

Town of Lyme
12175 NYS Route 12E
Chaumont, NY 13622
April 9, 2025
Local Law 1 of 2025 Public Hearing 6:15 p.m.
Regular Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m.

A public hearing and regular meeting of the Town Board of Lyme, County of Jefferson and the State of New York was held at 12175 NYS Route 12 E at 6:15 P.M., on the 9th day of April 2025.

Three Mile Point Road Restricted Parking Public Hearing

Supervisor Millington called the Three Mile Point Road Restricted Parking Public Hearing to order at 6:15 p.m. There were no public comments or questions.

Supervisor Millington closed the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

Supervisor's Personal Address:

Supervisor Millington expressed his gratitude to Thomas Donovan and Lynda Jackson for their support during his illness. He announced his decision to retire at the end of his 2025 term to spend more time with his family. While retiring, he will remain available to assist the Town if needed. He intends to complete the Highway Garage project before finishing his term.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order:

Supervisor Millington called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. opening the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present included Supervisor Millington, Deputy Supervisor Donovan, Councilmember Farrell, Councilmember Bourquin, Councilmember Gosier, Town Clerk Ariana Henderson, Legislator William Johnson, Jennifer Kingsley, Bruce Kingsley, Josh Rogers, Julie Grieco, Terry Countryman, Heather Lipczynski, Karen Fitzgerald, Joseph Chernick, Catherine Stone, Michael Klock, Karin Klock, Mark Zegarelli and Leslie-Milano Luango.

Karen Fitzgerald Parks and Recreation:

Karen was present representing the Lyme Parks and Recreation group. She asked the Town Board for permission to use Veteran's Park for the Lake Monster Run normally held at the Copley House each year. The run is held on the Sunday before Memorial Day and last approximately 3 hours. They will be purchasing event insurance, and the participants also sign a waiver for liability.

Resolution 2025-60: Councilmember Bourquin made the motion to approve Lyme Parks and Recreation to use Veteran's Public Park for the 2025 Lake Monster Run under the condition that they purchase event insurance; Councilmember Gosier seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

Legislator William Johnson:

Legislator Johnson said he didn't have any information to report.

Supervisor's Report

Resolution 2025-61: Councilmember Donovan made the motion to approve the March Supervisor's Monthly Financial report; Councilmember Gosier seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Superintendent Patrick Weston shared that the Highway Department has been sweeping roads and tidying up after the harsh winter. Additionally, they are currently working on the Village Tennis Courts, removing the old pavement and fencing.

Clerk's Report

Monthly Receipts were as follow: Total Local Shares Remitted: \$1688.29; Total State County & Local Revenues: \$1,707.29 Total Non – Local Revenues: \$19.00

Resolution 2025-62: Councilmember Farrell made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report for March; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Audit of the Bills (Abstracts #7 + 8)

Resolution 2025-63: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve Abstract #7 in the amount of \$0.00 seconded by Councilmember Donovan; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Resolution 2025-64: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve Abstract #8 in the amount of \$251,879.40; seconded by Councilmember Donovan; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Resolution 2025-65: Councilmember Donovan made the motion to approve the following meeting minutes; Regular Meeting March 12, 2025; March 7, 2025; March 27, 2025; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Old Business:

Transfer Funds:

Supervisor Millington suggested we pass a resolution to transfer funds into the general funds from our building capital reserve and equipment reserve accounts. Councilmember Bourquin stated a resolution wasn't needed because it is already in our 2025 budget as written.

TM Point Parking Local Law:

Supervisor Millington read the proposed Local Law out loud:

**Town of Lyme
Local Law 2025-1
Three Mile Point Restricted Parked**

Article 1. - Statement of Authority. The Town Board of the Town of Lyme, pursuant to the authority granted it under Article 41 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York and Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, hereby enacts as follows:

Article 2. - Findings and Purpose. The Town Board of the Town of Lyme hereby finds that parking on Three Mile Point between November 1st and May 1st has created a hazard by narrowing traffic and making it difficult, if not impossible, for snow removal. The Board finds it is necessary, therefore, to restrict parking on this roadway so that the Town may adequately provide safe operation of the highway and snow removal. It is the purpose of this local law to do the same.

Article 3. - Enactment. The Town Board of the Town of Lyme hereby declares:

There shall be no parking on either side, the entire length of Three Mile Point from November 1st to May 1st of each year.

The Town Highway Superintendent is hereby directed to post appropriate signage notifying the public of no parking in this area provided that the signs may be removed at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent after May 1st as long as they are put back up by November 1st of each year.

