

TOWN OF LYMAN

Town Meeting Warrant with Town Meeting Minutes

March 8,2022

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 2022; 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 Articles 1-4; 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: Jim Trudell, Administrative Assistant: Tabbetha Shosa, 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.

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

Selectman (1) 3 year term:

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| Bruce E Beane* | 39 votes |
| Tom Smith | 1 |
| Russell Hubbard | 1 |
| Phil Clark | 1 |

Board of Adjustment (1) 3 year term:

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| Richard Hubbard* | 2 votes |
| Cathy Bisson | 1 |
| Todd Landry | 1 |
| Patricia O'Brien | 1 |
| Tom Smith | 1 |
| Michael Colby | 1 |
| Ryan Choate | 1 |
| Derek Wilkins | 1 |
| Steve Moscicki | 1 |

Moderator (1) 2 year term:

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| Todd Landry* | 51 votes |
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Town Clerk/Tax Collector (1) 3 year term:

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| Bethany Carignan* | 48 votes |
| Pam Landry | 1 |

Planning Board (1) 3 year term:

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| Paul Rayburn* | 26 votes |
| Donna Clark | 21 |

Treasurer (1) 3 year term:

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| Celine Presby* | 50 votes |
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Supervisor of Checklist (1) 6 year term:

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| Pamela Landry* | 51 votes |
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Trustee of the Trust Funds (1) 3 year term:

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| Donna Clark* | 8 votes |
| Celine Presby | 1 |
| Lisa Linowes | 1 |
| Kimberly Smith | 1 |
| Sam Mckinley | 1 |

Article 2. Are you in favor of Amendment No. 1 to the Lyman Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Lyman Planning Board as follows:

Amend the definition of accessory use from "a use subordinate to and incidental to the principal use of land and building" to "a use generally subordinate and incidental to the principal use of land?"

This was voted by paper ballot during the hours of 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. The results were 45 yes 5 no. **Article 2 passed.**

Article 3. Are you in favor of Amendment No. 2 to the Lyman Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Lyman Planning Board as follows:

Amend Article 601(a)(4) regarding permitted uses to clarify that residential accessory uses are permitted on a lot regardless of whether there is an associated principal use?

This was voted by paper ballot during the hours of 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. The results were 47 yes 4 no. **Article 3 passed.**

Article 4. Are you in favor of Amendment No. 3 to the Lyman Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Lyman Planning Board as follows:

Amend Article 601(b)(4) regarding permitted uses to clarify that agricultural accessory uses are permitted on a lot regardless of whether there is an associated principal use?

This was voted by paper ballot during the hours of 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. The results were 47 yes 5 no. **Article 4 passed.**

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand One Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$400,145) to defray Town charges for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

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| Executive..... | \$58,355.00 |
| Election, Reg., Vital Statistics..... | 38,153.00 |
| Financial Administration..... | 51,191.00 |
| Revaluation of Property | 6,250.00 |
| Legal Expenses..... | 5,000.00 |
| Personnel Administration..... | 59,630.00 |
| Planning..... | 4,545.00 |
| Zoning..... | 2,325.00 |
| General Government Buildings..... | 23,040.00 |
| Cemeteries..... | 13,000.00 |
| Insurance otherwise not allocated..... | 12,683.00 |
| Advertising & Reg. Associations..... | 2,500.00 |
| Other General Government..... | 700.00 |
| Ambulance..... | 11,700.00 |
| Fire..... | 27,750.00 |
| Emergency Management..... | 4,255.00 |
| Solid Waste Disposal..... | 50,720.00 |
| Health Officer..... | 2,100.00 |
| Animal Control..... | 2,365.00 |
| Health Agencies..... | 5,314.00 |
| Welfare Administration..... | 670.00 |
| Welfare Vendor Payments..... | 700.00 |
| Library..... | 2,000.00 |
| Patriotic Purposes..... | 150.00 |
| Other Culture..... | 2,800.00 |
| Conservation..... | 200.00 |
| Principal on Long Term Notes..... | 8,275.00 |
| Interest on Long Term Notes..... | 1,274.00 |
| Interest on TAN..... | 2,500.00 |

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. Trudell reviewed a summary of the expenses related to all budget Articles and then presented a more in-depth review of summary items from each Article. Appropriations recommended \$400,145.00, Special warrant articles recommended \$178,000.00, Individual warrant articles recommended \$291,158.00, Total appropriations recommended \$ 869,303.00 Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (\$306,770.00) and Estimated from Fund Balance (\$100,000.00) Add in Overlay of \$5,000.00 and Add Veterans Credits \$15,800.00 To Equal \$483,333.00. Trudell said the overall budget is up about \$53,856.00 this year which is about 71 cents per thousand. Last year the Revenue

