

TOWN OF LYME  
Select Board Meeting  
January 17<sup>th</sup> 2019  
8:00 AM  
Town Office Conference Room  
Approved: January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members: Susan MacKenzie, Bradford Keith and Kevin Sahr. Police Office: Anthony Casale. Administrative Assistant, Dina Cutting.

Connecticut River Conservancy: Andrew Fisk Executive Director, Connecticut River Conservancy, formerly *Connecticut River Watershed Council* and Ed Gray

1. At 8:05AM Chair Mackenzie called this meeting to order.
2. Connecticut River Conservancy:

Mr. Fisk reviewed the responsibilities of the Connecticut River Conservancy. The Conservancy holds 9 easements on property in the town of Lyme. The town is the contingent holder on 7 of them. They have been working for some time to find another entity to relieve them of this responsibility. Mr. Fisk came to ask the board to put an article on the 2019 warrant that would release the Town of these responsibilities. The suggested article is as followed:

*“To see if the Town will vote to relinquish any real property rights it has in conservation easements held by the Connecticut River Conservancy, provided that such relinquishment may only occur in the event that the affected conservation easement is assigned to a qualifying easement holder and such assignment is approved by the NH Attorney General’s office, Charitable Trust Unit. This action is recommended by the Select Board to protect the perpetuity of Conservation easements in Lyme and reduce the Town’s risk associated with enforcement of said easements.”*

The Connecticut River Conservancy believes this action may be required by the Upper Valley Land Trust in order for them to accept a transfer request. If so, from advice received by the NH AG’s charitable trusts division, the voters must approve any transfer. NH Rev Statue’s section 477:47 (2015) requires contingent holders to sign documents used to amend the original easement. Thus, it is believed this requires a town vote first, then the Select Board signing each transfer.

The board requested Cutting contact town counsel with questions concerning this request. The board will contact Mr. Fisk as soon as the questions and information is gathered.

3. Minutes-

- January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Keith moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Sahr.  
The board reviewed changes submitted. The description of “overtime emergencies” change to “storm related emergencies”. Voted unanimously in favor with changes noted.
- January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Sahr moved to approve the minutes of January 11, 2019. Seconded by Keith. Motion voted unanimously in favor.

- January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Keith moved to approve the minutes of January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Seconded by Sahr. The board reviewed changes submitted. Section 8 of these minutes were discussed in detail. Keith noted he believed the board was voting on a warrant article not a draft document. Sahr believed this was a draft to be discussed at a public hearing. Further discussion on this motion ensued.  
Amendments to # 8 of the 1-10-2019 meeting minutes were as followed: 1 in favor of the changes (Keith), 1 against the changes (Sahr), and 1 abstention to the changes (MacKenzie). This section will be left showing the changes and strikeouts. The remaining changes of the 1-10, 2019 meeting minutes were reviewed. The board voted unanimously in favor of the remaining changes.
- 4. Police: Officer Casale briefed the board on various police matters.
- 5. Matters arising:
  - MacKenzie noted concerns the draft zoning amendment from the previous week's meeting had never gone before the Planning Board prior to the Select Board considering it. She stated she was withdrawing her support at this present time. MacKenzie moved to reconsider the draft article amendment to the zoning ordinance. Seconded by Sahr. The board reviewed and discussed various concerns. Not working with the Planning Board, the message this is sending, and the need for the Select Board to work with the Planning Board to address ideas. Sahr noted he was in support of withdrawing this article. Keith noted disappointment and wanted to bring this to a public hearing to hear what community members felt. After a lengthy discussion the motion was voted 2 in favor and 1 against (Keith). The proposed Select Board zoning amendment will not go forward.
- 6. 2019 warrant:
 

The board reviewed a preliminary draft of money articles. Cutting explained she had included the money article she was aware of and last years for the boards review.

Land Use Change Tax: MacKenzie moved to withdraw this article. Seconded by Keith. The board reviewed and discussed this. MacKenzie noted she had indicated to the Conservation Commission that they were helping with the Milfoil and various culvert projects in 2019 so the board would not put this article on the warrant. Sahr noted he would defer to MacKenzie's position on this matter as she is the representative on the Conservation Commission. Keith wanted to make it clear that this had never been previously discussed with the board. After various comments concerning funding and past discussions Mackenzie has had with the Conservation Commission, Keith called the question. Motion was voted 2 in favor and 1 against (Keith). This article will not be on the 2019 warrant.

The board discussed the Trash and Recycling costs. After a brief discussion it was the sense of the board to have an article asking if the town would like to continue recycling even at an increased cost. Sahr will come up with a draft. Possibilities of doing a survey were discussed also.

The remaining articles were reviewed.
- 7. Public comment: Rich Brown asked if the board had discussed any land articles. He was informed of the vote concerning the draft zoning amendment.
- 8. Manifest: Manifests in the amounts of \$21,711.27 and \$ 71,565.60 were reviewed and approved.

9. Intent to Cut: reviewed and approved-Tim & Wendy Beck-Map 403 Lot 44-East Thetford Road
10. Veterans Credit: Reviewed and approved
11. Review and signed an abatement: Lyme Historians- Coding error
12. Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission- 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collection contract. Keith moved to have Chair MacKenzie sign this for the board. Second by Sahr. Voted unanimously in favor.
13. 2019 Milfoil Grant & Solitude contract: The board approved the application for this grant. Keith moved to have Chair MacKenzie sign this grant application & Solitude contract for the board. Second by Sahr. Voted unanimously in favor.
14. Committees and Commissions:
  - Common Use Committee- Keith reviewed the tasks from the organizational meeting. This committee is excited to get started. The board noted they would like this committee to have a regular schedule for their meetings so the public will know when they are.
  - Coffee hour: Keith noted a community member came to discuss the draft zoning amendment article.
  - Energy Committee: Developed and submitted a grant for solar for the Library roof to the Swan Grant group.
  - Road Committee: Grafton Turnpike and Goose Pond Road projects were discussed.
15. Appointed Road Agent: The board reviewed and discussed briefly developing a job description for this position.
16. At this time Keith presented his resignation from the Select Board as of March 2019. After a brief discussion the board accepted Mr. Keith's resignation with regret.
17. There being no further business before the board at this time Keith moved to adjourn at 11:45AM. Seconded by Sahr. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina