Selectpeople's Minutes
Monday, May 4, 2026
4:00 PM LYME TOWN HALL

Present: Christy Zelek, John Kiker, Tom St. Louis, with 20 members of the public present.

C. Zelek called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

T. St. Louis made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 20th meeting. J. Kiker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Zelek asked for a motion to add Executive Session to discuss the sale or lease of Real Estate, with the town attorney to participate if needed. J. Kiker made the motion. T. St. Louis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: David Lahm asked that his comments be reserved for the Voter Safety conversation. M. Powell St. Louis suggested moving all comments to Voter Safety. There were no other comments. T. St. Louis made a motion to add Public Comment to follow the Voter Safety Ordinance agenda item. J. Kiker Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Voter Safety Ordinance: Dottie Wells, Registrar, brought the request to have an ordinance for a gun free voting area to be considered. This would ease safety concerns for voters and poll workers and treat the voting area as a 'sacred space' where citizens can be without concern.

Public Comment: David Lahm, Bill Boening, Diana Boening, Dave Potts, John Evans, Dave Tiffany, Tina West, Liz Frankel, Bernie Gigilotti, and Mary Powell St. Louis spoke.

T. St Louis made a motion to defer taking an ordinance to a Town Meeting at this point, without further development and a safety plan. C. Zelek seconded. J. Kiker voted no. Motion passed.

Tax Refunds: One tax refund was approved.

Appointments: Steve Buccheri, Tom St. Louis, George Mooney, John Evans, Lars Anderson, Josh Adams and Steve Mattson were appointed to the Public Safety Building Committee. Baylee Drown was appointed to the Sustainable Committee.

Other Business: C. Zelek stated it is not our place as Selectpeople to oversee or manage boards and commissions. If Chairs or members have a question or concern they will reach out. The Chair has authority to make decisions, speak to attorneys and work with the individuals on the Board or Commission.

Executive Session entered into at 5:00 and came out at 5:21.

C. Zelek made a motion to amend #4 of Assignment and Assumption of Lease to include a 3 year timeline. T. St. Louis Seconded. Passed unanimously.

J. Kiker made a motion to adjourn. T. St. Louis seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:22.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Zelek, First Selectwoman
For the Board of Selectpeople