BOARD OF FINANCE

LYME TOWN HALL
480 HAMBURG ROAD
LYME, CT 06371

The Lyme Board of Finance held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Rd, Lyme, CT 06371.

Member Present: Alan Sheiness (chair), Steve Mattson, Bob House, Jim Miller, Dave Brown, Mitch Etess, Walter Burhan (alternate), Corey Lomas (alternate), Lannie Mossberg (secretary).
Absent Member: Adam McEwen (alternate).

First Selectwoman Zelek Present.
Finance Director Curcio Present.
Members of the Public Present.

1. Call to Order 6:32 p.m.

2. Seat Alternate Member n/a

3. Approve the Minutes from the February 10, 2026, Regular Meeting Etess made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mattson. Unanimous.

4. Region 18 Budget discussion – Ian Nevaiser Present was Ian Nevaiser and Holly McCalla. Nevaiser started off explaining the teacher salary increase, and that he compared Region 18 to the surrounding towns. He then explained the Special Education increase and that there is flex-reimbursement from the state. Plant operation expenses are up due to the current project electrical use, equipment, and miscellaneous expenses. The budget and pupil expenditure coincide with surrounding towns.

5. Update 25/26 YTD Results and Transfer Certain Unexpended Capital Funds Sheiness explained that unexpended funds can be transferred for line items, and confirmed this with the auditors, and did his research. Miller made a motion to transfer unexpended funds from the Senior Center Capital Encumbrances to the Birch Mill Rd Bridge Capital Encumbrances in the amount of $55,825. Seconded by Etess. Unanimous. There will be more information to review regarding snow removal costs in the upcoming meeting.

6. Selectman's update to 26/27 detailed capital budget Zelek said the pickup truck for the town garage went down from $100k to $50k. The Senior Center is getting a steam table for the kitchen, and there is a shed to be repaired. In IT "OpenGov" is no longer being planned, and there is a decrease in printers because there is a discussion of leasing in the future. Vital records are covered by a grant.

7. Selectman's discussion of 26/27 detailed operating budget Communications has decreased because "Zoom" is no longer being used, town hall internally uses "Teams." On a preliminary level, there were increases for medical, dental, and vision. This increase is due to premium increases and staff changes. The new town and library websites will cost $10k and need to be ADA-compliant by April 2027. Maintenance is high due to snow and ice removal. Zelek is looking into recycling and waste contracts. Rogers Lake budget has increased because of water and weed treatments. Brown questioned whether the bridge lawsuit is complete. Zelek said it will be settled soon. House commented that the working group is doing a great job on budget trimming.

8. New Business n/a

9. Adjournment 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lannie Mossberg, Secretary