Any person failing to comply with the direction of this local law shall be guilty of a violation and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 for a first violation; by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200 for a second violation within a one-year period; and by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$250 for a third or subsequent violation within a one-year period. Further, if in the discretion of the Highway Superintendent, immediate removal of the vehicle is necessary to preserve public safety, the vehicle may be towed by the Town at the owner's expense.

Article 4. - Severability. If any part of this Chapter shall be found to be void, voidable, or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, it shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any remaining section or provision of this Chapter.

Article 5. - Effective Date. This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State and further upon the expiration of the above noted terms.

Resolution 2025-66: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve the Three Mile Point Restricted Parking Law as written; seconded by Councilmember Donovan; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Cedar Grove Director:

Deputy Supervisor Donovan explained the need for someone to oversee the Cedar Grove Cemeteries, as well as to supervise the mowing and general maintenance of all the cemeteries. He suggested that one person should be responsible for all the cemeteries, including Three Mile Bay. Tim agreed that this would be a good approach. Julie outlined the responsibilities she currently handles at the Three Mile Bay Cemetery. The group then discussed the position and the cemetery budget.

Resolution 2025-67: Councilmember Donovan made the motion to advertise for the Cedar Grove Cemeteries Director; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Mowing Bids Revision:

Deputy Supervisor Donovan explained that during the March meeting, the mowing bid from TnT Property Services for Veteran's Park, the 12E ballfields, and the Morris Tract was accepted. However, it was later discovered that their bid did not include the 12E ballfields in the quoted price. Their revised bid came in significantly higher than the originally accepted amount of \$15,575.00. As a result, the Board would like to move forward with Average Guys Landscaping, who submitted a bid of \$26,850.00.

Resolution 2025-68: Councilmember Donovan made the motion to cancel the Ballfield/Veteran's Park/Morris tract mowing bid for TnT Property Services in the amount of \$15,575.00 and accept Average Guys Landscaping Services bid in the amount of \$26,850.00; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

New Business:

Public Hearing Date for Water Use Law Amendments:

Resolution 2025-69: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to advertise the Water Use Law Amendments Public Hearing for May 14, 2025, at 6:15 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Donovan; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Cedar Grove Cemetery Mowing Bids:

BNR Lawncare and more done OK- \$9,100.00
Average Guys Landscaping Services- \$11,028.00

Resolution 2025-70: Councilmember Donovan made the motion to accept the mowing bid from BNR Lawncare and More Done OK for the Cedar Grove Cemeteries in the amount of \$9,100.00 pending proof of insurance; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Resolution to accept Cedar Grove Cemeteries:

The Town needs a Resolution to accept both Old Cedar Grove cemetery and New Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Resolution 2025-71: Councilmember Donovan made the motion to accept Old Cedar Grove Cemetery and New Cedar Grove Cemetery; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Advertise for Summer Recreation Employment:

Resolution 2025-72: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to advertise for the Summer Recreation Employment Opportunities.; seconded by Councilmember Donovan; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Grounds Keeper Position:

Resolution 2025-73: Councilmember Donovan made the motion to advertise for the Grounds Keeper Employment Opportunity.; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Highway Garage Bond Resolution:

Supervisor Millington read the following Resolution out loud:

**RESOLUTION # 74 OF 2025
NEW TOWN HIGHWAY BARN**

WHEREAS, the existing Town of Lyme Highway Barn is inadequate and deficient in many respects and fails to meet the reasonable requirements of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, with input from the public, the Town's Highway Superintendent and Town Engineer has reviewed and considered various alternatives and options and has determined that a new Highway Barn is reasonably necessary and has set aside funds to offset construction costs; and

WHEREAS, plans and specifications for the new Highway Barn were prepared by the Town Engineer, have been and reviewed by interested persons and culminated in the current design specifications for the Barn (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NY General Municipal Law §101 a/k/a the WICKS Law bid specifications were prepared, reviewed and approved for each aspect of the Project so that each might be separately and individually bid; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NY General Municipal Law §103, sealed bids were sought and received for the Project; and

WHEREAS, in regard to General Construction - Contract 1 - four (4) bids were received by the Town Clerk, and reviewed by the Town Board and the Town Engineer and it was determined that Powis Contracting, Inc. was the lowest qualified bidder meeting the specifications regarding Contract 1 in the amount of \$2,552,250; and

