

TOWN OF LYME  
Select Board Meeting  
January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015  
Town Office Conference Room  
Approved: January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The following were present for part or all of the meeting: Charles J. Smith (Chair), Susan J. MacKenzie (member), and Patricia G. Jenks (member), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant).

1. Chair Smith opened the at 8:05AM
2. MacKenzie moved to approve minutes of the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meetings. Seconded by Jenks.  
Voted unanimously in favor.
3. Matters arising:
  - MacKenzie referred to an e-mail received from Smith concerning the Goose Pond Road project. Various points were discussed. MacKenzie noted she appreciates different opinions and it is beneficial to discuss things. The board discussed how to get these 3 important projects (Goose Pond Rd, and two River Road sites) completed. Funding is an issue. The Town does not have the funds to complete them all in 1 year. The Roads Committee has found that priorities change almost daily depending on information concerning engineering on the various projects. There are still so many unknowns it is a challenge. Until final plans have been developed it will be difficult to plan the funding needs. The board will be requesting funds for paved roads to assist in getting going on these projects.
  - Basswood tree: Bob Thebodo, Henderson Tree service and David Falkenham from UNH have all looked at the tree. They all noted decay and concerns for safety. It is clear there are red flags to consider. Because of the location of this tree it needs to be monitored closely. Below are e-mails from David Falkenham and Jim Henderson:  
David Falkenham, Extension Field Specialist, Natural Resources at UNH.  
I did look at the tree quickly. The tree crew was there working on it at the time so I didn't get real close. They were up close and personal so I would be interested in their feeling towards the tree health.  
Without leaves it is still a challenge to determine health, however I would say that overall the tree is doing fine. There are two things that concern me:
    1. the tree is in a very urban setting, surrounded by concrete, salt, poor soil drainage and general urban abuse that affects all big trees in an urban setting. All of these things take a toll on a tree an as the tree attains great age, it must deal with and defend itself against these problems every day. a tree is not designed by nature to deal with these sorts of things that we take for granted. Eventually the tree will succumb to these issues.
    2. the tree is right next to a school yard and parking lot. This is a liability problem for a tree of this size and stature and I understand why the selectmen have an eye on this tree as a potential problem. Even as summer arrives and the tree appears healthy, I would keep a very scrutinizing eye on the health of the tree and any clues that it gives that would prevent any potential hazard problems.  
That is my two cents. You are probably fine for the short term but I wouldn't turn my back on it.  
Jim Henderson of Henderson's Tree Service  
The central leader much of which had to come out is hollow with holding wood only on the side with the one substantial branch. It is approximately two thirds hollow. The decay appears to go at least to the main crotch. All of the cavities are small and appear to be walled off effectively and are most likely not an issue at the moment.
  - PSNH: Trimming on scenic roads. The Planning Board will be scheduling a public hearing for this to be discussed.
  - Art on the Common: David Celone from Long River Studios has requested the board

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consider accepting a gift from the Lyme Foundation to fund this new venture. Local artist work will be displayed around the common. The Lyme Foundation will sponsor the expense but the funding is requested to go through the towns Gifts and Donations fund. Cutting will check to see if this is acceptable.

- Skating Rink: David Celone asked the board to reconsider last week's decision to mandate this be an engineered project. He considers this to be a simple project of just leveling this area. The board reiterated last week's decision to require professionally engineered plans. Once the plans have been submitted the board will consider this request.
  - MacKenzie noted that CLD is possibly going to need more borings in order to make the best recommendation of repair for the slump on River Road.
  - An incident at the Lyme Center Academy building was reported by Cutting. The business renting the building at the time of the incident will be notified and it's their insurance that should cover any costs as a result of the incident.
  - Noise complaints were reviewed.
4. Compactor: The Roto Phase unit needs replacement. This unit was installed in 2006. After reviewing and comparing options the board felt it was best to stay with the same system and to replace with new equipment instead of having the damaged one re-built.
- ✓ Smith moved to accept the estimate of \$3,751.95 to replace the roto phase unit on the compactor and to draw these funds from the emergency equipment repair Capital Reserve Fund. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously in favor.
5. Intent to Cut for Menge, Map 401 Lot 18 & 43 was reviewed and signed.
6. Warrant Articles:

Smith reviewed the various amounts from taxes for 2014 and voiced concern of the potential effect these warrant articles could have on the 2015 tax rate. If all of the draft articles are supported this could be an 8.3% increase in the tax rate. Smith feels this is too much to ask the community members to support.

- Article # 5 Operating budget: \$2, 007,040.00. Smith moved to recommend article 5 as written. Seconded by Jenks. Motion voted 3-0
- Article # 6 Block Grant: \$83,400.00. Smith moved to recommend article 6 as written. Seconded by Jenks. It was noted this amount is based on the sum to match determined by State of NH block grant payments. This has a matching revenue amount. Motion voted 3-0
- Article # 7 To CRF and Trust funds: \$484,500.00. Smith moved to recommend article 7 as written. Seconded by Jenks. Motion voted 3-0
- Article # 8 Withdrawals from CRF and Trust Funds: \$ 46,000.00 Smith moved to recommend article 8 as written. Seconded by Jenks. Motion voted 3-0
- Article # 9 Lease to own Roller: \$18,081.00 Smith moved to recommend article 9 as written. Seconded by Jenks. Motion voted 3-0
- Article # 10 Paved Roads repair & maintenance: \$150,000.00 MacKenzie noted the recommendation from the Roads Committee was to request \$150,000.00 in this article. Smith noted concerns that this will increase the tax rate too much for most tax payers. The argument is that the town has not invested in the roads for years so now it is going to take some time to catch up. The board discussed various options concerning the ongoing road projects. MacKenzie moved to recommend article 10 in the amount of \$150,000.00 and asked Cutting to make this non-lapsing for the allowable amount of time. Seconded by Jenks. Motion voted 2 in favor and 1 against (Smith)
- Article # 11 Authority to expend from Class V roads CRF: Smith moved to recommend

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- article 11 as written. Seconded by Jenks. Motion voted 3-0
- Article # 12 Withdrawal from Class V Roads CRF. \$50,000.00. And \$50,000 from taxation. This article will only be voted if article 11 does not pass. Shelly Gerlarneau from NH Department of Administration has recommended the wording and recommended the funds which are presently in the CRF can be spent but because there is not \$100,000.00 in this fund we must raise the additional \$50,000. If the previous article passes this article will not be necessary. Smith moved to recommend article 12 as written. Seconded by Jenks. Motion voted 3-0
  - Article # 13 Increase parking lot in Lyme: \$30,000.00. The board reviewed the idea of increasing the park and ride from 15 to 29 or 34 spaces in collaboration with the State of NH-DOT. The town is responsible for up to \$30,000. The state and a neighboring landowner is going to help with the balance of work. Jenks moved to recommend article 13 with changes. Seconded by Smith. Motion voted 3-0
  - Article # 14 Establishment of annual leave ETF and to withdraw from it. Smith recommended to not move ahead with this fund at this time. He feels the town has been without it for so long it could wait another year to establish it. The board reviewed the implications of not having this fund. Jenks moved to recommend article 14 as written. Seconded by MacKenzie. Motion voted 2 in favor 1 against (Smith)
  - Article 15 Discontinue Blister for Books ETF: Majority vote only.
  - Article # 16 Funds for Blisters for books: This will only be necessary if article 15 is not passed. MacKenzie moved to recommend article 16 as written. Seconded by Jenks. Motion voted 3-0
  - Article # 17 Cemetery Gifts & Donations: \$13,602.00: MacKenzie moved to recommend article 17 as written. Seconded by Jenks. Motion voted 3-0
  - Article # 18 Transfer from Cemetery Special Revenue to New Cemetery CRF: \$13,602.00: MacKenzie moved to recommend article 18 as written. Seconded by Jenks. Motion voted 3-0
  - Article # 19 Milfoil Treatment: \$21,115.00 MacKenzie moved to recommend article 19 as written. Seconded by Jenks. Motion voted 3-0
7. The board reviewed the year- end (2014) figures.
  8. The cost of the software for the BMSI program was discussed.
  9. Committees & Commissions:
    - Energy Committee: The committee will not be putting on the expo this year. The committee is investigating getting Thermal RECs from our solarize program to sell on the market.
    - Selectboard Report for town report was reviewed and changes suggested.
  10. Ongoing business:
    - The questions for the survey were reviewed.
    - The board would like information on tax billing 2 times per year.
    - MacKenzie cannot make the Coffee hour on Jan. 27; Smith will fill in for her. The Coffee hour on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> will be changed to the Town Office location.
  11. There being no further business Smith moved to adjourn at 11:00AM. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting