

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
February 19th, 2015
Town Office Conference Room
Approve: February 26, 2015

The following were present for part or all of the Public Hearing and Select Board meeting:

Charles J. Smith (Chair), Susan J. MacKenzie (member), and Patricia G. Jenks (member), Chief Shaun O'Keefe, Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant), Andrea Colgan (Treasurer), Joanne Colburn (Tax Collector), Sharon Greateorex (Deputy Town Clerk), Blake Allison (Conservation Commission, Chair), Sandy Rowe (Interware Development Co). Community member, Dave Celone.

1. Chair Smith opened the meeting at 8:00AM.
2. The Public Hearing on the Milfoil Grant was opened at 8:00AM
 - The board reviewed the grant. The progress from last year's treatment was reviewed and Cutting explained the tentative plan for the Aquatic Control Company performing this year's treatment. The grant is state funded up to \$5,279.00 (25%) and the town is responsible for up to \$15,836.00 (75%) with a total amount for treatment being \$21,115.00. The funds will cover 30 acres of treatment. The Aquatics Control Company felt it was likely they would not need to treat all 30 acres. They will be setting the treatment date for May or June of 2015. At this time Smith moved to accept the Grant from the State of NH for treatment of Milfoil in Post Pond. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously in favor.
3. At 8:10AM the Public Hearing was closed.
4. Art on the Common: Dave Celone reiterated his idea of showing local and student art around the common as something to spruce up the common this time of year. His intent is to have this evolve into a community project. The school has committed to being part of this. Student art will be displayed, and once the event has concluded for the season they will auction off the art work and the proceeds will go to the schools *Artist in Residency Program*. The Lyme Foundation has given a \$1,500.00 grant to start this project. These funds will go to purchase the outdoor frames that hold the art work and to pay the professional artist(s) for their time and material. The art work will come down when the leaves come out. Mr. Celone explained that this is a trial; he is not sure how it will work but is willing to oversee this project. The board explained the Town's insurance company will not cover loss and/or damage to any of the art or anything associated with displaying it around the common. If the Town does not own it they cannot cover it. All artists will need to sign a release holding the town harmless in case of damage, theft or misuse of the art. The board agreed to allow this project to move ahead and use the common. Mr. Celone will be in charge and the responsible party for the project. Donations (the LF grant) will be processed through the town bookkeeping and Mr. Celone must approve all payments to be made from these donated funds. Mr. Celone was not sure he would be able to get this on the common for this winter given the lateness of the season.

Skating on the Common: The board reviewed the Common Use application received for a skating gathering. It was noted applications for Common Use must be turned in at least 30 days in advance of the proposed event in order for the Town and Police to make arrangements necessary for coverage of any event. Mr. Celone was confused and concerned about a letter he'd received from the Select Board regarding plowing of the snow on the common. He had not authorized any plowing and knew nothing about it. Previously Mr. Celone had requested the board consider the leveling of the skating rink area. This will allow for easier ice making and less water use. The board is concerned this will not blend in with the rest of the common and has asked Mr. Celone to seek professional help to review and give feedback on how this may be done and report back to the board. This could involve finding a more level spot on the common. The board thanked Mr. Celone for coming in and for all he has done to make the ice skating rink a success.

5. MacKenzie moved to approve the minutes of the February 12th, 2015 meeting with her changes noted. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously in favor.
6. No Public comments at this time.

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7. No manifest.
8. Sandy Rowe, Interware Development: At the Board's invitation Ms. Rowe attended this meeting along with department heads who would be involved in the possible change to accepting credit cards. Followed was a lengthy discussion concerning the town taking credit cards and community members having the ability to electronically pay for vehicle registrations, dog licenses, taxes and other information they can receive from the Town Clerk. Ms. Rowe reviewed the options and the different choices Interware Development offers. The Town Clerk has used the services of Interware Development for close to 20 years. The board feels alternative payment options are something to be looked at closely at this time. The changeover will take some time as there are various things the Town Clerk needs to do in conjunction with State mandates before this change in operations can begin. This will be put on the Select Boards survey and more information and discussion will take place on this. Everyone thanked Ms. Rowe for attending this meeting. It was very helpful to have this discussion.
9. Matters arising:
 - Costs of vehicle repairs were discussed briefly. The Capital Reserve Plan and concerns of how much is being spent on vehicles repairs were noted. The board will be reviewing the CRF worksheet to see if changes need to be to the replacement schedule. If repairs & maintenance are becoming excessive because of the age and/or wear and tear on the vehicles, this presents a concern for efficient equipment management.
 - Compactor repairs will be performed on Monday.
10. Committee & Commissions:
 - The coffee hours will resume after Town Meeting.
 - Survey: final copy will be sent out. This will go out on the Town Web site. Hopefully it will be a fillable form and then people can print it and mail it, drop it off or just send it via e-mail.
 - MacKenzie would like more information concerning the Tax Rate and % increase for 2015.
 - Warrant articles and questions that may come up at town meeting were briefly discussed. The board would like more information on their legal obligations concerning road issues and safety of roads due to deteriorating conditions.
11. Ongoing matters:
 - Assistant to the town Clerk application deadline has passed. Jenks will set up interviews.
 - An application for Transfer Station attendant was received. This applicant can only work one of the two days. The Transfer Station Supervisor and the board didn't feel it would be beneficial to the Transfer Station workers to only hire for 1 day. The advertisement will be issued once again.
 - February 26, 2015 Kevin Peterson, Moderator will be meeting with the board to review the warrant for Town Meeting. Jenks will look for extra help setting up the voting booths at Peterson's request.
12. There being no further business Jenks moved to adjourn at 11:25AM. Seconded by Smith. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting