

Select Board Meeting  
May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
9:00 AM  
Zoom  
Approved: June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members Judith Brotman, Benjamin Kilham, David Kahn, Town Administrator Dina Cutting, and Police Chief, Shaun O'Keefe.

Public: Sue Mackenzie, Margaret Caudell-Sloshberg

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1. At 9:02 Mrs. Brotman opened the meeting.
2. Public Comment: Ms. Mackenzie asked for clarification on the police department staffing. Mrs. Brotman informed her we have a Police Chief, Shaun O'Keefe, and a new sergeant, Camden Elliott. At this time it is too soon to finalize the long-range plans for the retirement of Chief O'Keefe. A post introducing our new sergeant will be on the website soon.
3. Ms. Caudell-Sloshberg asked about The "Lyme for Fair Nonpartisan Redistricting Resolution" that was voted in the affirmative at Town Meeting. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the forwarding of the Resolution to the State Legislators. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote. The Resolution as edited slightly will be signed by the Board and forwarded to the Legislators.
4. Mr. Kahn moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.
5. Chief O'Keefe updated the Board on the following topics:
  - Chief O'Keefe and the Board discussed new signage on the "old" River Road for the new Class A trail that was voted at Town Meeting. Chief O'Keefe is going to work with Scott Bailey and the Conservation Commission to form a barricade to restrict vehicle access. Chief O'Keefe will communicate with affected land owners to possibly put a gate in place to stop unwanted vehicle access. The gate would have locks, and keys will be available for property owners to access the land.
  - Chief O'Keefe asked the Board if they could change the Use of Common application date for the Memorial Day Event from May 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. There appears to be ~~are~~ no conflicts with that date, so the Board agreed. Chief O'Keefe will contact Jay Smith to advise him of the date change.
  - The beach has started to get busy and Chief O'Keefe asked the Board if their plans for monitors has been determined. The Board thinks there needs to be a further public discussion before deciding if new measures are needed. The Town has voted in the past

to have the beach/recreation area be available only to Lyme Residents and their guests. When monitors are not present this area gets heavy use from out of town people.

6. Mrs. Brotman shared her thoughts on the Beach/Recreation area. Mrs. Brotman is thinking we should try the beach with no life guards again this year. People expressed the desire to have lifeguards for picking up goose waste, monitoring the beach activity and checking to make sure the public are Lyme residents. This takes away from their main job, which is watching the water and maintaining the safety of swimmers. Last year having a monitor in the parking area and making the area swim at your own risk has shown to be more beneficial and less conflicts have occurred. Mrs. Brotman suggests that we try one more year with a monitor and no life guards. Installing a gate was discussed to close the area at night. Mr. Kahn noted he heard at town meeting that some people would like the lifeguards to come back, this was reflexed in the vote to add \$15,000 to the operating budget. Mrs. Cutting suggested sending out a survey to let town members share their opinions and thoughts on the topic or hold a public meeting to discuss this. Mr. Kahn seconded that idea and would love to hear the opinion of the town. The Board is going to organize a listening session and explore options and return to this discussion. Until that decision is made the police department will continue to monitor the area.
7. The Board reviewed the Use of the Common Applications:
  - Utility Club plant sale – May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Approved.
  - Memorial Day Event – May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Approved.
  - Blue Goose Farm wants to come to the Common every Saturday in the summer and sell their products (raw milk, cream, butter, yogurt, etc...). Keeping with the regulations of the use of the Common, a commercial business cannot use the Common to promote their business and sell products. For an event like this to occur, it would take a Lyme sponsor and someone would need to organize a general farmers market. Again the same challenges with parking will be an issue.
8. In an effort to make clear in the minutes the Board's prior action, Mr. Kilham moved to settle with regret the Fairpoint/Consolidated Communications utility lawsuit, with settlement payments occurring in two equal payments over a two year period. Mrs. Brotman seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.
9. Residents of the town have come to Mrs. Cutting asking if they could have gatherings (ie: exercise classes) at the Lyme Center Academy Building outside with social distancing. The sense of the Board was to allow this with distancing and other safety protocols in place.
10. Mrs. Brotman moved to approve the Intent-to-Cut for the Gandins and authorize Mrs. Cutting to sign it. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.
11. Mrs. Brotman moved to approve the Intent-to-Cut for Bill Murphy and authorize Mrs. Cutting to sign it. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.
12. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the Report of Wood Cut for Bill Murphy and authorize Mrs. Cutting to sign it. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.
13. Mrs. Brotman suggested that the Board visit the Common and investigate the options for electrical outlets to be added to the Common. After this the Board can revisit the topic.
14. The Board briefly discussed underground power. Before the Covid pandemic, a plan was starting to be made for private funding to pay for the initial study, but it was put on hold. If we do underground power, we should do that first before considering any other additions to the Common (ie: a fence around the Common, additional electrical outlets.). There is an individual that is willing to raise the funds to get the engineering done for the underground electrical project. The Board will return to the discussion.

15. At 10:24 AM Mrs. Brotman moved to go into non-public session under RSA 91A:3II (c) reputation. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote. Present for this discussion was Mrs. Brotman, Mr. Kilham, Mr. Kahn and Mrs. Cutting.  
The board reviewed 2 hardship abatement requests.
16. At 11:20 AM the board returned to public session having discussed 2 tax reliefs' issues, 1 was granted and 1 requires more information.
17. At 11:20 AM Mrs. Brotman moved to go into non-public session under RSA 91A:3II (a) Personnel. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote. Present for this discussion was Mrs. Brotman, Mr. Kilham, Mr. Kahn and Mrs. Cutting.
18. At 11:33 AM the board returned to public session having discussed the acting Road Agent appointment. Mrs. Brotman moved to appoint Scott Bailey as Road Agent for the next 10 months. The term will be revisited in March of 2022. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
19. A brief discussion took place concerning no thru trucking postings. The Board will look into this.
20. At 11:34 Mr. Kilham moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jordan Toland