

## **Lyme Common Committee**

Agenda: Feb. 4, 2019

7:00

Vicki Smith, Tim Cook, Laurie Wadsworth, Lisa Hayes, Russell Barnes (non-committee member), Earl Strout, Barbara Balch

Absent: Rusty Keith, Tony Pippin, Katie Rusch, Michelle Whitcomb

7:07 called to order

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The expectations for the minutes were discussed. Things to be noted:

- Label as a draft for Town.
- Send to committee at the same time as a copy goes to the Town.
- Committee members are the only ones who vote and then record the outcome vote.
- Note the action that the committee took.

There were no community comments/concerns.

The committee talked about how to make Russell a part of the committee. Earl made a motion nominating him to the committee which Barbara seconded. It was voted that the committee make that recommendation to the select board.

Reports from subcommittees set up at last meeting:

- Parking – have not had a chance to meet
- Landscape/Usage

Tim talked to Dina and was told the only way to talk to the liaison for Eversource assigned to Lyme was to write a letter explaining what we want to do and send the numbers from poles. If we want to pursue it, it was agreed the committee should all sign and send that letter, which those present did sign.

The main wires are down the north side and over the Common to the back side. Would we also need to bury internet lines or just provide new conduit? Is feasible or not? If we do make this recommendation, it might be a good time to look at other things we might want to. At this point, we agreed not to worry about the means but rather what we propose should get done.

Electrical outlets – the thought was to wait until see where they would be needed. Idea instead of one outlet – incorporate them into other structures or trees around the green, hidden in hydrangeas or at the flagpole. What kind of activities use power and from there figure out what the needs are. This is the most adaptable and easiest thing to do so it was felt that it might be lower on the priority list.

Trees- various options of what trees could be planted on the Common were discussed as well as possible locations. It was noted that northern red oaks, elms and locust trees are salt resistant, which is a big part of the decline of the current trees. Trees with a canopy over Route 10 would be more inviting and people might drive slower.

- Structures – Tony and Katie were not present to report.

- Safety

There was discussion about the ownership of the backside of the Common – town v. state. Both Earl and Lisa had discussions with Chief O’Keefe regarding this. Lisa also discussed parking possibilities, a crosswalk and making the road on the backside of the Common one way. Chief O’Keefe is reaching out to the DOT rep in our area to set up a meeting for the Safety Committee to meet with them both to explore options.

It was agreed that we should merge the Parking and Safety subcommittees.

The committee was also reminded that we need to be sure to remember that we are just making recommendations to the Select Board.

Our regularly scheduled meetings will be the first Monday of each month.

Subcommittees will do work in meantime.

Adjourned 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Hayes