BOARD OF FINANCE

LYME TOWN HALL
480 HAMBURG ROAD
LYME, CT 06371

The Lyme Board of Finance held a Regular Meeting Tuesday February 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Rd, Lyme CT 06371.

Members Present: Alan Sheiness (chair), Dan Hagan, Steve Mattson, Bob House, Dave Brown, Jim Miller, Walter Burhan (alternate), Jeff Oyster (alternate), and Lannie Mossberg (secretary).
First Selectman Lahm was Present.

Call to Order 6:30 p.m.
Seat Alternate Member n/a
Approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2025, Regular Meeting Hagan made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Miller. Unanimous.
Updated Likely Agenda Items for 2025 BOF schedule – Sheiness said a few titles on the agenda will just move up one date.
Selectman's discussion of 25/26 detailed capital budget – The bridges will be moved off by a year. Day Hill can be pushed back, and Salem Road will be done before Day Hill. Engineering permits are needed for work done in the water. Birch Mill took 2 years to obtain permits. Mattson spoke about federal money pertaining to the bridges. There's a STEAP grant for Beaver Brook, but it's not in the budget. The fire equipment needs replacements. Sheiness said 2026/27 is a placeholder for truck disposition. Tanker refurbishment would be 300k +, so they are better off because they are built better and still have low miles. The out years are just as important as in years. Lahm said the money would be used for mechanicals to finish a dumbwaiter for books at the library from the first floor to the basement. Brown questioned if the library had two funds, and Lahm said there was only one now. The ambulance and fire in Hadlyme want sleeping quarters. They have looked to do the same for Lyme and push out where the firehouse and recycling spots are. House questioned keys and cards for the library. Lahm said that, eventually, cards will be used in place of keys. The Public Hall in Hamburg will have some structural repairs done since the Historic Commission rents it. Senior Center should come in under the revised budget. The town of Lyme has submitted for STEAP reimbursement from the state. Oyster questioned if Senior Center staff are still working. Lahm said yes, they are throughout town at different locations depending on what event they have going on. A new AV system for the Lyme meeting Room will come from the state in a new program.

Updated Region 18 Budget Summary – Sheiness started by saying the Region 18 operating expenses are proposed to increase by 2.69%, with the 853k for the k-8 project. Without this item, operating expenses are growing by 5%. Special education and student transportation are growing. Mattson questioned Special Ed reimbursement. Sheiness explained the reimbursement formula but said it's not enough for budget relief. Ian Neviaser will present the school budget to the board on March 4, 2025.

New Business – n/a
Adjournment 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lannie Mossberg