

TOWN OF LYMAN
Town Meeting Warrant with Town Meeting Minutes
March 08, 2016

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 EIGHTH day of MARCH 2016; 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: Steve Moscicki, Selectman: Jim Trudell, Administrative Assistant (AA): Donna Clark, and Town Clerk/Tax Collector (TC/TX): Carol Messner. At 7:00 pm Moderator Clark called the meeting to order, introduced himself, welcomed all, 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):	
Bruce Beane*	47 votes
Planning Board (1) (three year term):	
Roberta Aldrich*	46 votes
Board of Adjustment (1) (three year term):	
Patty O'Brien*	42 votes
Donald Duck	1
Max LaPointe	1
Lisa Linowes	1
Moderator (1) (two year term):	
Phil Clark*	34 votes
Janice Choate	1
Town Clerk/Tax Collector (1) (three year term):	
Carol Messner*	47 votes
Treasurer (1) (three year term):	
Celine Presby*	46 votes
Supervisor of the Checklist (1) (six year term):	
Sandra Moscicki*	15 votes
Ann Baker	1
Alan Gombas	1
Nancy Labbay	1
Gerard Landry	1
Steve Moscicki	1

Linda Stephens	1
Trustee of the Trust Funds (1) (3 year term):	
Lisa Linowes*	44 votes
Brian Santy	1

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars (\$362,156) to defray Town charges for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Executive	48,340
Election, Reg., Vital Statistics	39,695
Financial Administration	39,020
Legal Expenses	3,000
Personnel Administration	63,180
Planning	4,755
Zoning	1,780
General Government Buildings	32,965
Cemeteries	7,500
Insurance otherwise not allocated	7,600
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	2,170
Other General Government	700
Ambulance	7,862
Fire	21,450
Emergency Management	13,150
Solid Waste Disposal	38,120
Health Officer	1,180
Animal Control	1,745
Health Agencies	4,934
Welfare Administration	780
Welfare Vendor Payments	2,900
Parks and Recreation	110
Library	1,500
Patriotic Purposes	150
Other Culture	2,400
Conservation	200
Principal on Long Term Notes	8,275
Interest on Long Term Notes	3,195
Interest on TAN	3,500

Moderator Clark read the Article aloud. It was moved by Jim Trudell and seconded by Bruce Beane. The audience of 18 people viewed the "2015 Net Appropriation – Actual & 2016 Budget Summary – Proposed" form which was displayed on the overhead projector. Trudell began by mentioning that the Lisbon-Lyman loop will be shimmed, leveled and tarred with 1" to 1-1/2" of tar thanks to the efforts of one of our

Representatives, Brad Bailey. This should last 8 years. We will be buying a new truck this year as per our Equipment Plan. We will pay cash. We will not need to take any loan. We will crush 5,000 yards of ledge-pack and mix it with 1,500 yards of purchased crushed gravel. This worked well on Skinny Ridge Road. This will go approximately another 3 miles. We should have all roads completed in 4 more years. Our 2016 tax rate is estimated to increase .13/\$1000 of value or \$26 on a \$200,000 house, \$13 on a \$100,000 house.

Selectmen increased the pay for most town workers by 2%. The employees who receive health insurance benefits will continue to shoulder the same percentage of their increased premium costs. With the completion of the Town Hall addition and septic, the money budgeted toward the Building in 2015 has now, in 2016, shifted over to the gravel pit costs. They are putting \$2,000 per year toward headstone repairs at the cemeteries beginning with Center Cemetery. Resident, Elaine Burkham, recently called an ambulance and asked if the Town was billed for that as she felt responsible for a portion of the cost if so. She said Lisbon Fast Squad was indeed fast arriving in only 25 minutes to Under the Mountain Rd. Trudell said Lisbon, Landaff and Lyman all have a share of the total bill. Our cost is set no matter how many calls are received. He said the Fast Squad would probably love a donation though. The Fire Department is a great deal. We alone could not afford the equipment and we all work well together. The Emergency Management budget line shows as an increase but in reality most of that money is returning thru the Revenue section so the increase shown here in this Article is not truly an increase. Lisbon Recycling is charging us less and it makes us more money the more we recycle. After this year's Dam loan payment we will only owe \$74,400. Article 1 is down by \$21,391. Clark opened the floor to discussion.

Resident, Bryson Yawger mentioned that Lisbon Main Street annual report brochures were available in the foyer and contributions were always welcomed.

Clark called for any further discussion. With none, he re-read the Article and called for a vote. All ayes. Article 2 was **PASSED** and closed.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Five Dollars (\$275,705) 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	\$111,605
Highway Maintenance	\$163,550
Street Lighting	\$ 550

Clark read the Article aloud which was moved by Trudell and seconded by Beane. Trudell mentioned again the planned 2% salary increase for the Road Agent, Tom

Smith, Crew, Scott Stuart, and temporary highway help, Richard Hubbard. All do a great job and save us money by keeping our equipment so well maintained that it increases vehicle longevity. We will be crushing ledge-pack and buying some gravel, salt, sand and calcium chloride. We have had a good winter so far. The budget is increased mostly due to the ledge-pack. The street light category of the budget is for the light at the end of Lyman Road. Clark opened the floor to discussion. Yawger asked if they will be crushing smaller because of the tire puncturing problems. Selectmen explained all the actions they have taken to rectify the problem, talking with Pike Industries and trying test patches with different mixes, and say the new gravel/ledge-pack mix will hopefully correct the situation. Trudell displayed the "2016 Equipment Replacement Fund" for the audience saying we have good men, good equipment, good material and we are staying out of debt.

Clark called for any further discussion. With none, he re-read the Article and called for a vote. All ayes. Article 3 was **PASSED** and closed

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) to be placed in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Clark read the Article aloud. It was moved by Trudell and seconded by Beane. Trudell continued to display the Equipment Replacement Fund schedule. In order to continue following the Schedule we would need to add \$55,000 to the fund. This year they will replace the 1999 6-wheel truck which is 17 years old. This fund means we can pay cash and avoid taking any loans, saving us considerable expense.

Clark called for any further discussion. With none, he re-read the Article and called for a vote. All ayes. Article 4 was **PASSED** and closed.

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 Highway Bridge Replacement & Repair Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Clark read the Article aloud. It was moved by Trudell and seconded by Beane. The Bridge Replacement and Repair Fund payment is necessary to have enough in the fund to pay for the anticipated repairs. Trudell explained that there are 3 red-list bridges. One bridge on Mountain Meadows Rd. needs replacement and two need approval papers on their weight carrying capabilities from an Engineer. The two that need papers are located on Ogontz Rd and on Pettyboro Rd. The State estimated \$400,000 for the replacement cost but Selectman estimate less saying it can be done for \$80-100,000. After this \$25,000 installment the Fund will almost have enough to pay for the bridge in full without any loans being taken out. Clark opened the floor to

discussion. Yawger asked about a schedule on the replacement and was told probably next year. It will be a concrete bridge. Resident, Mark Chain, asked where the Capital Reserve money is kept and asked whether it earns interest. He was told the Trustees of the Trust Funds manage it and it is deposited in the NH Public Deposit Investment Pool and is overseen by an asset management company. Investments can be found on pages 34-35 in the 2015 Annual Report.

Clark called for any further discussion. With none, he re-read the Article and called for a vote. All ayes. Article 5 was **PASSED** and closed.

Article 6. 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)

Clark read the Article. It was moved by Trudell and seconded by Beane. Trudell stated that the revaluation is State mandated for once every 10 years and Statistical Updates are needed every 5 years. Our costs have previously been \$52,000 for revaluations and \$25-27,000 for updates. This Fund is to put money away for these known upcoming costs.

Clark called for any discussion. With none, he re-read the Article and called for a vote. All ayes. Article 6 was **PASSED** and closed.

Article 7. To see if the town will modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a,b, which provides an elderly exemption from property tax, based on assessed value, for taxpayers qualified pursuant to 72:39-a,b, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$20,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$30,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$40,000; with Single person income limit of \$25,000, married income limit of \$35,000, and asset limit of \$50,000 for both single and married. If approved, these limits would take effect on April 1, 2016. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Clark read the Article. It was moved by Trudell and seconded by Beane. Trudell said this is an increase only in the income and asset levels allowed to receive the exemption. The exemption amounts do not change. Limits were last adjusted in 2009. The income limits for singles was raised from \$18,000 to \$25,000, for married from \$30,000 to \$35,000 and the asset limit for both from \$40,000 to \$50,000. Clark opened the floor to discussion. Resident, Patricia Barry, asked if assets included property. AA, Donna Clark, answered it doesn't include your house and 2 acres but any other property and items such as boats, cars, pensions, savings, jewelry, and furs are included.

Clark called for any discussion. With none, he re-read the Article and called for a vote. All ayes. Article 7 was **PASSED** and closed.

Article 8. To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Trudell thanked Beth Hubbard, although she was not in the audience, for her service on the School Board. She did a great job. It is a real commitment and a lot of work. Trudell has put his name in for School Board again and hopes to make headway on reducing School taxes. The School Budget, if passed, should raise our tax rate by .26/\$1,000 and 2.10/\$1,000 for Lisbon. Trudell called this ridiculous and said we need to find a solution to the constantly rising cost of the School. He said 2/3 of our taxes are going to the School. Beane called attention to the Dedication page of the 2015 Annual Report which recognized AA, Donna Clark. He explained how valuable she is and how thankful we all are to have her. She makes the Selectmen look good, he said. She takes pride in her work and it shows. All applauded. Yawger recognized the Selectmen, Highway Crew and Town Clerk for their services and all applauded. Moderator Clark recognized John Murray for his 6 years of service as Supervisor of the Checklist. All applauded. The Annual School Board meeting is scheduled for March 16th at 7pm. TC/TX, Messner mentioned we will have a question on the ballot in November at the General Election regarding hours polls are open in Lyman. This has been voted on and has passed at town meeting twice and needs to pass at the State level to give us the option to open polls at 11 rather than at 8 for known slow voting days, generally the State Primary in September. All others State voting days would continue to open at 8 as usual. With no further discussion on Article 8 Clark thanked all for coming and declared the 2016 Lyman Town Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of March, 2016. The Lyman Board of Selectmen

Bruce Beane, Chairman

Stephen Moscicki

James Trudell

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Messner, Lyman Town Clerk