to Berlin or Concord. * There is a \$49,627 principal balance left to pay on the Dodge Pond Dam loan after the 2019 payment. This is our only loan and it will mature in 2025. * There was less collected in timber tax than anticipated, less money coming from the State and less revenue from recycling. Moderator Clark called for any discussion. Nancy Labbay asked to move the question. Moderator Clark noted and therefore moved. Clark re-read the Article and called for a vote. All ayes

Article 2 passed

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

After Article 2 Moderator Clark returned to Article 1 and read the results.

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

Selectman (1)(three year term):	
Bruce Beane*	77 votes
Thomas Smith	47
Al Gombas	1
Selectman (1)(one year term):	
Wendy Ho-Sing-Loy	51 votes
Michael R. O'Brien	42
Milton Presby	14
Thomas Smith	11
Bruce Beane	6
Negan	1
Planning Board (1)(3 year term)	
Roberta Aldrich	11 votes
Thomas Smith	4
David Simpson	3
Lisa Linowes	2
Thadeus Czarnocki-Post	1
Bruce Beane	1
Milton Presby	1
Frank Sonatra	1
Darren Hubbard	1
Michael Stockley	1
Cinnamon Grant	1
Al Gombas	1
Todd Landry	1
Board of Adjustment (1)(3 year term)	
Patrica O'Brien	5 votes
Micheal O'Brien	3
Les Poore	2
David Simpson	2
Thomas Smith	2
Al Gombas	2
Wendy Ho-Sing-Loy	1
Simon Baker	1
Scott Barnes	1
Town Clerk/Tax Collector (1)(3 year term)	
Bethany Carignan	96 votes
Wanda Hubbard	18
Reegan Hubbard	1
Cathy Colby	1
Angela Presby	1
Carol Messner	1
Treasurer (1)(3 year term)	
Celine Presby	115 votes
Trustee of the Trust Funds (1)(3 year term)	
Lisa Linowes	18 votes
Beth Hubbard	2
Sandy Moscicki	2
Paula Gombas	1

Les Poore	1
Roberta Aldrich	1
Thomas Smith	1
Phillip Morris	1
Michael O'Brien	1

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$247,925) for maintenance, expenses, salaries, supplies, equipment and street lighting for the Highway Department for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Highway Administration	\$122,275
Highway Maintenance	\$125,050
Street Lighting	\$ 600

Moderator Clark read the Article and moved by selectman Trudell and seconded by Nancy Labbay. Selectman Trudell mentioned they gave the employees a three percent raise. Scott Stuart retired this year and Ed Parker from Littleton was hired to fill his vacancy. Ed is very good with snow plowing, vehicle mechanics, is knowledgeable, hard-working. The \$50,000 we normally put into the Highway Equipment Fund was eliminated this year and the money instead put into crushing. The plan is to crush 10,000 yards which should last 3 years. We used a lot of ledgepack on Pettyboro Road in 2018. Selectmen have worked very hard to solve the arrowhead problem. Beane spoke and recapped their ongoing efforts. This year's crush should be good. Moderator Clark opened the floor for discussion. Bryson Yawger wanted to know what was used to sand the road and had a concern the sand is creating a weakened road in the spring. Selectman Beane reassured him it should not have that much effect on the roads. They have done work on mixing gravel and ledgpack to create a good mix and make a better road. Selectman Beane also talked about a fabric that was used on the Bobbin Mill Road on problem areas and this spring will determine whether they will use it in other problem areas. 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 Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) to be placed in the Road Material Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Clark read the Article and moved by selectman Trudell and seconded by Nancy Labbay. There was no crushing done in 2017 or 2018. This year the amount normally put into the Highway Equipment Fund will instead be put into this Road Material Fund. They plan to crush 10,000 yards this year which should last 3 years. Moderator Clark opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion. 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 raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Bridge Replacement & Repair Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Clark read the Article and moved by selectman Trudell and seconded by Nancy Labbay. We replaced the one bridge on the State "red" list. There were two others on the list but turned out just to be needing paperwork. There are no red list bridges left. We are putting this amount into a fund for possible bridge repairs in the future. Moderator Clark opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion. 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 the Building Repair & Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Clark read the Article and moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Elaine Burkham. Building expenses could possibly include more work in the big hall. The Grange may be looked at in future years. New flooring was installed in the big hall and a new storage closet was also added by Phil Clark and Bruce Beane at no cost to the town for labor. Moderator Clark opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion. 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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Transfer Station Equipment & Repair Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Clark read the Article and moved by Elaine Burkham and seconded by Bryson Yawger. We were obligated to put money towards the Lisbon Transfer Station compactor. We share equipment costs now with Lisbon. This fund is for anticipated equipment and repair costs. Moderator Clark opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion. 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 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 and moved by Celine Presby and seconded by Nancy Labbay. The next statistical revaluation update will be in 2020. The cost is between \$27,000 and \$30,000. Moderator Clark opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion. Clark re-read the Article and called for a vote. All ayes **Article 8 passed**

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

Resident Mary Rupert wanted clarification on Article 4 last year for equipment versus this year's Article for Road Material. Selectman Trudell said we didn't want burden the tax payers with two Articles this year. The town's crew are taking excellent care of the town's equipment and they are on top off replacing equipment. Selectman Beane thanked the Lyman Community group for everything they have done this year and in years past. Trudell spoke briefly on the school committee and different things they tried to bring to the Lisbon school board. An Article is on the School Warrant this year for one more Lyman School Board seat. Trudell encouraged the town's people to run for the school board. Bryson Yawger thanked the town for everyone's efforts.

With no further discussion a motion to close the meeting was offered by Resident Nancy Labbay and seconded by Celine Presby. The meeting was closed at 8:03 pm.

Given under our hands and seal this 18th day of March, 2019.

The Lyman Board of Selectmen

Bruce Beane, Chairman

James Trudell

Wendy Ho-Sing-Loy

Respectfully submitted,
Bethany Carignan, Lyman Town Clerk