SELECTPEOPLE'S MINUTES
Monday, June 16, 2025

Present: Kristina White, John Kiker and David Lahm.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. and the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

No tax refund request was approved.

The budget was passed at the Town Meeting with one vote no. The Elderly Tax Relief amendment and acceptance of the Town Report had a unanimous favorable vote. The Town meeting was well attended, and the Board of Selectpeople wish to thank Alan Sheiness and the rest of the Board of Finance for the excellent job of shepherding the budget process to a conclusion. Selectman Lahm stated that a special town meeting will be held in September in order to pass several ordinances relating to land use and to allow the Town to post the proposed budget online thus saving the Town $3,800 per year.

Municipal Solid Waste – Everything is set for the continuation of Lyme's use of the Essex Transfer station for MSW. The administrative changes will be transparent to the public.

Food Composting Grant – The BOS supports Long Table Farms' endeavors to procure grant money for equipment if all zoning regulations are followed and permits are procured.

It is early Summer, and we have received many reports of bear sightings. We share our town with the bears and a few commonsense recommendations should avoid adverse interactions:

- Never feed bears
- Remove birdfeeders and bird food March through November
- Store garbage in secure containers in enclosed containers; do not leave garages or barns open
- Keep barbecue grills clean
- Do not feed pets outside or store pet food outside
- Supervise pets at all times when outside
- If you see a bear in your yard, do not approach it.

The BOS would like to take notice of National Women's Veterans Day on June 12th and Juneteenth on the 19th.

POCD – The POCD working group is beginning the task of writing the first draft of the report. The final report is expected to be published in November 2025

Old Business – None

New Business – Open Doors is a program to combat loneliness in all ages. The Lyme Public Library is working to develop programing that will address the needs of Lyme.

There being no further business before the Board, and the adjournment was at 4:35.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Lahm
For the Board of Selectpeople