

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
February 1st, 2018
8:00 AM

Town Office Conference Room

Approved: February 8th, 2018

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members: Charles J. Smith, Chair, Susan J. MacKenzie and Bradford E. Keith. Administrative Assistant: Dina Cutting. Road Agent: Steve Williams. Police: Chief O'Keefe.

Road Committee members: Mike Smith, Karen Henry, Kevin Sahr. Community member: Morton Bailey. Right Angle Engineering, Erin Darrow, Burke York, York Land Services, LLC & Dennis Thompson, Northern New England Field Services, LLC.

Smith called the meeting to order at 8:00AM.

1. Highway: The sand and gravel bids were opened and reviewed-

- Lyme Green Heat- Gravel- \$18.50
Sand- \$12.25
- Horne Excavating- Gravel- \$15.05
Sand- \$10.40
- Chief Crushing- Gravel- \$15.48
Sand- \$10.20
- Twin State & Gravel- Gravel- \$23.90
Sand- \$19.00

After discussion Williams recommended the board vote to accept the bid for Sand & Gravel from Chief Crushing & Excavation, INC.

Mr. Bailey reviewed some comparison numbers and noted he felt there was some discrepancy in the amounts delivered by some of the haulers. Concern that the Town was getting the full yardage was noted by Bailey. The board reviewed the difference in receiving by yards, by weight and by measurement. It is not practical to have someone at the shop at all times to review what is being delivered.

Smith moved to award the sand & gravel for 2018 to Chief Crushing Excavation, INC at the listed prices. Seconded by MacKenzie. Voted unanimously in favor.

- Loader prices: The board reviewed the loader pricing: Milton CAT and John deer were both reviewed. After the Highway employees tried out each loader and Williams noted the spec sheet it was confirmed the CAT was the loader the highway employees recommended. Various pros and cons were discussed, the trade in value of each piece of equipment in years to come was reviewed. Williams requested the Board approve the placement of the CAT loader on the warrant for town meeting approval. The funds will come from the heavy equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The amount to be put in the article will be \$174,000. The old loader will be traded in, the net proceeds will remain in the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. MacKenzie moved to approve the CAT loader be placed on

- the warrant for Town Meeting and be ordered contingent on Town Meetings approval. Seconded by Smith. Voted unanimously in favor.
- FEMA estimate for the completion of the asphalt repairs was reviewed. Cutting will send to FEMA.
 - Due to a trucks breaking down Orford requested mutual aid during the last storm. The Select Board would like to have a material list and the hours the highway employees spent on this for tracking purposes.
 - Williams noted a 3 month review had been completed for Cole Williams. Once he receives his CLD license he will be reviewed again.
 - Baker Hill #1: MacKenzie reviewed the project. She and the engineer reviewed and ruled out the potential of returning the roadway to its original location. The road to be repaired in its present location.
2. MacKenzie moved to accept the minutes of the January 25th, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Keith. This motion voted unanimously in favor.
 3. Matters arising:
 - MacKenzie and Erin Darrow will be going back to meet with Collis Adams, DES concerning the Baker Hill Road project. They considered some recommendation the DES offered and will go back to discuss these.
 - Keith was planning to testify in support of HB1210, a bill to create a study committee to report on the tax impact of current use on rural municipalities. The board agreed to have him do so representing the town.
 - Keith reviewed an e-mail from Laura Spector-Morgan, Town Counsel. It states it is incumbent upon the Select Board to reclassify land previously in current use 79-A that has been encumbered with a permanent conservation easement to 79-B classification without charging a LUCT. After a brief discussion Mackenzie moved that the Select Board direct our assessor to reclassify land classified as 79-A current use property that is subject to a permanent conservation restriction easement, to 79-B conservation restriction assessment, without imposing a Land Use Change Tax. Seconded by Smith. Voted unanimously in favor. The town will inform the landowners of this change and inform them of the need to satisfy the DRA required filing of a PA-60 request form.
 4. Warrant: The board reviewed the Planning articles. It was the sense of the board to vote on these articles. The Select Board has not done this as a practice. It was noted that if it is found at a later date to not be allowed by law the votes will be not listed in the Warrant.
 - Article 2- MacKenzie moved to recommend this article. Seconded by Keith. Vote of 2-0. Smith noted he had already voted on the Planning articles as a Planning Board member and felt he should abstain from voting.
 - Article 3- MacKenzie moved to recommend this article. Seconded by Keith. Vote of 2-0. Smith noted he had already voted on the Planning articles as a Planning Board member and felt he should abstain from voting.
 - Article 4- MacKenzie moved to not recommend this article. Seconded by Keith. Vote of 2-0. Smith noted he had already voted on the Planning

