

TOWN OF LYMAN
Town Meeting Warrant with Town Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2020

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 TENTH day of MARCH 2020; 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.

In attendance were Selectman Chairman: Bruce Beane, Selectman, Jim Trudell, Selectman, Wendy Ho-Sing-Loy, Administrative Assistant, Donna Clark. Office Assistant, Tabbetha Shosa, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Bethany Carignan, took the meeting minutes. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Moderator Phil Clark. Clark welcomed all, reviewed procedures of order. 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):	
Wendy Ho-Sing-Loy*	44 votes
Tom Smith	6
Steve Moscicki	2
Thomas S Smith	2
Darren Hubbard	1
Todd Landry	1
Planning Board (2) (three year term):	
Todd Landry*	56 votes
Thomas S. Smith*	52
Planning Board (1) (1 year term):	
Alpheus Aldrich*	56
Tom Smith	1
Steve Moscicki	1
Board of Adjustment (2) (3 year term)	
Steve Moscicki*	11 votes
Phil Clark	2
Tom Smith	2
Sandy Moscicki	1
Robert Chenevert	1
Todd Landry	1
Mark Draper*	1
Craig Simpson	1
Michael O'Brien	1
David Simpson	1
Gary McGrath	1

Darren Hubbard	1
David Pratt	1
Moderator (1) (2 year term)	
Todd Landry*	34
Phil Clark	4
Mark Draper	1
Supervisor of Checklist (1) (6 year term)	
Beverly Bettencourt*	59
Pam Landry	1
Supervisor of Checklist (1) (2 year term)	
Pam Landry*	24
Nancy Labbay	1
Mark Draper	1
Wanda Hubbard	1
Beth Hubbard	1
Trustee of the Trust Funds (1) (3 year term)	
Chrissy Smith	2
Pam Landry	2
Beth Hubbard	2
Nancy Labbay	1
Nancy Landry	1
Elizabeth Wilkins*	1
Paula Gombas	1
Jim Madru	1
Mark Draper	1

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seven Dollars (\$414,807) to defray Town charges for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Executive	63,895
Election, Reg., Vital Statistics	40,745
Financial Administration	46,405
Legal Expenses	18,000
Personnel Administration	63,550
Planning	5,245
Zoning	3,325
General Government Buildings	22,530
Cemeteries	11,500
Insurance otherwise not allocated	12,503
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	2,810
Other General Government	700
Ambulance	7,995
Fire	26,750
Emergency Management	4,000
Solid Waste Disposal	50,140
Health Officer	850
Animal Control	2,215

Health Agencies	5,784
Welfare Administration	670
Welfare Vendor Payments	2,900
Library	1,700
Patriotic Purposes	150
Other Culture	2,550
Conservation	200
Principal on Long Term Notes	8,275
Interest on Long Term Notes	1,920
Interest on TAN	7,500

Moderator Clark read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. Chairman Beane thanked everyone for coming and introduced Tabbetha Shosa and Diana McGrath and the entire board. Beane then thanked Moderator Clark for 16 years of service to the town.

Those in attendance were given an overview of the past year's expenses and future year's goals. Trudell began by saying that the taxes are estimated to be increased by \$48,427.00 this year. The total tax appropriation is 771,277. We have an estimated fund balance of \$100,000 and estimated revenues of \$304,225.00 to apply toward it. This will translate to an approximate tax increase of \$.81 per \$1,000 of value.

Trudell showed on the projector screen a summary of the cost of each warrant article and then went line by line through each item in Article 2. Items of interest are as follows. *The town is putting more money into legal expenses to look into a contract lawyer. *Zoning Board of Adjustment budget is up due to more zoning variances than we have had in the past. *General government buildings is down \$10,000. *Cemeteries monies will stay the same this year as money is being set aside to fix stones every year. There are a number of stones that cannot be fixed. *Sanitation is up \$3,200. *Trudell went through all the Health agencies that the town supports. This line item is up \$570. *There is a \$41,356 principal balance left to pay on the Dodge Pond Dam loan after the 2020 payment. This is our only loan and it will mature in 2025. *Interest on borrowing money to pay the school tax and town obligations is up \$2,500. Clark called for any discussion. There was none. Moderator 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 Seventy-One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$271,200) 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	\$140,750
Highway Maintenance	\$129,850
Street Lighting	\$ 600