was underestimated. The Town also received an anonymous donation which was put towards reducing the amount of taxes. Trudell then proceeded to go line by line in Article 5. Trudell talked about a new position of Advisor to the selectboard and announced that he will be stepping down from the Selectboard in May. He has asked Thomas S. Smith to step in for him until the next election. Tom Smith has agreed to step into the role. The Advisor to the board position would look into more grants for the town and possibly fill some open positions like the Health Officer, also work with the school and try to keep taxes down. Trudell then asked for any questions. Several questions were asked about the position and how the hiring will take place. \$1800.00 is in the Executive budget line for this position. Trudell and Beane both mentioned how difficult things are becoming for the selectmen and the administrative assistant. Greg Harville asked about the transparency of this position stating that at the budget hearing on Feb. 8th Trudell's name was not mentioned that he would fill the position, but in the Town report under the Selectmen's Report it clearly states that Trudell would fill this position. This then led Harville to look back to past Selectmen's minutes and in the Jan. 31st Selectmen's minutes this plan was announced and that Trudell would fill this position. Harville didn't dispute the idea but was curious about the position and the transparency of everything. Beane responded that the Selectboard was still unsure how the position would be filled and who would fill it. Trudell stated that it did not have to be filled by him, but that there was a need for the Selectboard to have additional help, for a period that he said should be determined by the Selectboard. Lori Williams raised the concern that this position, beyond the 6-month time period and \$1800 in pay, should be something the town's people have a say in. The Selectboard was open to these discussions and concerns. Nancy Labbay voiced concern about affording this new position with everything from gas to groceries on the rise. The Selectboard still has to make some decisions on this position and work out final details. Moderator Landry asked if there were any other questions to which there were not. Moderator Landry then re-read the Article and called for the vote. There were all ayes and 1 no by voice vote. **Article 5 Passed**

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ninety-One Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$291,158) for maintenance, expenses, salaries, supplies, equipment and street lighting for the Highway Department for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

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| Highway Administration | \$148,208.00 |
| Highway Maintenance | \$142,350.00 |
| Street Lighting | \$600.00 |

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. Trudell explained that the Highway Budget has increased because of salaries and a part time town crew was hired. Richard Hubbard is part time summer crew and Mike Letellier is part time winter crew. The town plans on crushing ten thousand yards of ledge pack again this summer. They will also work on fixing some potholes on some of the roads that are bad. The cost of maintenance and fuel prices are also up and are reflected in the budget to accommodate those increasing prices. Greg Harville wanted to be sure we had enough money in the budget to cover the cost of rising fuel prices. Trudell was

confident that we did have enough money in the budget. Moderator Landry then re-read the Article and called for the vote. All ayes **Article 6 passed.**

At this time Moderator Landry took a pause in the meeting to thank several residents who recently took part in training to become Emergency Medical Responders. This aids in the response time for the Lisbon Life Squad since Lyman now has more residents who are trained. Thank you to Ed Daniels who did the training.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to be placed in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. Trudell explained that the Town purchased a used tractor with mower for \$105,000.00 and will no longer need to rent one to do the roadside mowing. This purchase will allow the town to conduct mowing operations whenever needed versus being restricted to the two-week window granted by the mower rental company previously utilized by the town. This money is to rebuild the fund as the purchase of the roadside mower left the Highway Equipment Fund with only \$80,000. These funds will help to ensure the town is ready to make its next necessary purchase of highway equipment when the time comes. Moderator Landry then re-read the Article and called for the vote. All ayes **Article 7 passed.**

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in the Road Material Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. Trudell explained that the Town will do more crushing this year and build its supply of road material. Another 10,000 yards in the fall will help replenish the towns supply and ensure road maintenance can continue. Bryson Yawger made a comment about too much sand being mixed with the ledge pack therefore making the roads less stable. Trudell said overtime the town has gotten better with the size of the ledge pack and the amount of sand that is mixed in and will hopefully use less sand in the future. 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 placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. Trudell explained that 20% of the town will be re-evaluated again this year and that by 2025 the full cyclical re-eval will be completed. The assessors will perform 20% of re-evals each year instead of doing the entire town in one year. Information

regarding the assessing schedule can be found online. 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 placed in the Bridge Replacement & Repair Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. Trudell stated that bridge repairs for Ogontz went well and this \$5000 would replenish the fund balance for funds used during the Ogontz repair. All town bridges are currently in good shape. 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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Legal Expense Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. Trudell explained this fund is for any legal expense that may arise. Moderator Landry asked for questions. Sandra Mckee asked how much was in that fund. Shosa said it was a small amount since a lawsuit was just settled with Fairpoint Communications. This was an ongoing lawsuit with many surrounding towns where Fairpoint was being assessed to highly leading too highly, leading to higher taxes. The Towns payout to Fairpoint was \$42,000.00. Moderator Landry then re-read the Article and called for the vote. All ayes **Article 11 passed.**

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Welfare and General Assistance Trust Fund. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. Trudell explained that last year the town had to use some of this fund to help a resident and thankfully the town doesn't have any major welfare issues and this is to build the fund. Moderator Landry then re-read the Article and called for the vote. All ayes **Article 12 passed.**

Article 13. 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 Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. Trudell explained that the transfer station is looking into getting a new backhoe. Money goes into this fund yearly to cover necessary equipment replacement and repairs for the Lisbon Transfer Station. Moderator Landry asked for questions. Lori Williams voiced concerns about the Transfer Station no longer taking many recyclable items. Beane

mentioned that the Town did receive \$38,000.00 back from the Transfer Station. Williams asked why the Transfer Station isn't crushing the product and storing for a better price. Moderator Landry then re-read the Article and called for the vote. All ayes **Article 13 passed.**

Article 14. To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Moderator Landry read the Article which was moved by Selectman Trudell and seconded by Selectman Beane. Moderator Landry asked for questions. Wanda Hubbard wanted to know how long it had been since the State paved the Lyman loop and didn't want to see it get as bad as it had been in the past. Phil Clark thanked all the elected officials from the Town and for doing a great job. Beth Hubbard thanked Jim Trudell for his years of service to the Town. Moderator Landry called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM and Nancy Labbay made that motion and Bryson Yawger seconded that motion.

Given under our hands and seal this 8th day of March, 2022.

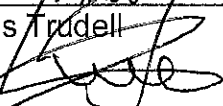
The Lyman Board of Selectmen



Bruce Beane, Chairman



James Trudell



Wendy Ho-Sing-Loy

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Carignan, Lyman Town Clerk