TOWN OF LYME

Select Board Meeting June 20th, 2019

8:00am

Town Office Conference Room Approved: June 27th, 2019

The following people were present for all or part of the meeting: Select Board members Kevin Sahr, Judith Brotman and Benjamin Kilham; Administrative Assistant Dina Cutting; Road Agent Steve Williams. Police Chief Shaun O'Keefe. Community Members Donald Graham, Carol Barr, Sue MacKenzie and Bret Ryan.

- 1. At 8:00AM Board Chair Sahr called the meeting to order.
- 2. Road Agent Williams discussed the paving bids for Baker Hill Road and River Road-These bids were for the 1" overlays and the shoulder work.
 Goose Pond Road bids were discussed. Mr. Williams recommended the Town work with 3 companies that bid on this project. They will discuss the option of having the company do the work and the Town supply all the material. Due to increased costs in materials the pricing for bids are considerably higher than budgeted. The Board and Mr. Williams reviewed the financial commitments to date. Mr. Williams noted one of the bidders was not available to rework the numbers.
 - Mr. Williams had questions concerning the personnel policy signature document.
- 3. At this time Ms. Brotman moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor.
- 4. Manifest: reviewed and signed in the amount of \$81,251.99
- 5. Matters arising & new business:
 - Casella packer truck and the Town's zero sort compactor broke down. This was a challenge.
 - Hardship Abatement guidelines: Ms. Cutting reviewed the change in the 2019 chart. It was discussed that these guidelines need to be flexible. It is based more on financial hardship situations so it is too difficult to put a maximum annual household cap in this guideline. Ms. Brotman moved to approve this guideline as written. Seconded by Mr. Sahr. Voted unanimously in favor.
 - River Road it was noted at a parking area is shown on the plan. In addition, the Alteration of Terrain permit requires all pavement be removed. Following a discussion, the sense of the Board was to not have the contractor put this parking lot in but the contractor should remove the pavement per the contract.
 - Street lights: The Board reviewed options to get feedback from community members. The possibility of a demo light was discussed. The sense of the Board was to have the Energy Committee reach out to the community and see what information they can gather.

- 6. Police: Chief O'Keefe reported the new cruiser had arrived. It will be detailed and ready for service in the near future. Chief O'Keefe informed the Board they had been dealing with some burglaries and break-ins. He cautioned all to lock their homes and vehicles for safety reasons. New Hampshire Department of Transportation notified the Town of "NO PARKING" along route 10 in front of the school and the intersection of Route 10 and East Thetford Road. Chief O'Keefe will be discussing this with Mr. Valence.
- 7. Robert Thebodo, Beach Supervisor: Mr. Thebodo reviewed various procedures and regulations for Chase Beach. The Board had received a list of lifeguards with recommended hourly rates. After a discussion Ms. Brotman moved to hire the 2019 lifeguards at the hourly rates recommend by Mr. Thebodo. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor. The Board thanked Mr. Thebodo for coming in to the meeting.
- 8. Public Comment: Concerns about not having a parking lot at the south end of the new River Road reroute section were expressed. Road classifications were clarified. It being is too soon to make a commitment to have either a trail or a parking lot. The area where the new River Road will meet the "old Road" was reviewed and it was noted that two property owners would like this area fenced or otherwise blocked off to prevent vehicles from entering the old road section.
- 9. Mr. Williams, Chief O'Keefe and the Select Board will have a working meeting in the future to review and discuss options for the old road section.
- 10. The Board reviewed and discussed the 2019 Tax Exempt property applications.

Mr. Sahr moved to approve the following list of properties for 2019 Tax exemptions:

- American Legion-Map 201 Lot 94.02
- Benedictine Congregation-Map 414 Lot 27
- Cross Roads Academy- Map 401 Lots 55.1234 & 56
- Dartmouth College- Map 414 Lots 1002 &61.1001
- First Baptist Church- Map 409 Lot 14
- Lyme Congregational Church- Map 201 Lots 54, 93.02 95 &96
- Lyme Nursery School- 402 Lot 51
- Pathways of the River Valley- 408 Lot 25
- Lyme Historians, INC-Map 201 Lot 77- partial exemption (Taxed on apartment section

Seconded by Ms. Brotman. Voted unanimously in favor.

The Montshire Museum of Science, The Upper Valley Land Trust and The Center for Northern Woodlands Education require additional information.

- 11. The septic for the 1 High Street lot was briefly discussed. More information was needed.
- 12. Committee and Commission reports:
 - Planning Board-Loch Lyme Lodge was reviewed.
 - Trustees of the Trust Fund- The Board briefly discussed the Trustees of the Trust fund responsibilities.
- 13. There being no further business to come before the Board at 10:45am Mr. Kilham moved to adjourn. Seconded by Brotman. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Cutting