

LYME COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

February 21, 2018 7PM

Minutes

Approved

Present: Jonathan Voegele, David Shafer, Mike Smith, Rich Brown, Earl Strout, Chris Ramsden, Nils Johnson, Sue MacKenzie

Meeting called to order at 7 PM.

Minutes from Jan 10, 2018 Approved

Jan 25, 2018 Approved

Review and discuss *Report to the Town*: Edited, corrected and completed.

In doing the visioning process it is very important to include everyone. We must work hard to reach out to all residents of Lyme. Suggested the organization committee should be 5-7 representatives of leading groups in Lyme.

Composed a short report for the Annual Town Report:

LCDC

Rising real estate taxes have become a concern to many Lyme residents. From 2010 through 2016 taxes went up an average of about 4.4% a year. If this trend continues, taxes will double in 17 years and the tax on a median-priced, \$400,000 home will be \$20,368. And so last April 2017 the Select Board asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to examine Lyme's tax base and think generally about community development issues. The purpose of this effort is to inform as many Lyme citizens as possible about options available for Lyme's future.

Lyme Community Development Committee proposes:

- A steering committee be formed to undertake a series of visioning meetings where Town residents can express their view of the issues raised about Lyme's future.*
- Lyme Community Development Committee will invite community stakeholders to participate in a steering committee to organize a visioning process. If you or your group would like to help please contact susanmackenzie363@gmail.com. This visioning process will be conducted this spring and early summer.*

The Report to the Town will be available at Little Town Meeting and Town Meeting on the web page.

The committee voted to increase meetings to twice monthly.

Reviewed the Report by Stuart Arnett on the impacts of development in Lebanon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Next meeting March 14, 2018 7 PM Town Office Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Susan J. MacKenzie