



BOARD OF FINANCE

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Special Meeting

The Lyme Board of Finance held a Special Meeting on Wednesday May 19, 2021 directly following the Lyme Annual Town Meeting beginning at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Hagan Chair, Judith Duran, Peter Evankow, Jarrod Leonardo, David Brown, seated alternate Bruce Anderson, and unseated alternates Susan Tyler and Bob House. Jennifer Thomas Secretary, First Selectman Steven Mattson  
Absent Member: Kathryn Wayland  
Members of the public also present

Hagan called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

**Seat Alternate Member**

Alternate member Anderson was seated for absent regular member Wayland at Wayland's request.

**Approve the minutes from the April 13, 2021 regular meeting with correction**

Hagan called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2021 with the following corrections:

1) Replace Seat Alternate Member section with the following:

Seat Alternate Member

Alternate member Bruce Anderson was seated for absent regular member David Brown.

Alternate member Bob House was seated for absent regular member Jarrod Leonardo.

2) Replace the seventh paragraph under Old Business with the following:

Wayland questioned where the breakdown of the costs for staffing the Hamburg recycling center was and Mattson stated it was in the line item for the recycling center. Mattson stated that current staffing needs are one person for a total of under three hours on Saturdays. In light of the impact COVID-19 has had on people using Jansky's for recycling, Wayland would like to see one of the goals at the August meeting to be to study whether it is worth having the Hamburg recycling center open or if consolidating to the transfer station would be a more financially sound move for the town. Mattson responded that they did try to shift some of the volume, especially commercial, up to the transfer station, but the limited hours were a detriment to using it. The transfer station compactor cannot handle the volume that the Hamburg compactor can. Opening the transfer station five days a week would require paying an employee to be there five days a week, which is not necessary at the Hamburg recycling center. Mattson stated that while it could be feasible to close the Hamburg station and staff the transfer station five days a week, many in town would be unhappy with the closure of the Hamburg location, as they were during the COVID shutdown. Wayland believes having two

locations is not necessary for a town of Lyme's size and believes the space could be used to house the ambulances. Mattson stated that if one of the compactors should be shut down, it should be the one at the transfer station because the town loses money as the volume is so small. Mattson stated that Jansky's has gone from 1-2 loads of recycling a month to 3-4 loads a month in the past year. The town has less loads a month accordingly, but the Hamburg station is still producing about 4 loads a month. This shift has saved the town money. Mattson stated he will be happy to put something together on this topic for the board at the August meeting. Brown made the motion, seconded by Duran and the motion carried.

**Approve the minutes from the April 27, 2021 regular meeting**

Hagan called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2021 meeting. Brown made the motion, seconded by Anderson and the motion carried.

**Approve the minutes from the April 29, 2021 special meeting with correction**

Hagan called for a motion to approve the April 29, 2021 minutes with the following correction: Under the Final Discussion of FY 2021/2022 Proposed Budget section, in the paragraph beginning with "Tyler", insert the following before the last sentence:

"She stated that the testimony from residents at the public hearing contradict all of these justifications to reduce the goal."

Brown made the motion, seconded by Evankow and the motion carried.

**Set the Mill Rate for the 2021-2022 fiscal year**

Hagan called for a motion to keep the mill rate at 19.95 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Duran made the motion, seconded by Leonardo and the motion carried.

**Sign the request for transfers to "suspense list"**

Hagan called for a motion to approve the request for transfers to the suspense list in the amount of \$2,266.32. Evankow made the motion, seconded by Brown and the motion carried. Hagan signed the Request for Transfers to the Suspense List.

**Adjournment**

Hagan called for a motion to adjourn. Duran made the motion, seconded by Evankow and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Thomas, Secretary