WHEREAS, in regard to Mechanical Components – Contract 2 - three (3) bids were received by the Town Clerk, and reviewed by the Town Board and the Town Engineer and it was determined that Ontario HVAC Solutions, Inc. was the lowest qualified bidder meeting the specifications regarding Contract 2 in the amount of \$979,316; and

WHEREAS, in regard to Plumbing Components – Contract 3 - four (4) bids were received by the Town Clerk, and reviewed by the Town Board and the Town Engineer and it was determined that J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corp. was the lowest qualified bidder meeting the specifications regarding Contract 3 in the amount of \$279,600; and

WHEREAS, in regard to Electrical Components – Contract 4 - seven (7) bids were received by the Town Clerk, and reviewed by the Town Board and the Town Engineer and it was determined that New Century Electric, Inc. was the lowest qualified bidder meeting the specifications regarding Contract 4 in the amount of \$259,792; and

WHEREAS, selection of each of the four (4) qualified bidders was contingent upon appropriate adoption and passage of a Bond Resolution for the overall project; and

WHEREAS, preliminary Notices of Awards were issued to each qualified bidder on/about April 24, 2024; and

WHEREAS, a lawfully sufficient Petition in opposition to the Bond Resolution was timely submitted to the Town Clerk and culminated in a proper, duly noticed Special Election held on July 9, 2024 to vote on the Proposition “Shall the Town spend a maximum of \$5,260,681 to construct a new Highway Barn?”; and

WHEREAS, the election inspectors registered with the Jefferson County Board of Elections provided the final tally for the Special Election: 195 - Yes; 254 – No and as a result the electors voted against the Amended Bond Resolution and the proposition failed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board notified the Town Engineer and each of the lowest qualified bidders of the results of the Special Election; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the Town’s need for a new Highway Barn with the Town Engineer, the members of the public and each of the lowest qualified bidders and has determined that certain line item deductions from the original plan and specifications might be made and which would not require re-bids for the Project and determined that removing certain line items might be made meeting the general needs of the Town and without altering the functional requirements of the building; and

WHEREAS, the deletions include:

1.	Removing the Solar component	\$100,000
2.	Removing Waste Oil Tank	\$176,500
3.	Removing Waste Oil Boiler	\$14,161
4.	Removing Geo Thermal Wellfield	\$190,000
5.	Removing Thermal Heat Pumps	<u>\$49,059</u>
	SAVINGS	\$529,720

The plumbing inside the building will still incorporate connections for a geothermal system, if it is decided to add this at a later date; and

WHEREAS, by removing the above-referenced items, there will be associated costs of adding the following:

1.	Propane Boiler	\$26,136.17
2.	Insulation	\$8,645
3.	Airside equipment	<u>\$1,144;</u>
		\$35,925.17; and

WHEREAS, prevailing wage increases are expected as follows:

1.	Powis	Labor increase - 1-7% (\$27,125) Concrete (\$15,000)	\$42,125
2.	New Century Electric	Labor increase - 1.2%	\$3,067.71
3.	Sheehan	Labor increase - 1-8%	\$5,060
4.	Ontario HVAC	Labor increase – 2.3 %	<u>\$13,612.64</u>
			\$63,865.35; and

WHEREAS, the newly revised total cost of the project has been reduced from \$5,260,681.00 to \$4,822,656.52 (which amount includes a contingency of approximately \$272,897) meaning the total construction costs might be further reduced by approximately \$700,000 – due to deletions and careful planning techniques; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board will consider the adoption of an Amended Bond Resolution for the maximum amount that could be expended totaling \$\$4,822,656.52, (although the Board intends to allocate approximately \$1,000,000 from a reserve account to further reduce financing costs associated with the Project); and

WHEREAS, the Town’s Engineer has reviewed the matter with each of the four (4) qualified bidders in respect to the line item deductions for the original specifications and has received their support and cooperation for the same; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is prepared to proceed with the Project based upon the qualified bids previously received with the appropriate line item deductions subject to the appropriate bonding requirements and mandatory referendum.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Board makes the following determinations; and it is hereby resolved

1. The above recitations are incorporated herein.
2. The Town Supervisor, Town Engineer and Town Clerk shall undertake all necessary efforts to give full force and effect to these determinations by the Town Board in this Resolution.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member, Bourquin, and seconded by Board Member, Gosier, and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor James Millington	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____
Thomas Donovan	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____
Don Bourquin	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____
Timothy Farrell	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____
Julia Gosier	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____

