

Approved: September 12, 2019

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
September 5th, 2019
9:00 AM

Town Office Conference Room

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; Members of the public: Susan MacKenzie, David Van Wie, Carol Barr, Ross McIntyre, John Mudge, & Rusty Keith. Northern New England Field Services Dennis Thompson. Representative to Senator Hassan, Dorothy Parsons; Representative to Senator Shaheen, Peter Clark; Connecticut River Conservancy, Kathy Uffer.

1. At 9:00AM Chair Sahr called this meeting to order.
2. Hewes Brook Bridge: The Board had not heard from Right Angle Engineering as of this date to confirm that the engineering can be completed within the \$9,200.00 balance of the contract.
River Road south (Hidden Valley): The Board is waiting for the permit application. Cutting to call Right Angle Engineering and find out if this is coming in the near future.
3. Baker Hill Road: The Board approved a letter for Jones & Beach Engineering. Mr. Thompson is communicating with DES and Jones & Beach Engineering in order to get the Baker Hill Road permit completed as soon as possible.
4. River Road: The final blast will take place on Monday. The large rock will be hammered and all the rock will be crushed.
Culvert # 3-This maybe a tier 1 stream-if so, the culvert can be replaced as part of the general permit program of the Town. NNEFS to calculate acres being drained.
5. The manifest in the amount of \$60,366.58 was reviewed and approved.
6. The minutes of the August 29th 2019 meeting were moved by Mrs. Brotman. Seconded by Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor.
7. The Board briefly discussed a strategy for meeting to review and develop the 2020 budget. The Board will meet on Wednesday morning 10:00AM for a budget workshop.
8. Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Mudge spoke to the issues surrounding FERC, licensing of the Wilder dam and the erosion caused by the operations of the dam with the frequent lowering and raising of the water height. Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Mudge are hoping this meeting and site visit will allow the senators and others to realize the change in operation and licensing of the dams needs to be regulated to protect the land along the Connecticut River from significant erosion that is occurring. Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Mudge thanked Ms. Parsons, Mr. Clark and Ms. Uffer for attending this meeting.
Various questions were asked and answered. Information was reviewed documenting conditions prior to the installation of the dam and after show the erosion. Many towns along the Connecticut River are affected by this problem. This issue needs to be addressed.
9. At this time the meeting moved to a site visit to view the River Road erosion.
10. The Board returned at 12:15PM.
11. There being no further business before the Board at this time Mrs. Kilham moved to adjourn at 12:15PM. Seconded by Mrs. Brotman. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Dina Cutting