

TOWN OF LYME  
Select Board Meeting  
August 15, 2019  
8:00 AM  
Town Office Conference Room  
Approved: August 22, 2019

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members Kevin Sahr, Judith Brotman and Benjamin Kilham. Administrative Assistant Dina Cutting; Road Agent Steve Williams; Community members: Susan MacKenzie, Bret Ryan, John Stadler; Northern New England Field services, Laura & Dennis Thompson.

1. At 9:02AM Chair Sahr called this meeting to order.
2. River Road: Mr. Williams asked the Board to consider opening the River Road re-route work area during the evening and weekends. This is being done on the Goose Pond Road project and seems to work well, and it is a help for the local residents. The Board, Mr. Williams and Mr. Thompson discussed the pros and cons. Mr. Thompson would like the week night to continue to be closed because of varied work times for his crew. He feels evening work will be disrupted by vehicles trying to get through. Mr. Thompson thought weekends would work.-The Board asked Mr. Thompson to think about this suggestion and report back.
3. Highway budget: The Board will be addressing the River Road erosion area (near North Thetford Road) in the coming weeks. Chair Sahr would like Karen Henry to come and discuss this road sections and the possible ways of addressing it. Given that the Army Corp of Engineers fix is estimated to cost \$1.6 million dollars other alternatives need to be considered. Chair Sahr will invite Ms. Henry to an upcoming meeting.
4. Goose Pond Road: Phase II is going well. Mr. Williams would like to budget for Phase III in the 2020 year. The paving of Phases I, II and III would take place in 2020 also. This would complete the Goose Pond road repairs at this time.
5. The Highway department will not be roadside mowing this fall. Mr. Williams reported it would be more beneficial to cut trees out of the road right of way for maintenance reasons. The Board discussed the pros and cons of roadside mowing. The sense of the Board was to leave this decision to the Road Agent.
6. Old River Road section: The Board discussed leaving this small section paved until Town Meeting addresses this section of road for ease of winter maintenance.
7. Mr. Thompson informed the Board that the section of ledge left to be removed in the re-route project has turned out to be too difficult to hammer out. They will need to have blasting done. Mr. Thompson reviewed what will need to take place. The cost will be an additional \$32,600.00. There are 4 properties that will need to be contacted and pre-blast inspections will be done. Cutting to notify these property owners and have them contact Mr. Thompson to set up these inspections.
8. Change order # 3: Rock wall and erosion measures that were not previously on the plans were discussed. The additional cost is \$11,177.00. Kilham moved to approve this change order. Seconded by Brotman. Voted unanimously in favor.

9. Public Comments: The option of opening the River Road for weekends was supported and noted it would be very helpful to the residents. Concerns with not taking on the roadside mowing were expressed.
10. Brotman moved to approve the minutes of August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 public session. Seconded by Sahr. Voted unanimously in favor.
11. Kilham moved to approve the minutes of August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 non-public session. Seconded by Sahr. Voted unanimously in favor.
12. Kilham moved to approve the minutes of August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 non-public session. Seconded by Brotman. Voted unanimously in favor.
13. Kilham moved to approve the minutes of August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 non-public session. Seconded by Sahr. Voted unanimously in favor.
14. The August budget sheet was presented. This will be attached to the minutes of this meeting.
15. The Board reviewed the previous meeting with Mrs. Kling. It was noted the Board misspoke when they agreed to attach letters received to the public minutes. On the advice of Town Counsel these letters will not be attached to the minutes and are not considered public documents. Mr. Sahr will also make it clear that the issue involving the Kling's is a separate issue from the Recreation Facility Ordinance review.
16. Manifest: the manifest in the amount of \$66,878.57 was reviewed and approved.
17. Mr. Sahr reviewed the financial tracking of the various road projects. There is a lot going on and it is important to have an up to date financial report of these each week. Cutting will create a spreadsheet and report each week for the Board's review.
18. The boating issue was addressed by Officer Casale. No further action from the Board needed.
19. Right Angle Engineering's final invoice was reviewed Brotman moved to make a partial payment to Right Angle Engineering for services completed in the amount of \$8,030.00. Seconded by Sahr. Voted unanimously in favor.
20. Hidden Valley contract: This project has not been started as of today. The Board requested a letter be sent to Right Angle Engineering canceling the Hidden Valley contract.
21. Recreation Facility Ordinance: The Board reviewed various sections. The Board will produce drafts of the options for review by the Recreation Commission and then, have this as a topic for discussion at Town Meeting.
22. Committee and Commissions:
  - Planning Board: The Planning Board is discussing the build-out analysis of the Common area.
  - Conservation Commission: Working on invasive species still.
23. 11:45AM Ms. Sahr moved to enter non-public in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3 (I), Legal. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor. Present for this discussion was Mr. Sahr, Ms. Brotman, Mr. Kilham and Ms. Cutting.  
A legal issue was discussed.  
At 11:52AM Mr. Sahr moved to enter public session. Seconded by Ms. Brotman. Voted unanimously in favor.
24. The Select Board will be negotiating with NNEFS for the additional funding for blasting that is necessary at the River Road re-routing project.
25. The Board reviewed email addresses of town employees

26. Committees communicating to Listserv from private emails was discussed. It was the sense of the Board to have all communications from committees sent to Patty Cashman in the Select Board office, who will then forward the email to the listserv with an official Town e-mail .gov address.
27. There being no further business before the Board at this time Mr. Kilham moved to adjourn at 12:05AM. Seconded by Ms. Brotman. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Cutting