

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
May 17th, 2018
10:30 AM
Town Office Conference Room
Approved: May 24, 2018

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members: Susan MacKenzie, Bradford Keith and Kevin Sahr. Highway Road agent: Steven Williams. Police Chief O'Keefe. Administrative Assistant, Dina Cutting.

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:07AM
2. Highway: The following items were reviewed and discussed:
 - Reminder-May 23rd, 2018 at 4:00PM Karen Henry is reporting on her research concerning muddy roads. The entire Highway crew is expected to be present.
 - Williams confirmed the highway department would be starting the Gregory repair on Monday May 21st, 2018.
 - Baker Hill- The board and Williams reviewed the current conditions. The barriers will be put up in such a way that the most vulnerable area will not have the extra weight on it from the cement barriers. The culvert planned for this is under review. The board discussed the pros and cons of a bridge at this location. The board would like Williams to contact 2 companies to see what kinds of ideas other professionals have for this fix. This area needs signage as soon as possible.
 - The MacKenzie introduced to the Roads Committee the concept to focus on the most expensive dirt road in Town. Williams noted Dorchester and Grafton Turnpike. He will come to the next meeting with that information.
 - After reviewing information and discuss the temporary bridge the Board thought it best not to purchase it.
 - Lights at Garage-Williams will be researching timer on the outside lights and or a sensor. In the meantime the sensor will be taken out so it is not running all the time at night.
 - Gate: Safety issues when it is locked with large trucks having to stop in the road way to get out and unlock. This issue will be revisited at a later date.
 - Cutting Hill Lane- this turnaround needs to be reconfigured. The property owner has discussed this with Williams and in amendable to have this work done. The other turnaround need to be researched.
3. Sahr moved to approve the minutes of the May 17th, 2018 public meeting. Seconded by Keith. Changes were offered. Voted unanimously in favor with changes noted.
4. Police: Chief O'Keefe reviewed the call information. The board and O'Keefe reviewed and discussed the following items:
 - Cleaning out police garage to use for vehicle
 - Town of Orford without Police coverage and if this effect Lyme's Police Department.

- Officer Casale has been named to the Battle of the Badges baseball team. This is a yearly fundraiser for Chad and Office Casale will now have a Chad buddy. Congratulations to Anthony Casale. Chief O'Keefe will write up an announcement in support of this accomplishment. Go to chadbaseball.org for more information.
5. New Business:
 - The select Board will be covering the Transfer Station for a Sunday in August because both of the employees will be at a workshop. (confirming date with Matt)
 - Memorial Day celebration is Sunday May 20th, 2018- One of the Select board members will be present to speak.
 - June 1st, 2018 mediation meeting set for the abatement appeal: Keith will represent the Board at this meeting. The board will review and discuss this in non-public at the next meeting.
 6. Public: none at this time.
 7. No manifest this week.
 8. Funding for consultant: A Public Hearing is scheduled for May 31st at 9:00AM. The board will discuss and hear public comments on accepting donations to fund the consultant for the Visioning process for the Lyme Community Development committee and the Planning Board.
 9. Hewes Brook Bridge contract: The insurance company reviewed and approved of the wording in this contract, the attorney and the engineer are still working on this.
 10. Hardship Abatements: The board reviewed the federal income guideline table. Clarification is needed on this.
 11. Committees and Commissions:
 - Building Committee: RFP for the painting of the Pike house is being developed. Keith reviewed the need for Thebodo to have equipment that is owned by the Town of Lyme.
 - Planning Board: Keith reported the Zoning Board does not meet with the Select Board. The board reviewed the gap in information concerning grandfathered businesses not in commercial districts. The Board would be happy to have a list to go by. The board discussed the idea of a commercial district on Route 10 North again. This board will discuss this further and decided if they wish to bring it to the Planning Board at a later date.
 - Energy Committee: Sahr reviewed street lights. It was believed many lights were out and the Town was paying for these lights. Cutting informed that the Town had more than half of the street lights turned off in the past and we weren't paying for the units out of service. These lights are still there but do not light. School solar may be replaced at the same time the roof is repaired if the Energy Comm can move fast enough with grant process to install an entire new system.
 - Coffee Hour: Paving Goose Pond Road and River Road was discussed.
 - Roads Committee: The roads committee recommended the Town continue their work with the Army Corp of Engineers for the area at North Thetford Road and River Road.

Borings are being done next week at the River Road slump.

The use of Block Grant funds were reviewed and discussed.

12. Personnel Policy: The Overtime policy will not be changed at the present time.
13. FERC letter: The letter was reviewed and signed. Letter and attachments will be mailed out from the office today.
14. River levels. The Board will be recording these now.
15. Todd Haywood will be attending next week's meeting to answer any questions pertaining to the Abatement appeals and Tax exempt recommendations.
16. MacKenzie will gather information concerning product to separate voting areas.
17. At 11:51 MacKenzie moved to adjourn. Seconded by Keith. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dina Cutting