Resolution 2025-74: Councilmember Bourquin made the motion to approve the resolution for the New Town Highway Barn.; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Councilmember Bourquin read the following Resolution out loud:

AMENDED BOND RESOLUTION
TOWN HIGHWAY BARN

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lyme, Jefferson County, New York, held at the Town Offices at 12175 NYS Route 12E, Chaumont, New York 13622 on the 9th day of April, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Millington and upon roll being called, the following were present:

James Millington, Supervisor
Thomas Donovan, Councilmember
Don Bourquin, Councilmember
Tim Farrell, Councilmember
Julia Gosier, Councilmember

ABSENT: N/A

The following Amended Resolution was offered by Councilmember Gosier, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilmember Farrell, to wit:

AN AMENDED BOND RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 9, 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OR A STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND OF THE TOWN OF LYME IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,822,656.52, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH ARE TO BE USED FOR SITE PREPARATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HIGHWAY BARN FOR THE TOWN OF LYME.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Lyme, Jefferson County, New York as follows:

Section 1. The Town of Lyme, in the interests of the citizens of the Town of Lyme, hereby authorizes the issuance of serial bonds or a statutory installment bond for the site preparation and construction of a New Highway Barn (the "Project"). The estimated cost of the Project shall not exceed \$4,822,656.52.

Section 2. The original Bond Resolution of December 8, 2021 is amended to encompass a new cost estimate by the Town Engineers as reflected on the Revised Rural Development (RD) Project Budget/Cost Certification. The new cost estimate and the amount of this Amended Bond Resolution is \$4,822,656.52.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid object and purpose is thirty (30) years, pursuant to Section 11.00 (a)(11)(a)(1) of the Local Finance Law. It is further determined that no down payment is required pursuant to Section 107 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. The Town Board plans to finance the estimated maximum cost of the Purpose by the issuance of serial bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$4,822,656.52 of the Town, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law, said amount to be offset by any federal, state, county and/or local funds received. Unless paid from other sources or charges, the cost of such improvements is to be paid by the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said Town of Lyme, Jefferson County, New York are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. There shall annually be levied on all property of said Town, sufficient to pay the principal of and interest of such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Subject to the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes of the issuance and the sale of a statutory installment bond or serial bonds herein authorized, including renewal of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer. Such Notes shall be of such terms, form and contents and

shall be sold in such a manner as may be prescribed by said Town Supervisor consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether to manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bond are to be executed in the name of the Town by the facsimile signature of its Town Supervisor), including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Town Supervisor. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the Town not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Town Supervisor shall determine.

Section 8. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit, or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 9. Upon this Resolution taking effect, a summary of the same be published in Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper of said Town for such purpose, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 10. This Resolution is subject to referendum, pursuant to Section 35.00 of the Local Finance Law and Section 94 of the Town Law.

Section 11. This Resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for the purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this Resolution, no monies are,

or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long- term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

A motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was made by Board Member Gosier and seconded by Board Member Farrell and upon a roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

VOTING				
	Yes	No		
James Millington, Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>		
Thomas Donovan, Councilmember	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>		
Don Bourquin, Councilmember	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>		
Tim Farrell, Councilmember	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>		
Julia Gosier, Councilmember	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>		

The Resolution was thereupon declared and duly adopted.

The above Resolution is a true, complete and accurate copy of a Resolution made and seconded at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lyme held on April 9, 2025.

Resolution 2025-75: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve the Amended Bond Resolution for the new Town Highway Barn; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Millington read the following Resolution out loud:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF LYME

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lyme, held at the Town Offices located at 12175 NYS Route 12E, Chaumont, NY 13622, on April 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., there were:

PRESENT:

Supervisor James Millington
Thomas Donovan
Don Bourquin
Tim Farrell
Julia Gosier

ABSENT: N/A

WHEREAS, a Resolution to proceed with a new Highway Barn, as revised was adopted on April 9, 2025, subject to successful bonding for the Project; and

WHEREAS, an Amended Bond Resolution was adopted by the Town Board on April 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopts this Resolution calling for a mandatory referendum regarding the Amended Bond Resolution in accordance with New York Town Law § 94 and which special election must be held within forty (40) calendar days of adoption of this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, on motion duly made and seconded, this Board makes the following determinations, and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. The above recitations are incorporated herein.
2. A Special Election regarding the construction of a new Town Highway Barn shall be held on May 13, 2025.
3. The Special Election shall be held at the Town Offices located at 12175 NYS Route 12E, Chaumont, New York 13622.
4. The polls for the Special Election shall be extended beyond that which is required by statute, and open at 12:00 pm and shall remain open for voting until 8:00 pm.
5. The proposition to be voted on at the Special Election will be as follows: "Shall the Town spend a maximum of \$4,822,656.52 to construct a new Highway Barn?"

