

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
Thursday March 7, 2024
10:00 AM
Town Office Conference Room & Zoom
Approved: Thursday March 21st, 2024

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members Judith Brotman, Ben Kilham and David Kahn; Administrator Dina Cutting, Police Chief Shaun O'Keefe, Road Agent Scott Bailey, Select Board/Assessing Clerk Jordan Toland (via Zoom)
Public: Michael Whitman, Karen Keane
Public (via Zoom): Rusty Keith, Rich Brown, Jan Williams, Hebe Quinton, Sue Mackenzie.

1. At 10:05 AM Mrs. Brotman opened the meeting.
2. Public Comment: no public comment at this time.
3. Mr. Kahn moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of Thursday February 22nd, 2024. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
4. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the manifest totaling \$84,326.12. Mrs. Brotman seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote. The Board signed the manifest.
5. Mrs. Brotman moved to approve a Report of Woodcut totaling \$1,054.09 for a property on Washburn Hill Rd. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote. The warrant for the Report of Woodcut was signed.
6. A request was received from the Conservation Commission for permission to respond to FERC pertaining to the relicensing of the Wilder-Dam. Mrs. Brotman feels that the Conservation Commission has more expertise on this topic and they should respond to FERC. Mr. Kahn suggested we have the Conservation Commission draft a response, and the Select Board will review it. Since the commission would be representing the Town, the Board feels they should review the letter before it is sent. All Board members agree and Mrs. Brotman will advise the Conservation Commission of this news.
7. The Board briefly spoke about a bill seeking to create lake-friendly wakesports zones on our lakes in New Hampshire. Mrs. Brotman feels again this is more of a Conservation Commission issue and that the Select Board should most likely not take a position on this topic. Mr. Kahn asked if the Conservation Commission responds to this would they be representing the Town of Lyme. Mrs. Cutting clarified that the Conservation Commission would only be speaking for their commission and not the Town of Lyme as a whole. It was the consensus of the Board that if the Conservation Commission would like to take a stance and respond they can, but the Select Board does not feel it is their place to get involved in this issue. For informational use the Board would like information on the RSA's pertaining to Commission.
8. The Select Board reviewed any last-minute Town Meeting issues that need to be addressed. Mrs. Cutting is in contact with the Assessor and will have his opinion on the concerns with the solar warrant article (taxation of larger solar systems). Set up for Town Meeting will be on Monday March 11th, 2024 at 5:00 PM.
9. The Board received a Board of Tax and Land Appeals notice letter stating that the Town has been alleged to have approved a property as exempt illegally. The Town Attorney is reviewing the material and the Board will discuss this matter once legal advice is received.
10. Mrs. Cutting gave a report on the Edgel Bridge and the donations that have been raised so far. The Town originally received a generous donation of \$100,000.00, and on top of that amount \$75,730.00 has been raised by donations. The National Society of Covered Bridges has also been in contact with Mrs. Cutting, and will be having a fundraiser for the Edgell Bridge in June. The Board would like to send them a 'Thank You' letter.

11. Chief O'Keefe and Road Agent Scott Bailey reviewed and discussed parking and safety concerns pertaining to the Dartmouth Skiway.
12. At 10:46 AM Mrs. Brotman moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) reputation. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote. The following individuals were present for the non-public session: Select Board members Judith Brotman, Ben Kilham and David Kahn, Administrator Dina Cutting, Chief Shaun O'Keefe and Road Agent Scott Bailey. Various issues that may affect the reputation of someone other than a Select Board member was discussed.
13. At 11:15 Mr. Kilham moved to return to public session. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
14. The Board reviewed the 2024 paving plans. Mr. Bailey will request the Planning and Zoning Administrator David Robbins apply for all permits needed for the Grafton Turnpike project as soon as possible. Mr. Bailey will get an estimate for additional guardrails along the paved section of Grafton Turnpike. Concerns over the condition of the east side pavement being broken up from traffic was noted. The parking capacity of the Skiway and safety concerns were reviewed by Chief O'Keefe.
Mrs. Cutting will set up a meeting with the Select Board, Lyme Police Chief, Road Agent and Dartmouth College to review the agreement between the Town and the College and discuss Lyme's concerns.
15. The Select Board briefly reviewed and discussed the School Warrant Article # 2, the Bond request.
16. At 11:52AM Mr. Kilham moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Toland