articles as a Planning Board member and felt he should abstain from voting.

- Article 5- MacKenzie moved to not recommend this article. Seconded by Keith. Vote of 2-0. Smith noted he had already voted on the Planning articles as a Planning Board member and felt he should abstain from voting.
- Article 6- previously voted
- Article 7- The board discussed this article – previously voted
- Article 8- previously voted
- Article 9- previously voted
- Article 10- The revised amount for the loader was noted. \$174,000 making a total of \$181,500 for the total amount of this article- Keith moved to recommend this article at \$181,500. Seconded by Mackenzie. Voted unanimously in favor.
- Article 11- previously voted
- Article 12- previously voted
- Article 13- previously voted
- Article 14- previously voted
- Article 15- previously voted-DRA recommended removing this article- The donations can be spent by the Cemetery Trustees without a vote from Town Meeting- This fund is held by the Treasurer. The board agreed to remove it.
- Article 15- previously voted (was 16)
- Article 16- previously voted (was 17)
- Article 17- previously voted (was 18)

Keith reviewed a spreadsheet concerning the Tax rate calculation. The board discussed the town valuation and the need for ~~to~~ increases in the assessed value of the town to help reduce the tax rate increases.

5. Manifest: A manifest in the amount of \$29,914.70 and a manifest for 2017 payments in the amount of \$1,831.93 were reviewed and approved by the board.
6. Committee & Commissions:
 - Coffee Hours: Representative Patricia Higgins came and discussed the 10 year transportation plan with Smith. Milfoil treatments for Post Pond and funding of these treatments was discussed. Culvert inventory, can there be some volunteer help with this project and/or the Conservation Commission helping to fund this was discussed.
Planning board and what kinds of projects they approve were discussed. Smith noted the Board members should not be blaming the planning Board for projects not being built and the perception that the Board is against all building. The two projects most often cited are Mill Gardens and Brett Ryan's. Both these projects were approved by the Planning and Zoning Boards but stopped by abutter's lawsuits.
 - MacKenzie reviewed the Road Committee meeting discussing the Baker Hill Road fix. This will be reviewed with DES soon.
7. Right Angle Engineering, Erin Darrow, Burke York, York Land Services, LLC & Dennis Thompson, Northern New England Field Services, LLC.

The board reviewed and discussed the closed area of the River Road slump and the proposed River Road by-pass. Prior engineer reports and rough projected costs were discussed. The previous repair options were reviewed and discussed. Dennis Thompson discussed some new possible options to address the slump area. More borings and soil samples would be needed in order to determine feasibility and cost estimates. Mr. Thompson prides himself in common sense and imaginative solutions. After a lengthy discussion with Erin Darrow, Mr. Thompson, and Burke York, it was the sense of the board to have Erin Darrow work up an estimate on the cost of the additional Geotec work that would be needed for Mr. Thompson to come back to the board with a plan and an estimate for a fix at this new location. In addition, an estimate of the cost of permitting a repair at this new location was requested. Dennis Thompson offered a figure of \$3,000 to do his preliminary work, including all meetings, reviewing all information new and old from engineers, Geotec work and developing a an estimate cost for construction. Mr. Thompson noted he does “not to exceed contracts” and believes this project could be done during the fall of this year. The board will request Mr Tensen and Mr. Roby to meet with the board to discuss this potential option and seek an agreement regarding required land acquisition prior to committing any investigative funding. Cutting will contact them and set this up.

8. Intent to Cut for Allan Malcom- Baker Hill Road was reviewed and signed.
9. There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 12:05PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dina Cutting