

TOWN OF LYME  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
PUBLIC HEARING-BARN EASEMENTS  
May 29, 2014  
Town Office Conference Room  
Approved: June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The following people were present for all or part of the Select Board meeting and Public Hearing for Barn Easements: C. Jay Smith, Select Board Chairman, Susan MacKenzie, member, Patricia Jenks, member, Megan McLean, Adair Mulligan & Marcia Armstrong (guests-Barn Easement Hearing), Rick LeBreque, Mike Matta & Donna Keeley (PSNH representatives), Mark Bolinger, Energy Committee Chairman and Paul Mayo, guest

Jay Smith called this meeting to order at 8:00am; effectively opening the Public Hearing to discuss Barn Easement applications. He invited the applicants in attendance to speak, receiving comments of appreciation from all. Explaining the purpose of the Easement plan, he asked Board members for comments on applications. The only structure which presented a question was the Creamery building and the renovations made to it over the years. It isn't particularly visible from a main road (part of the approval criteria), and Ms. Armstrong said she'd be happy to thin out some trees. Adair Mulligan pointed out it is a unique structure in town-one of a kind that appears in the Historical buildings inventory.

Sue MacKenzie made the motion to approve the applications for all properties having had an application submitted. This motion was seconded by Jenks and approved in the affirmative.

Smith clarified with the applicants that it is their responsibility to file the easements with the Grafton County Court of Deeds.

Four applications for barn easements were signed by the Select Board (Mulligan, Small, McLean and Armstrong-Roundabout LLC) and the applicants were thanked for attending the hearing.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:10 am.

Sue MacKenzie made the motion to approve public and non-public minutes of May 22, 2014. Motion was seconded by Jenks and approved unanimously.

Matters Arising: Jay Smith indicated he's asked Road Agent Fred Stearns about paving issues and funding available for this purpose. Sue MacKenzie said she had learned a paving resource living in town had offered guidance through the process and she supports this. Jay will talk with Fred and suggest he reach out to the person interested in helping.

Sue reported there have been three responses to the RFP's for engineering interest on the Goose Pond Road project. She has met with one representative and was very encouraged by the meeting. During this meeting, which she felt offered a good learning opportunity, it was pointed out that there are many trees in this section of road which should be removed. In addition to some being dead, others create so much shade canopy that the road doesn't really dry out well.

The engineer noted he felt most of the culverts looked good. To expedite procedure, Sue will speak with Dave Robbins (Zoning Administrator) to identify landowners along the stretch of road to be repaired so they can be consulted about site prep and the proposed work.

A revised letter for Notice of Intent to Cut was signed.

Intent of Cut applications were signed for Kyle LaCroix (map 409 lot 7) and William Nichols (maps 409 & 414, lots 72 & 44 respectively).

Intent to Excavate was signed for R. Bret Ryan (map 407 lot 86.1)

At this time Jay Smith left the meeting to travel to Concord NH to attend a meeting for an ongoing legal issue.

The Common Use Policy that Dina had provided was discussed. It was considered that with a few revisions for clarification purposes this could be used to accomplish the goal of having a use policy in place. The Board awaits any further findings from Dina when she returns.

Representatives from Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) were welcomed for a discussion about their opinions and suggestions concerning "Solarize Lyme". Sue asked about the possibility of having the town offices participate in the program and what, if any, gain could be realized from the effort. Mark Bolinger and Paul Mayo participated in the discussion as well. It was confirmed that other New Hampshire towns use solar energy in municipal buildings. Each situation comes with different criteria and there are times the expense can outweigh the effort. Some programs provide for rebates and those rebates are split between users, but for residential use, the amounts can be comparatively small.

If the solar system requires more than the existing transformer can handle, the customer pays for the necessary upgrade(s). This additional cost can be as much as or more than \$2,000.00.

If the power quality becomes an issue, an investigation is done to determine where the deficiency lies. Exterior issues are dealt with by PSNH; interior are covered by the property owner.

To enroll as a municipality, the process begins the same as residential-with the application process. PSNH then reviews the application internally and once approved the town has 1 year to install. Installation is time sensitive in that if it goes beyond the year, it could be removed from the queue and have to start again.

The representatives were thanked for their time and left the meeting at 9:40am.

Committee and Commissions report: Patty reported on the Heritage Commission. They continue to work on the Summary report. Of particular interest was whether or not the Zoning Administrator is in the habit of checking the Inventory of Historic Resources when a historic property is in question. It was the sense of the Board that rather than having the Zoning Administration have to remember to research the specifics of a property and its historic value when dealing with permits that a 1 page brochure be created by the Heritage Commission which would be then be distributed to anyone visiting the Zoning Administrator.

Adair Mulligan had attended a conference where she was given a memo referencing “Town Initiatives to Protect Stone Walls”. It was not known by the Board members present if the Town has regulations about stone walls. Both Adair and Tim Cook were going to research this further and the Select Board awaits their findings.

On-Going Business: Sue wondered about the status of the Fisher Bridge project. She’ll investigate.

At 10:05am Sue MacKenzie moved to enter non-public session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3II (c) “matters which if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person”. Seconded by P. Jenks. Present for the non-public session were MacKenzie and Jenks.

At 10:20am the Board returned to public session having discussed personnel issues and communications coming to and from the Select Board. No decision or action was taken.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia G. Jenks, recorder pro-tem