This Resolution is adopted as required by New York Town Law as a prerequisite to the Special Election.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member, Gosier, and seconded by Board Member, Farrell, and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor James Millington	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____
Thomas Donovan	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____
Don Bourquin	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____
Timothy Farrell	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____

Julia Gosier

Yes X

No

Resolution 2025-76: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to accept the Resolution to accept the details of the Special Election for a New Town Highway Barn; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

The Town Board will be mailing a letter before the Special Election to qualified voters with information regarding the New Highway Garage on May 1st or 2nd.

Resolution 2025-77: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to advertise for the special election for the New Town Highway Garage on May 13th from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Town of Lyme Municipal Offices; seconded by Councilmember Donovan; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Committee Reports

Town Board Report:

Councilmember Gosier asked for the status of the judges audit. Councilmember Donovan has sent an email to Jo Morrow asking what dates would work best for her.

The Town Board will need to meet with the Solar Committee and find out how the final solar law will be written. This will occur sometime after the May Special Election.

Councilmember Gosier attended a meeting with the Solar Committee and the Assistant from Senator Walczyk's office to express their concerns about Solar in our Town.

Assessor Report:

There was no report.

Municipal Water Board Report:

Kathy Dyer inquired about the status of the IMA with the Village of Chaumont. The Board responded that John is still in the process of determining the property lines on Hart Road.

Water District #6 Proposal:

The Town Board met with the Water Board and Barton & Loguidice to discuss the proposal for Water District #6. It was noted that residents of Lotts Point, and parts of Three Mile Point are not interested in municipal water service. Although there were plans to proceed with the SEQR process during the meeting, that decision was ultimately vetoed, and the project will not be moving forward. Kathy expressed the Town Water Board's disappointment, stating they feel discouraged. She noted that continued delays have led to rising costs, and once again, the Town will miss the deadline for funding this year.

Planning Board:

There were no questions on the report.

Youth Commission:

Jody inquired about using the Lyme Rec fields twice a week for General Brown Lacrosse, noting that they have their own insurance coverage. Jim contacted Scott Radley regarding field availability and learned that the soccer fields could be used, but the baseball fields were not available. The Board requested specific dates for field usage and agreed to the arrangement. Supervisor Millington will be letting Scott Radley know the schedule for the Lacrosse usage.

Resolution 2025-78: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve General Brown Lacrosse to use the Town of Lyme soccer fields; seconded by Councilmember Farrell; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

ZEO/CEO Report:

There were no questions on the report.

ZBA Report:

There was no report.

TMB Cemetery:

Councilmember Gosier mentioned that she has been working on planning two burials and has been in discussions with TnT Lawncare regarding the upcoming mowing season.

Closing Privilege of the Floor

Mark Zegarelli questioned the Town Board about the \$5 million figure cited for the Highway Garage bond, noting that the original bids totaled approximately \$4 million. The Board explained the \$5 million was the original bond estimate. He also asked Pat Weston how much waste oil he uses and why the waste oil system was removed from the building plans. Pat explained that the quote for that system exceeded \$200,000, which led to its removal.

Heather Lipczynski informed the Board that the Town will be receiving funds from the Cedar Grove Cemetery savings. She noted the cemetery will require a spring cleanup, which typically costs between \$3,000 and \$4,000. Heather also pointed out that the Town should not have accepted a mowing bid without proof of insurance, as that requirement was clearly stated in the advertisement.

Jennifer Kingsley raised a concern regarding the Open Meetings Law, referencing a page from the Town Law Handbook. She asked who is responsible for ensuring that meeting materials are made available to the public ahead of meetings. She mentioned that there used to be a note on the agenda allowing residents to request materials up until 3 p.m. on the day of the meeting,

which is no longer included. Councilmember Farrell responded that the Town Supervisor is responsible for managing the agenda.

Online Privilege of the Floor

There were no comments.

Executive Session

Resolution 2025-79: Councilmember Bourquin made a motion to enter executive session at 8:01 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Resolution 2025-80: Councilmember Donovan made a motion to return to open meeting at 8:34 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Bourquin; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjournment

Resolution 2025-81: Councilmember Bouquin made the motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ariana Henderson

Ariana Henderson
Town Clerk