

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
July 21st 2016
8:00AM
Town Office conference Room
Approved: July 28th 2016

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members: Susan J. MacKenzie (Chair), Charles J. Smith, Patty Jenks. Police Chief O'Keefe. Road Agent, Steve Williams. Administrative Assistant, Dina Cutting. Community member: Donna St.Peter.

- 1) At 8:0 AM MacKenzie called the meeting to order.
- 2) Highway: The board and Williams reviewed the following items:
 - No thru Trucking signs. The Town ordinance will be noted on this sign.
 - Grader- The highway department is having various new-model graders delivered to the shop for test drives. The employees have enjoyed being able to drive the updated models.
 - River Road: Mackenzie wished to discuss the no parking signs for the River Road barricades. It was noted people park and cross over the closed section to meet other going in the other direction to meet rides. This saves them from having to drive all the way around. Chief O'Keefe noted concern because this is still a road. It is not legal to park in the road. People have blocked driveway accesses etc. It was mentioned that the Police could use their discretion when it comes to this kind of ticket. Chief O'Keefe wanted to make sure the correct message was being sent to all and not just come on down and park. Chief was still concerned about send out the message it was okay to parking in the middle of the road.
- 3) Donna St Peter: Ms. St Peter was concern about a ditch that had not been cleaned and she felt that because of this, water was running across her driveway. The board and Williams explained the plan for future road maintenance on Pinnacle Road, with a reminder that the town is not responsible for the repair, replacement or cleaning of any home owners culvert. St Peter was concerned about vegetation and it was noted the Town Road side mowing will be doing this later in the summer. Once the mowing is done Williams noted the highway department would check on this area. When the excavator is back in town they will clean it out.
- 4) Police: The department has 2 felony cases they have been working on. Also, it has been a busy month at Post Pond. Lots of after hour swimmers and people hanging out. The Chief also noted he has been seeing a lot of trash when he goes down to check in the morning. Safety is a concern and the food draws in the geese (more than normal) Send out a listserve e-mail about the geese and visit the areas.
- 5) Matters arising & New items:
 - The board and Chief O'Keefe reviewed the no trespassing for the land up on Canaan Ledge Lane. O'Keefe had posted it and while he was there took pictures. Concerns over cut trees and open fires were noted again. Chief had discussed this with Doug Holler Dartmouth Skiway manager and the College was not sure what the plan was, they are still investigating this issue. The State forest ranger and USDA law enforcement officer had been investigating this issue also. There is a group of hikers that may possibly come to the board to ask for reconsideration of using this land to continue to climb. Unfortunately, now that the Town knows about the bolts, climbers and damage to the property they need to protect the Town (liability issues) and post this land.

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- Bridge to Thetford VT will be closed from Friday, July 30th 5:00PM to some time on Sunday in order for the State of VT to repair the rail road tracks on the VT side. This has been publicized.
 - Reminder boat landing clean up Saturday morning 8:00AM.
- 6) Minutes: Jenks moved to approve the minutes of July 14th, 2016 public and non-public meetings. Seconded by Smith. Changes were offered and the minutes were voted unanimously in favor with corrections noted.
- 7) Matters arising & New Business:
- Cutting to ask L & M to remove the fiber rolls along the Goose Pond Road roadway.
 - MacKenzie asked about changes not made to the help wanted advertisement. It was noted no e-mail was received, Cutting will go back and double check. The sense of the other board members was context of what was publicized was close to what MacKenzie had in mind, therefore more detail would be provided at the time of interview rather than go to the expense of republishing.
 - Meeting with DOT Thursday July 21st, 2016 at 1:00PM concerning River Road curb cut for re-route road, CLD will be there also.
 - Pathways sent wetlands permit for Hidden Valley project-information needs to be reviewed, signed and a check sent back to Pathways, the A letter for SPINF will be finished and sent to Pathways for completion.
 - Wilder Dam relicensing meeting will be held on August 17th in Brattleboro VT –to discuss erosion. MacKenize will be going and Smith is considering attending. If this occurs the meeting must be posted.
 - MacKenzie would like to review the payroll manifests at all Board meetings.
 - Transfer station storage place: Smith and Thebodo reviewed the area for storage space for the pallets of bags. The board believes 100sq feet will be enough. The board will consider this location once a price has been given for the rental area.
 - Mackenzie requested the Roads committee meeting be posted for 8/9 and 8/16
- 8) Public Comments: There were none this time
- 9) Manifest was reviewed and approved in the amount of \$848.00
- 10) A potential interested party in purchasing a property with a lien on it asked for the amount of the lien. The board's response was they need to contact the property owner directly for this information.
- 11) Board reviewed and signed the permit for the Berway Farm project, and check was approved and will be sent to CLD.
- 12) Committee & Commission:
- Planning Board: Discussed Baker Hill Road property subdivision. The Heritage Commission is interested in having the old school house on Baker Hill Road subdivided from the property it is located on. This was an informal discussion concerning that issue.
 - Coffee Hour: no public attended.
 - Energy committee: Discussed Fire station, solarizing the Town Offices. MacKenzie noted a discussion concerning whether there is still a need for this committee, this discussion will be continued.

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- Roads Committee: Alternate Route was discussed, paved roads plan, how the committee helps town people realize brown roads make sense. Williams is reminding the Committee that most people that live on what was a paved road want them restored to that state. The committee would like to know if the highway department will be able to do the work on the Berway Farm River Road project. While this work is being done the road will need to be closed.

13) Ongoing matters cont.:

- Smith clean-up is going well.

14) At 9:55AM Mackenzie moved to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously by a roll call vote. Present for this discussion were Susan MacKenzie, Patricia Jenks and Jay Smith. The board discussed personnel issues and reviewed an employee evaluation. The board moved to enter public session at 10:18AM.

15) At 10:19AM Smith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dina Cutting