

**Joint meeting of the Lyme Community Development Committee and Planning Board
Wednesday, 9 January 2019 at 4:00pm in the Lyme Town Offices**

LCDC Members: Chris Ramsden, Sue MacKenzie, Rich Brown, David Shafer
PB Members: John Stadler, Tim Cook, Rusty Keith

Approval of minutes: The draft minutes of the meetings of 31 Oct 2018, 28 Nov 2018, and 12 Dec 2018 were approved as written.

Agenda:

- Flyer to publicize the forums
- Final copy of presentation from Resilience Planning
- Questionnaire and Survey Monkey (to distribute questionnaire)
- Cover letter for announcement.

Flyer: Chris said he would create a new flyer and get approval from the selectboard, then get it copied and distributed around town.

Final copy of presentation: Chris will contact Resilience to get their final copy of the presentation, and send it to the selectboard for publication on the town web site.

Questionnaire: There was a significant discussion surrounding whether to create a questionnaire before the meeting.

- We don't have consensus about the questions themselves. It will be a lot of work to pull the list together
- Rich said that part of the difficulty with selection questions is our imperfect knowledge of what the town knows. Perhaps we would be better off creating the questions after the first forum.
- David Shafer wondered whether a small list (say, 5 questions) might be given to attendees before we begin to get a sense of their understanding
- We decided to put the questionnaire off until after the forum.

Cover Letter: Rich proposed wording for an announcement to be posted to the town web site, the listserv, etc. The wording below was approved, and the selectboard will be responsible for publishing it around town.

In April 2017, the Selectboard chartered the Lyme Community Development Committee (initially named the Lyme Economic Development Committee). Their charge was to gather baseline data and to consider the tax impact of various kinds of development in Lyme.

The LCDC privately raised \$15,000 to retain a consultant. In the summer of 2018, along with members of the Planning Board, the LCDC worked with Resilience Planning of Plymouth NH to produce the attached report. The major conclusions:

* There is no "magic bullet". That is, there are no likely kinds of development that will dramatically decrease our taxes.

* On the other hand, neither does any development cause the tax rate to get worse (higher). In fact, all the forms of development considered by the consultant lead to a small to modest decrease in tax rates, even considering any increase in school attendance.

We plan to hold our first public forum on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Lyme School gymnasium to review the findings of the consultants. (There will be additional forums in February, at different times and days of the week.) We expect to use these forums as the beginning of a conversation about what Lyme would like to do regarding development.

Please plan to attend this forum. For more information see public forum information on web site and go to this link: https://www.lymenh.gov/sites/lymenh/files/uploads/lyme_forum_jan_24_2019.pdf

Preparations for the forum on 24 Jan 2019: We had the following items:

- Chairs and sound system will be set up by the school
- Projector and screen will be available
- Rich will ask Robin Taylor if he would be willing to videotape the proceedings
- We should plan to arrive a half hour ahead to be available for any last minute problems.

Adjourned 4:37pm

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Rich Brown

Video of the meeting is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2erFJv0tgQ>