

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
January 16th, 2020
9:00 AM
Town Office Conference Room
Approved: January 23, 2020

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board: Kevin Sahr, Judith Brotman and Benjamin Kilham. Administrative Assistant Dina Cutting. Police Chief Shaun O'Keefe. Road Agent Steven Williams. Community Care of Lyme: Patricia Jenks & Martha Tecca. Public: Mike & Jean Smith, Donald Graham, Carol Barr and Arend Tensen (via phone).

1. At 9:00AM Chair Sahr called this meeting to order.
2. The Board and CCL reviewed the usage of the Lyme Center Academy Building. The Board explained they were reviewing and possibly changing the fee for the use of this building. The Board's intent is to have the building be revenue neutral. It should not be costing the tax payers to rent out and or have groups using it for functions. The following topics were discussed:
 - The 1997 Town meeting vote to renovate the Lyme Center Academy Building and fundraising for this project.
 - Developing a contract for CCL for the space they are presently renting.
 - Co-sponsoring events.
 - Cleaning costs.
 - Updating the usage policy.
 - Parking and mud season restrictions.
 - Occupancy capacity for this building needs to be confirmed.
 - Every group using this building must fill out the LCAB usage form.
 - Insurance coverage- who needs it and what is needed.
 - CCL is looking for an okay for some proposed coming events- Cabin Fever musical jams, the first one to be held 2/12/2020.

At this time the Board will review and come up with an up-to-date usage form with changed fees if necessary and with after-event cleaning addressed.

3. River Road "old road" – The Board reviewed the options for the old River Road. It was confirmed that the preference of the abutting land owners would be to own to the middle of the old road.

Per RSA 231:43 Power to Discontinue. –

I. Any class IV, V or VI highway, or any portion thereof, in a town may be discontinued by vote of a town; provided, however, that:

(a) Any highway to public waters, or portion of such highway, laid out by a commission appointed by the governor and council, shall not be discontinued except with the consent of the governor and council.

(b) Any class V highway established to provide a property owner or property owners with highway access to their property because of a taking under RSA 230:14 shall not be discontinued except by written consent by such property owner or property owners.

II. Written notice shall be given to all owners of property abutting such highway, at least

14 days prior to the vote of the town.

III. No owner of land shall, without the owner's written consent, be deprived of access over such highway, at such owner's own risk.

The following topics were discussed:

- Making this section a trail
- How the road will intersect with the new road
- Permit requirements

After a lengthy discussion the sense of all abutters was to support this section of the River Road being discontinued.

4. Trucks: Mr. Williams informed the Board that the trade in on the trucks is not as favorable as original budgeted.
 - The Board discussed keeping a truck as a spare and trading or selling 2 of the 3 extra trucks. Mr. Williams will determine which truck the town will continue to keep in its fleet.
 - Mr. Williams reported he had information on the estimates for the 2020 truck purchase. The Board requested he give the information to the Town Office so they can review it.
 - At Mr. Williams recommendation the large highway Truck for the 2020 Warrant Article amount will be adjusted to \$230,000
 - The maintenance truck was reviewed and the option of plowing with this truck was discussed again. The Warrant Article will be adjust to \$32,000.
5. At 10:35AM Mrs. Brotman moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91:3 II (I) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.. Seconded by Mr. Sahr. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote. Present for this non-public session were Mr. Sahr, Mrs. Brotman, Mr. Kilham and Mrs. Cutting. The Board discussed legal personnel-related issues. At 11:15AM Mr. Sahr moved to re-enter public session. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor. Mr. Sahr moved to seal the minutes of this session. Seconded by Mrs. Brotman. Voted unanimously by a roll call vote.
6. Police: Chief O'Keefe reviewed parking, safety and the use of the back side of the common.
7. Common Committee: Mrs. Brotman reviewed the last committee meeting:
 - Parking options for the back side of the Common
 - Moving the cannon
 - Fencing
 - Paths across the common
8. The Board discussed the Utility Clubs trees on the common:
 - Has rebar been removed? Chief O'Keefe will check.
 - The use of extension cords. Having additional outlets will not solve this problem. They will still need extension cords. Safety concerns were noted concerning the extension cords. It is the Board's understanding that with the rain the extension cords are causing a safety concern. It was suggested that the Utility Club be required to use solar lights in the future for both energy efficiency and safety.
9. The manifest in the amount of \$ 38,708.97 was approved. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the manifest. Seconded by Mrs. Brotman.

10. Intent to cut for Julie Guyer & Jerene Kennedy, Map 406 Lot 26, was approved.
11. Solar exemptions for the following residents were approved:
 - Stephanie Reininger
 - Ross McIntyre
 - Steve & Lisa Rayes
12. Land Use Change Tax: A warrant was signed in the amount of \$3,630.00 for Emily Davis at 75 River Road.
13. Notice from NH State: the East Thetford bridge rehabilitation project will be delayed.
14. Energy committee oath of offices were signed.
15. The Board will meet on Tuesday morning at 9:00AM to review the warrant articles.
16. Energy Committee: Mr. Sahr reported the Energy Committee has some concerns with the new Fire Station. This will be reviewed with Chief Mundy.
17. The sense of the Board was to not put an article concerning school choice on the warrant.
18. At 12:30AM Mr. Kilham moved to adjourn seconded by Mrs. Brotman. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Cutting