Moderator Clark read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. The town is looking to expand the part time position to include help during the winter months so Tom and Ed can take some time off and for coverage in case of illness or an emergency. The cost of repairs and maintenance is up \$3,000. Clark called for any discussion. There was none. Moderator 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 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. This article is so the town does not have to borrow money to replace equipment. Tom and Ed take good care of the equipment and everything is in good running condition. They are looking into replacing the loader in 2021 because of its age. The 2017 10-wheeler was damaged this year while plowing. The town is working with insurance to repair or replace it. Clark called for any discussion. There was none. Moderator 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 Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Road Material 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 Ho-Sing-Loy. The road material and crushing has been going great. They have a good mix of gravel and rock now. They will continue to use the ledge pack and upgrade the roads. The towns crew will continue to use the geo mesh where needed and this product helps greatly with pot holes. Clark called for any discussion. There was none. Moderator 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 Bridge Replacement & Repair 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. There are currently no bridges on the red list. Bridges are looking great and this money is to deflect the cost of tax payers if a bridge is in need of repair. Clark called for any discussion. A question was asked about bridges that were previously on the red list which were Pettyboro and Hurd Hill bridges. Those bridges were only on a list because of lack of paperwork. Moderator 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 Building Repair & Maintenance 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 Ho-Sing-Loy. This is to help build capital reserve for our town buildings. Possibly one day fixing the Grange Hall. Clark called for any discussion. There were a few residents that were willing to help out and possibly start a committee to make a decision on what to do with the Grange Hall. There were a few residents willing to volunteer their time in fixing the hall up a bit so it could be used. Selectman Beane

suggested paying off the Dam first then making a decision on the Grange Hall. Moderator 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 which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. This year brings a statistical revaluation update. The normal cost is \$27,000 to \$30,000. There is money in the account to cover the cost this year. This article will go towards rebuilding the account. Clark called for any discussion. There was none. Moderator re-read the Article and called for a vote. All ayes **Article 8 passed.**

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be placed in the Transfer Station Equipment & Repair Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Clark read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. We share the cost with Lisbon and Landaff of the transfer station. The transfer station needed to buy equipment in the past and there was no account to draw from. This money will be put aside to help with future costs. Clark called for any discussion. There was none. Moderator re-read the Article and called for a vote. All ayes **Article 9 passed.**

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$270) to support Tri-County CAP's Homeless Intervention and Prevention Programs, a community service program provided by Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. (Inserted by Petition) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Clark read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. The selectman are supporting this petition of \$270. Clark called for any discussion. There was none. Moderator re-read the Article and called for a vote. All ayes **Article 10 passed.**

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 76:15-a, which provides for the semi-annual collection of taxes. If adopted, partial payment of the taxes assessed on April 1 in any tax year shall be computed by taking the prior year's assessed valuation times 1/2 of the previous year's tax rate; provided, however, that whenever it shall appear to the selectmen or assessors that certain individual properties have physically changed in valuation, they may use the current year's appraisal times 1/2 the previous year's tax rate to compute the partial payment. This change will take effect as of April 1, 2021. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Clark read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. Lyman is one of the few towns left that only sends out taxes once

a year. This is to help offset the cost of borrowing money to pay the school tax bill and town obligations from May until Nov. The first billing cycle would take effect in June of 2021. Clark called for any discussion. Tim Carignan asked if the town would still need to borrow money if the town voted this in. Trudell answered by saying yes, but we wouldn't need to borrow as much. Robert Chenevert brought up a concern about the interest rate now starting in July instead of December. Some voiced concern about the date on which the tax bills are mailed. Tax bills will be due in July and December of each year. Trudell mentioned that the town is having to borrow money earlier and earlier each year. Moderator re-read the Article and called for a vote. The ayes won **Article 11 passed**.

Article 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Selectman Trudell asked voters to come to the school meeting on March 18th. Jim thanked Donna for all her hard work and she will be greatly missed. Bryce Yawger added that he was blessed to live in such a great town and with great leadership. Phil Clark thanked the town staff and the selectman for making his job easier. Nancy Labbay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Robert Chenevert. The meeting was closed at 8:25 pm.

Given under our hands and seal this 10th day of March, 2020.

The Lyman Board of Selectmen

Bruce Beane, Chairman

James Trudell

Wendy Ho-Sing-Loy

Respectfully submitted,
Bethany Carignan, Lyman Town Clerk