

Special Town Meeting Minutes April 15, 2024

The Town Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by David Lahm with 92 in attendance; 86 of those eligible to vote. The Meeting was then organized by the selection of Don Gerber as Moderator. The Moderator asked Linda Winzer, Town Clerk, to read the Call to the Meeting:

“Electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meeting are hereby warned and notified that a Special Town Meeting will be held in Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, Connecticut, Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM EDT for presentation of the following agenda:

- Consider and act on supplemental budget appropriation of \$220,000 for the Lymes’ Senior Center renovation.

Dated at Lyme, Connecticut, this 9th day of April 2024
David Lahm For the Board of Selectmen”

The only order of business to come before the Meeting was to consider and act on supplemental budget appropriation of \$220,000 for the Lymes’ Senior Center renovation.

Moved and seconded. Alan Sheiness, member of the Senior Center Building Committee, then gave a brief presentation highlighting the key points and reasons for the supplemental funding request. Since previous informational presentations have been held in both towns, this presentation is just a brief synopsis. See attached slides of presentation. The discussion was then opened to questions.

A question was asked as to whether there was a guaranteed completion date. There are no penalties for the construction manager if the project is not completed in a timely fashion. The current groundbreaking date is May 6, 2024; the current reopening date is March 1, 2025.

A question was raised regarding where the water would be coming from. Water will be supplied by the existing well.

A question was asked regarding how this would affect local taxes. This supplemental request is comparable to what a small capital project would be and would have virtually minimal to no impact on the mill rate.

An explanation was requested for the insurance increase. The marketplace has tightened, and premium quotes are higher than budgeted a year ago.

A question was raised regarding what happened to the STEAP grant funds. The \$500,00 that both Lyme and Old Lyme received are reimbursement grants and have been projected in the 2025/2026 fiscal year budget. The additional \$220,000 is needed now to allow the First Selectman to enter into contracts for the project.

A question was asked regarding what happens if only one town approves the supplemental funding request. Contracts cannot be executed unless both towns approve.

There being no further questions, the Moderator called for a vote. Voted: affirmative with one nay vote.

There being no further business to come before the Meeting, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting. Voted: Affirmative. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Recorded by: Linda Winzer, Town Clerk