

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
Thursday February 6th, 2024
3:00 PM
Approved: Thursday February 22nd, 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

Public: Michael Whitman, John Biglow (via zoom), Rich Brown (via zoom)

1. At 3:05 PM Mrs. Brotman opened the public meeting. Mr. Kilham is running a few minutes late, but is expected shortly.
2. The Board discussed adding the following warrants articles to the Town Warrant:
 - **Reclassify the Class VI section of Shoestrap Road and Change this to a Class A Trail (Article 11).**
 - a. This article is an additional option ~~to~~ for the ongoing issue on Shoestrap Road. This will give the Town the option to choose what they think is most beneficial for this Class VI Road. If one of the 2 articles involving Shoestrap Road passes, the other will be null and void.
 - b. The Board discussed recommending or not recommending these 2 articles. At this time, it was the sense of the Board to not vote to recommend or not recommend. Mr. Kahn moved to withdrawal their prior recommendation for Article 10 to allow the Town decide for themselves. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted in favor by roll call vote.
 - c. Mr. Kahn moved to approve adding Article 11 to the official warrant with no Select Board recommendation. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
 - **To remove the materials stored on the properties located at 116 Dorchester Road and 172 Goose Pond Road, that the Grafton County Superior Court by its order dated November 25th, 2015, has authorized the Town to remove. (Article 12)**
 - a. Under the current court order Town Council has advised the Board that they have the authority to begin clean up. The Town first needs funds, so if this warrant article passes Mr. Kahn suggests the Board send a letter to the property owners notifying them of the Town's intent to take action, in an ~~to~~ attempt conduct this clean-up process in a civil manner.
 - b. The Board opened to public comment on this topic. Mr. Biglow expressed his concern of asking tax payers to pay for property clean up under a violation of Lyme Ordinances. Mr. Kahn explained that the removal company can salvage any items for money which would offset the cost. Any funds not recovered by the Town for this clean up would then become placed as a lien on this property. Mr. Brown thanked the Board for their efforts. Mr. Whitman voiced his approval also.
 - c. Mr. Kahn moved to accept article 12 for inclusion in the Town Warrant. Mrs. Brotman seconded the motion. Voted by roll call vote 2 in favor and 1 abstention (Mr. Kilham). (2-0-1).
3. The Select Board will be addressing the entire warrant at Thursday February 8th regular meeting.
4. Mr. Kahn moved to adjourn. Mrs. Brotman seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted, Jordan Toland