

# TOWN OF LYMAN

## 2023 Town Meeting Warrant

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 Lyman Town Hall in said Town on TUESDAY, the FOURTEENTH day of MARCH 2023; 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: Todd Landry, Selectmen Chairman: Bruce Beane, Selectman: Wendy Ho-Sing-Loy, Selectman: Thomas S. Smith, Administrative Assistant: Heather Torres, former Admin Assistant Donna Clark and Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Bethany Carignan. At 7:00 pm Moderator Landry called the meeting to order, introduced himself, welcomed all, asked everyone to rise and recite the pledge, he then reviewed procedures of order and thanked all for coming. Moderator Landry then read the results of Article 1.

Selectman (1) 3 year term:

Thomas S. Smith*	53 votes
Donna Clark	7
Milton Presby	1
Paul Rayburn	1

Selectman (1) 1 year term:

Wendy Ho- sing-Loy*	47 votes
Greg Harville	7
Phil Clark	1
Shon Grant	1
Lisa Linowes	1

Board of Adjustment (2) 3 year term:

Mark Draper*	56 votes
Paul Rayburn	1
Phil Clark	2
Phil Poore	1
Michael Stockley Jr.	1

Planning Board (2) 3 year term:

Todd Landry*	59 votes
Sandy McKee*	43

Planning Board (1) 1 year term:

Donna Clark*	51 votes
Andrew Dorsett	1
Lisa Linowes	1
Thomas S Smith	1

Trustee of the Trust Funds (1) 3 year term:

Brian Dear*	5 votes
Andrew Dorsett	3
Beth Hubbard	3
Donna Clark	2
Elizabeth Wilkins	2
Lisa Linowes	1
Celine Presby	1
Cathy Bisson	1
Jennifer Stockley	1
Ernest Atwood	1

Moderator Landry then jumped to Article 14 due to having Officer Eck present to answer questions about the article.

**Article 14.** To see if the Town of Lyman should conduct, with surrounding towns, a feasibility study with interested towns for a Regional Police Department. Each Town will provide a Board member or their designee and other members by Board appointment to conduct monthly meeting(s). No monies to be expended and results of study to be available by March 2024. (Majority vote required)

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Ho-Sing-Loy and seconded by Selectman Smith. Selectman Ho-Sing-Loy gave a brief description of the article explaining that this would be a study of a possible regional department. Harry Dale asked what departments have 24-hour coverage. The only local department that has 24-hour coverage is Littleton. Lisa Linowes asked if there were any other regional departments in the state. Celine Presby wanted to know if the town gets charged for calls made to the state police. The answer was that the town does not get charged for those calls and responses. Officer Eck mentioned that if this does become a department that the cost would be split between 5 towns. Lisa Linowes wanted to see the scope of the study before and after. Lori Williams mentioned she had talked to few Lisbon people and they were not happy about the idea because they think it will bring the town taxes up. Ho-Sing-Loy reminded everyone that this is just a study. Officer Eck clarified that this would not be a Lisbon PD and that it would be a regional police dept. with 24-hour coverage. Harry Dale asked if there were any grant monies to cover this. Officer Eck believed that currently there was not any grant money. Phil Clark asked what the response time would be. Officer Eck did not know the what the response time would be. Nancy Labbay wanted to know what would happen if they were busy and something happened in Lyman, who would cover and would the state

police still respond? Officer Eck said that someone would come and cover. Andrew Dorsett wanted to know if there was going to be a consultant hired to assist with the study. Officer Eck did not know at this time. Moderator Landry then re-read the Article and called for the vote. The ayes have it. **Article 14 Passed**

Moderator Landry suggested that if you would like to be apart of that committee that you voice that to the selectboard tonight.

