

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
July 5th, 2018
8:00 AM

Town Office Conference Room

Approved: July 12, 2018

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members: Susan MacKenzie, Bradford Keith and Kevin Sahr. Police Chief Shaun O'Keefe.

Public: Hoyt and Marianne Alverson, John Stadler, Nick and Brenda Ashooh, Simon Carr, Karen Sanders, Michael Whitman, Pam Jenkins.

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:08 AM
2. Keith moved to approve the minutes of the regular Select Board meeting of June 28, 2018. Seconded by Sahr. Changes were offered. The minutes were approved with changes noted.
3. Ongoing and New Business:
 - * Sahr asked if Dina had drafted the letter to Luckies re: sprayer. Unknown
 - * Hewes Brook Bridge: Initial price was \$150 K, the single bid came in at \$350K. There seem to be some high costs i.e. Mobilization at over \$21K. Concern expressed but no decision made at the Roads Committee. We could either put it out to bid again with different parameters or we could ask Hanson Bridge to come in and negotiate the contract. Concern was expressed about steel sheeting for a coffer dam and will that work in the presence of ledge? Is this a maximum bid? If costs are lower does the Town also save. Keith is in favor of a negotiation with the Contractor. Sahr and MacKenzie agree. Will set this up ASAP.
 - * River Road Slump: MacKenzie was advised on 6-29-18 by Arend Tensen, that David Roby was not ready to sign off on the Thompson/Darrow plan to reopen River Road and wanted to take another look at the Pathways plan! Asked to have a copy of the plan and was told by Tensen that I could have it as soon as he got it. The Board has never seen a plan by Pathways. Keith has been working with Bob Guida, State Senator, to assist the Town with the Permitting process. Guida was going to organize all parties to come and view all projects to get everyone on the same page to expedite all permits. The Board reviewed our options and decided to discuss with our attorneys later this AM. We are in favor of returning to eminent domain.
 - * Transfer Station: NHPR did a story on Derry NH the only one in NH that is making money. Matt has developed flyers in advance for the trial changes. Taking glass out would save money. The real benefit in these changes would be to make the facility safer for town Residents.
 - * Contract for soil and compaction testing for the Grant Brook Area Project. Will ask for a "Not to exceed" cost. (\$3,200)
4. No Manifest this week
5. Church plan for a retreat on the "Common" is progressing. 9/14-15-16/18
6. Discussion of the River Road closed area: on June 29 we had a meeting with the contractor, engineer and Mr. Tensen. The response Tensen got from Mr. Roby was slow down we need to look at the "Pathways" plan that no one has seen. There is some confusion about the amount of land involved. Initially we thought 80 feet from the current center line that has been moved to 100 feet. Asked about the Eminent Domain Proceedings, It is on "hold" at this time. If this

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proposal fails the Town will return to the "Alternate Route" and eminent domain. The Contractor and Engineer requested an opportunity to talk with David Roby. A conference call has been set up for tomorrow morning. Discussion ensued about the grade of the road, depth of cut, saving the old trees. Also discussed was the value of development rights, where the money goes. Question was asked about temporarily stabilizing the weakest portion of the road, possible at a cost of \$100k + for a short period of time. The difficulty of this is that we would also have to stabilize the toe which could double or triple the cost of the "temporary" repair. Doing a temporary plan will eat up the remaining funds and weaken any argument for future more permanent funds. Discussed and reviewed other areas of River Road that are a Problem, South of North Thetford Road, Grant Brook Area, South River Road and Hewes Brook Bridge. Repaired areas South of Grant Brook. We also reviewed the relicensing and what we are doing to address the process. Everyone was encouraged to write to FERC and share their concerns.

7. Committee Commission:

*Conservation Commission, They are planning to develop a plan to address the Knotweed problem. The plan is to have a public meeting to identify the plant and explain why it is a problem and how to deal with it. The Commission is also working on replacing the Boardwalk in the Chaffee. MacKenzie said they could dispose of the waste wood in the C&D bin at the transfer Station. MacKenzie to discuss with Matt.

* Coffee Hour: Discussed if we need to have them every week? The attendance is very light.

Should we have a SB meeting in the evening to get more public participation?

Coffee hours can be changed to any time of the day for some venues.

Rusty, Kevin, David and Shaun told fish stories!

Discussion about Cyanobacteria can be controlled by increasing the flow out of the Pond.

An update on the River Road was given.

The activity of the Development Committee was discussed and a suggestion was made for having a Chamber of Commerce to promote Lyme. Maybe the LCDC could morph into a CC.

* Roads Committee; most Topics already covered above.

7. Planning and Zoning:

* No Permits/plans received from Latham Tavern yet on their parking lot improvements.

* ? Raised about employees taking up many Park and Ride slots. Should they not be parking at site of employment? Lot is frequently completely full.

* Parking continues to be problem in Lyme.

* Suggestion was made to make a parking lot out of the Town owned lot at the corner of Route 10 and High Street. It would be perfect for cyclist in summer and skiers in the winter as well

* As overflow parking for popular meetings at the Town Office. Kevin to take this on as a Project, costs, design. He will also explore a path from there into Town.

* David will be meeting this AM with a Company that wants to put some Cell Towers in Lyme. The Board strongly supports this prospect.

* The Bailey project is in compliance, the permit is not contingent on the trees being planted.

There is not always a time frame placed on conditions for plans and permits. Rusty will bring to the Planning Board as a recommendation.

8. At 10:37AM Mackenzie moved to enter non-public in accordance with 91-A:3 II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This

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exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. At 11:38AM the board moved into public session having made a decision to place a lien on a property by 8/1/18. This property had been given an extension beyond June 1.

9. At 10:38 AM Mackenzie moved to enter non-public in accordance with 91-A: 3 II (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation. Present for this meeting-

MacKenzie, Keith, Sahr, Walter Mitchell, Mitchell Municipal Services, LLC (via: phone)

At 11:30AM the board moved into public session having made no decisions in non-public session. At 11:30AM the board moved into public session.

10. At 11:30AM Keith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Sahr. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Susan J. MacKenzie