

Ordinance Establishing Alternate Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission

Whereas: The Planning and Zoning Commission is an integral part of the town's management of our land resources, and,

Whereas: Service on the Planning and Zoning Commission requires specific knowledge of the regulations of the town and zoning law, and,

Whereas: The time and effort required to develop this knowledge base to participate in the land regulations of the town is significant and time consuming, and,

Whereas: pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 8-1b, the Town may provide for the inclusion of Alternate Members for the Planning and Zoning Commission,

Now, Therefore, be it ordained by the Town of Lyme in Town Meeting convened, that three Alternate Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall be elected positions and their election will be held at the next Municipal Election on November 2, 2021. The term of office for these positions will be for six-years, with the terms staggered so one position will be elected each Municipal Election thereafter. Therefore, at the next Municipal Election one alternate shall be elected for a term of two years, one alternate shall be elected for a term of 4 years and one alternate shall be elected for a term of six years. All subsequent elections shall be for a 6-year term.

Such Alternate Members shall be electors and shall not be members of the Zoning Board of Appeals. An Alternate Member shall act if a Regular Member of the Commission is absent or disqualified. In such case, the Alternate shall be chosen by the absent or disqualified Member.

Any vacancy occurring among Alternate Members shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired portion of the term.

Be it further ordained that the Board of Selectmen will have the authority and responsibility to appoint the original three Alternate Members to serve for the period from enactment of this ordinance until the next Municipal Election.

This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after the publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Lyme.