

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
June 3rd, 2021
9:00 AM

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members Benjamin Kilham and David Kahn, Administrator Dina Cutting, Police Chief Shaun O'Keefe and Assessing Clerk Jordan Toland. Mrs. Brotman was absent from the meeting.
Community members: Hebe Quinton

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At 9:03 AM Mr. Kilham opened the meeting.

1. Public comment: Hebe Quinton asked about the discussion on Chase Beach that was listed on the agenda. Ms. Cutting informed her that this discussion is to determine a date to have a public listening session to get public input.
2. Mr. Kahn moved to approve the public minutes from the meeting of Thursday May 20th, 2021. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
3. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the Intent to Cut for Alfred Balch and Paula Tenson. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
4. The Board discussed the Tax Anticipation Note. Questions were asked and answered concerning the Note. This year the total amount of the Note will be \$3.5 million. Mr. Kahn moved to approve the Tax Anticipation Note for \$3.5 million dollars. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
5. Ms. Cutting brought to the attention of the Board that they need to set a date for a public listening session concerning the use of Chase Beach. The Select Board confirmed Tuesday June 15th, 2021 at 7 PM. This will be advertised as a zoom meeting. The electronic meeting option may not be available at this time depending on Governor Sununu's announcements in the coming week.
6. Public Hearing: Mr. Kilham opened the Public Hearing at 9:17AM. The Board was in agreement that the structure at 376 River Rd is historic (being at least 75 years old) and agricultural. This structure also provides scenic enjoyment for the general public. The location of the structure is mostly visible from the roadway, as well as partially visible from the Connecticut River. The owners of the structure plan to keep the renovations historic and return the barn to great quality. The Select Board feels this restoration is important, because many historic barns are burning or falling down (due to structural

problems) there are not many still stand to this day. Mr. Kahn moved to accept this project to qualify for the Historical Preservation Easement. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.

- Information given by property owners: They will be restoring the main dairy barn, the smaller three story barn and the silo. The style of this barn is English and was made with hand hewn beams and sawn posts as cow stanchions. This barn was built during the Revolutionary War years. It has also been featured in magazines like Life Along the Connecticut River in 1939, National Geographic in 1943, and New Hampshire Profiles in 1974.
 - Hebe Quinton expressed her opinion that this is a great project, and will bring great value to the public members of the town.
7. Mr. Kilham closed the Public Hearing at 9:29AM.
 8. Police Chief Shaun O'Keefe reported some information for the Highway Department, because Scott Bailey could not be present at the meeting.
 - The Highway Department has changed the speed limit signs to 30 MPH on the dirt portion of Dorchester Rd.
 - Mr. Bailey and Chief O'Keefe wanted to bring to the attention of the Board that Donald Graham and Carol Barr have asked that the jersey barriers be removed over the culvert on the "old River Road". Mr. Bailey was concerned that their removal could be a safety concern. Ms. Cutting informed Chief O'Keefe that the "old River Road" section is now a Class A Trail (as voted at Town Meeting), so there will be no vehicles travelling there except as necessary by the adjacent property owners and their guests and service vehicles for access to their respective properties. Chief O'Keefe asked if an accident does occur with a property owner's vehicle at this location would the town be liable. Ms. Cutting is going to check into the legal aspect of this question. The Jersey barrier will not be permanent, a different solution will be found, but as of now Chief O'Keefe was advised by the Select Board to keep it place.
 9. Todd Haywood, our property assessor, updated the Board on the town wide revaluation. Sales that have happened from April 1st, 2019 through April 1st, 2021 have been entered and confirmed with the owner at the time of the visit. If the owners were not present at the time of the visit a letter was sent out to them. Mr. Haywood will complete the cyclical (25% of the town updated data) over the summer. There will be hearings in September for the revaluation and hopefully final values will be out in the first half of October. Mr. Haywood stated that we are on track and progressing as we should with the town wide revaluation. Mr. Haywood is going to provide a write up explaining the process to Dina for posting on ListServe and the Town Website.
 10. Mr. Kilham moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jordan Toland