

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
November 5, 2015
Town Office Conference Room

The following were present for part or all of the meeting: Susan J. MacKenzie (Chair), Patricia G. Jenks (member), Charles J. Smith (member), Steven Williams & Greg Jenks (Highway Department), David Robbins (Planning & Zoning) and Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant).

1. Chair MacKenzie opened the meeting at 8:00AM
2. Highway: The board welcomed Greg Jenks as a new highway employee and reviewed the following items-
 - Sand & gravel needs were discussed. Highway department would like more sand and gravel. Cutting to look at bills not paid as of this date and review. Report back.
 - Header located near 500 Dorchester Road needs to be re-built. The plan is to do next week.
 - Chipper: It needs to be registered. Jenks will check into that. If necessary, LaBombard will tow it with a trailer to the dealer to get an estimate on the cost to repair.
 - The Board and Highway employees reviewed and discussed the present budget.
 - The Board and Highway employees reviewed and discuss the proposed 2016 budget.
 - River Road was discussed
 - Goose Pond Road project was discussed.
 - Lyme Lawncare LLC has talked with Highway Department concerning the upcoming winter plowing; they have come up with a plan for tracking material.
3. MacKenzie moved to accept the minutes of October 29th, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Jenks. The board voted unanimously in favor.
4. Matters arising: Letter was sent to Lehmann's and Couture's concerning a culvert issue. Fairpoint is still working on addressing the telephone pole on River Road. If the pole has compromised the bank Fairpoint will be expected to fix this.
5. New Business:
 - Transfer Station Committee advertisement will be sent out once again. The Board will address this at the next meeting.
 - Independence Day Committee: 2 committee members have resigned. Send out a listserv announcement looking for more members.
 - Lyme Center Academy Building: Ford Sayre x-country team requested to use the Academy Building for a team meeting; about 30 children and adults to get organized for the winter. Ursula Slate has requested a reduced fee. This team has many Lyme kids on it. Jenks moved to waive the fee for 1 time use. Smith seconded and this was voted unanimously in favor.
 - Goose Pond Road: Smith brought up concerns about who has authority to shut down a project. The e-mail stated the Roads Committee recommended the Goose Pond Road project shut down until what they considered issues with the construction were addressed. MacKenzie noted many concerns about sub grade not being uniform and not crowned according to the engineers design. One culvert needed to be redone because it was not properly installed. In one area the underdrains were

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too high, the water would have to flow uphill in order to drain. There was a spring discovered in the middle of the road and no plan to address the excessive water. There was also a sink hole developing in on section of the road. . Smith noted the Roads Committee should not be running this project. The Town is paying an engineer for this service. MacKenzie noted people are involved because they care about the roads. Smith noted concern that not all the board members and the Select Board office were receiving the engineer reports. The correspondence is going between MacKenzie and CLD/the Roads Committee. The Select Board is responsible for this project and the Town needs to keep track of these reports. They should be addressed to the full Board and the Selectmen's Office for retention. If there are things going wrong with the project and it needs to be shut down why is this not getting picked up by CLD? This needs to be addressed with CLD. All reports will be sent to all board members. MacKenzie feels that we all have a responsibility to make sure this project is being done correctly and according to the plans developed by CLD. Yes CLD is monitoring this problem but that does not absolve us of our responsibility to assure that we are getting what we are paying for.

6. Public Comment: none at this time
7. Payroll manifest was reviewed
8. Protocol for the mowing bids was reviewed. Jenks to send a letter to concerned citizen.
9. Franklin Hill Road complaint: This road will be graded as the regular road grading schedule is done.
10. Intent to Cuts were approved for:
 - Kelsey, Sandy-Map 401 Lot 13.2
 - Clark, Jeffrey & Stephanie Map 409 Lot 79
11. Committee & Commissions:
 - Conservation Commission: O'Hara dam. Some members of the commission are upset with how this went through the process of review. Mr. O'Hara is trying to figure out what he would like to do next to address this issue. Sue Hewitt needed a review because of a stream on her property. She is building an apartment over a garage.
 - Coffee hour: Jenks reported three people attended, all of which offered appreciation for the Board providing these off-hour visits. Topics included River Road closure is a huge inconvenience but thanks to the board for allowing bicycles to go through. The question was asked if residents on the River Road effected by this closure should have some form of a tax abatement. An abutter to Post Pond came to request the Town enforce the "no parking" signs at the turn off on the west side of Route 10 between Loch Lyme Lodge and the House by the Lake. Would the Select Board help this get enforced?
 - Roads Committee: Discussed Goose Pond Road progress. The issue of funding for the many road issues the town faces was also discussed.
12. Ongoing:
 - River Road: MacKenzie informed the Board she had been told the state

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will have a barge in the water in a few weeks to work of the bridge. The town can take advantage of this and get any borings they may need in the water. Willis thought it would be beneficial to find out where the ledge is even if the town does not end up fixing this section because of cost. MacKenzie will investigate this and report back to the board.

- The Board needs a proposal from CLD to address the boring and test pits for the River Road slump area. The sense of the board is to gather as much information as possible in order to make an informed decision on this road problem.
 - At this time the board decided to invite David Roby to meet with the board to discuss the options of test pits and borings on the property being considered for the re-routing of River Road. Cutting will arrange this meeting.
13. 10:00AM: David Robbins, Planning and Zoning reviewed the 4 application he has going now for review. He informed the board that he averages 80 permits per year but has reviewed 69 to date for 2015. Zoning Board is working on amendments for Town Meeting. Pinnacle Project is coming back to the Board for review and discussion. Followed was a brief discussion concerning various parts of this project. Web site project is moving along. Reviewing all forms to make sure they are up to date forms. Will be sending individual pages out to committees and department heads for review and recommended changes to update information. This way when the move over to the new web page takes place things will go smoothly. Robbins noted the Town Meeting minutes needs to be up to date on the web page.
14. Budget review: At the recommendation of the Budget Committee the board reviewed the proposed 2016 budget in hopes of being able to make some cuts. The board cut \$5,250.00 from the originally proposed 2016 budget. Cutting will update the spread sheet.
15. There being no further business at 11:40AM Smith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Dina Cutting