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars (\$443,357) to defray Town charges for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Executive .....	\$67,405.00
Election, Reg., Vital Statistics .....	38,780.00
Financial Administration.....	64,903.00
Revaluation of Property .....	6,250.00
Legal Expenses .....	5,000.00
Personnel Administration.....	69,050.00
Planning.....	4,700.00
Zoning.....	2,465.00
General Government Buildings.....	28,565.00
Cemeteries .....	10,500.00
Insurance otherwise not allocated	15,050.00
Advertising & Reg. Associations .....	2,400.00
Other General Government .....	700.00
Ambulance.....	11,700.00
Fire.....	27,750.00
Emergency Management.....	4,670.00
Solid Waste Disposal.....	56,600.00
Health Officer.....	1,100.00
Animal Control .....	2,520.00
Health Agencies.....	5,934.00
Welfare Administration.....	630.00
Welfare Vendor Payments .....	700.00
Library.....	2,000.00
Patriotic Purposes.....	150.00
Other Culture .....	2,800.00
Conservation.....	800.00
Principal on Long Term Notes .....	8,275.00
Interest on Long Term Notes .....	960.00
Interest on TAN.....	1,000.00

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Ho-Sing-Loy and seconded by Selectman Smith. Ho-Sing-Loy gave an overview of the budget with and without Article 5. Lyman taxes are estimated to up \$2.10 per thousand and without Article 4

it is estimated to up \$1.40 per thousand. Selectman Ho-Sing-Loy went line by line with the budget number for this article. Celine Presby asked what the difference between Executive, Financial Admin, and Personnel Admin was. Executive went up \$9,050.00, Financial Admin went up \$13,712.00, and Personnel Admin went up \$9,420.00 and who are they? Executive includes selectmen, insurance, dues & subscriptions, hourly admin and hourly admin assistant, and the moderator and town meeting. Tim Carignan asked if the executive line included the advisor to the selectboard. Ho-Sing-Loy said that it did. Lori Williams thought that the position was going to be voted on, on whether or not to keep that position going forward. Details on this position can be found in the 2022 meeting minutes. Concerns about the position during the meeting were addressed. Financial Admin includes the bookkeeper, auditing, assessing, mapping, treasurer, office equipment, maintenance and support and all office supplies. Personnel Admin includes health and dental insurance. Bruce Beane added that the town had hired someone who is doing a lot of cleaning of the stones in the cemeteries and that it is looking good. Brett Presby asked where the money that was donated to the town went. Those monies were earmarked to go towards the school payment. Harry Dale asked where the money went when we pay by the lb. for garbage. The Town gets about 21% back from the recycle center revenue. Moderator Landry then re-read the Article and called for the vote. All ayes. **Article 2 Passed**

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$335,830) 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 .....	\$160,260.00
Highway Maintenance.....	\$174,850.00
Street Lighting.....	\$720.00

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Ho-Sing-Loy. Selectman Ho-Sing-Loy explained the lines for pay, summer help, fuel and insurance. These budget lines are up a total of \$44,672.00 Larry Hubbard asked how much was spent on crushing this year. The town paid just under \$108,000.00 from the fund balance. This was for 11,000 yards of material good for three years. Moderator Landry then re-read the Article and called for the vote. All ayes. **Article 3 Passed**

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-One Thousand Five Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$41,541) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. These funds represent a One Time Highway Payment received from the State of NH. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Ho-Sing-Loy. Ho-Sing-Loy explained that this money was a grant from the state

and it just needed to be moved into the capital reserve fund. Nancy Labbay wanted to know if these monies were to be used towards the purchase of the new loader. The answer was yes. Moderator Landry then re-read the Article and called for the vote. All ayes. **Article 4 Passed**

**Article 5.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the purchase of a loader for the Highway Department and authorize the withdrawal of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) is to come from general taxation. This article is contingent upon passage of Article 4. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Ho-Sing-Loy. Road agent Tom Smith gave a brief overview and said he was under the impression that the town had the money already in the budget. A new loader will cost about \$250,000. and if we were to wait until the first of the year the price will go up another \$12,000. Andrew Dorsett wanted to know if the town had thought about a lease to purchase agreement. Tom said that the board had discussed it and they were in agreement that they did not want the debt. Nancy Labbay wanted to know if the town had a trade in value for the current loader. The trade value is \$12,000. The Town isn't sure if it will be traded for not. Celine Presby voiced concern about how much the town would pay in interest if the town were to have a lease purchase agreement. Andrew Dorsett made a motion to amend the article to state to purchase the loader with a lease purchase of at least a three-year term. Moderator Landry asked for a second. Lisa Linowes seconded that motion. Landry asked for discussion. Dorsett said this lease would lock in the price and even out the tax rate for the next three years. Donna Clark mentioned that the town may not be able to move forward because of special hearings and meetings before we could borrow the money. Dorsett agreed and was willing to have those meetings. After more discussion Mr. Dorsett asked to withdraw his motion. Moderator Landry wanted keep the meeting clean and continued with the motion. Moderator Landry read the amendment and called for a vote. The amendment failed. Moderator Landry then re-read the Article and called for the vote. All ayes. **Article 5 Passed**

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Ho-Sing-Loy. This article was meant to be passed over if Article 5 passed. No second motion was made and therefore the Article was passed over.

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$30,227) to be added to the Bridge Replacement & Repair Capital Reserve Fund previously established. These funds represent a One Time Bridge Payment received from the State of NH. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Ho-Sing-Loy. Selectman Ho-Sing-Loy mentioned that this was grant money. Moderator Landry asked for discussion and there were no questions. Moderator Landry then re-read the Article and called for the vote. All ayes. **Article 7 Passed**

Moderator Landry paused for a minute and gave a shout out to Lisbon Area Historical Society that serves Lisbon, Lyman and Landaff. They are in need of some volunteers and will have an orientation this spring. If anyone is interested there are pamphlets near the front door.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Office and Computer Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Beane. Selectman Ho-Sing-Loy gave an explanation and that the computer equipment in the administrators office needed to be upgraded. Harry Dale asked if it included a security system. Ho-Sing-Loy explained that it did. There was discussion on what the town had for internet service and the selectmen are looking into other options to try and improve the internet service at the town hall. Moderator Landry then re-read the Article and called for the vote. All ayes. **Article 8 Passed**

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the Property Tax Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Beane. Selectman Ho-Sing-Loy gave an explanation of the article and that the town is re-evaluated every 5 years. Nancy Labbay asked when the town is scheduled again. 2025 is the towns next re-evaluation. Moderator Landry then re-read the Article and called for the vote. All ayes. **Article 9 Passed**

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Welfare and General Assistance Trust Fund previously established. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Beane. Selectman Ho-Sing-Loy gave an explanation of the article and said hopefully we won't have to use this fund for a few years. Moderator Landry asked for questions. There were none. Moderator Landry then re-read the Article and called for the vote. All ayes. **Article 10 Passed**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Transfer Station Equipment & Repair Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Ho-Sing-Loy. Selectman Beane talked about the equipment at the transfer station and that it is a shared transfer station between three towns and this money goes into the fund in case equipment is needed at a later time. Bryce Yawger asked how much was in the fund. We currently have \$7000.00 in that fund. He also asked how much was appropriate to have. The selectman were not sure. Moderator Landry asked for questions. There were none. Moderator Landry then re-read the Article and called for the vote. All ayes. **Article 11 Passed**

**Article 12.** Shall the Town modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current tax credit of \$300 per year to \$500? (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Beane. The Selectman felt it was time to increase the amount as other surrounding towns are at \$500. Moderator Landry asked for questions. There were none. Moderator Landry then re-read the Article and called for the vote. All ayes. **Article 12 Passed**

**Article 13.** Shall the Town readopt the All-Veterans Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Beane. Selectman Ho-Sing-Loy explained that this tax credit is given to all veterans and the state wanted to know if the town would re adopt the verbiage. Moderator Landry asked for questions. There were none. Moderator Landry then re-read the Article and called for the vote. All ayes. **Article 13 Passed**

**Article 15.** To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Smith and seconded by Selectman Beane. At this time Lisa Linowes gave a presentation on the conservation commission. She presented some new maps that are on the Towns website. Lisa thought this information can be very useful for our area. The conservation commission has been

working with the state to create wildlife and habitat maps. They are color coded to show the different areas such as wetlands, vegetation, and wildlife. May 18<sup>th</sup> the commission will be holding an event at the town hall featuring speakers that will be talking about our wildlife. Moderator Landry reminded everyone that the school meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. Meeting starts 7:30. Moderator Landry asked for any other business. Phil Clark wanted to commend everyone that works for the Town of Lyman especially the Towns Crew. Moderator Landry thanked everyone that spent the day at the town hall working the elections and every election. Moderator Landry asked for a motion to adjourn. Celine Presby made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Nancy Labbay. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Given under our hands and seal this 7th day of February, 2023.

The Lyman Board of Selectmen

Bruce Beane, Chairman

Wendy Ho-Sing-Loy

Thomas Smith

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Carignan, Lyman Town Clerk