

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
August 12th, 2021
9:00 AM
Approved: August 26th, 2021

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members Judy Brotman, Benjamin Kilham, and David Kahn, Police Chief Shaun O'Keefe, and Select Board Office Assistant Jordan Toland

Member of the Public: Carol Barr and Donald Graham

Administrator Dina Cutting was absent from this meeting.

The Town buildings are open to the public following Governor Sununu's non-renewal of his Emergency Orders. The Town is following CDC guidance on masking and distancing. Anyone not wishing to attend the Board meeting in person may participate virtually by dialing in on one of the publicized Zoom Meeting conference numbers.

1. Mrs. Brotman opened the meeting at 1:30PM.
2. Public Comment: Ms. Barr and Mr. Graham had concerns/comments about signage on River Road, adjacent to the recently constructed bypass.
3. Chief O'Keefe believes it is a good idea to put a stop sign on the North end of River Road. Mrs. Brotman suggested that we also look into installing a caution/warning sign to make traffic aware of the bicycle traffic. Chief O'Keefe agrees that we should look into the signage available for that to make sure both cyclists and vehicles are aware.
 - ✓ Ms. Barr agrees with Chief O'Keefe and Mrs. Brotman on the signage, and suggested that we think about also placing one on the south end as well. Chief O'Keefe does believe a warning sign should be placed on the south end due to traffic patterns there. Ms. Barr also mentioned that many people have been confused about the "Do Not Enter" sign at the trail. People wonder if they are allowed to ride their bikes. Mrs. Brotman explained that the signage for the trail will also be worked on and will include the regulations and what is accepted. Mr. Kilham and Mr. Kahn agree with the statements made.
4. Chief O'Keefe brought to the board's attention that CCL submitted a common use application where they would sell food to raise money for CCL and the Congregational Church. Chief O'Keefe's concern is that generally we do not allow businesses or anyone to use the common for personal gain. If they plan to make any personal gain that goes against our common use rules and regulations. Chief O'Keefe feels we need to be careful with this decision and find out more information on the event before approving the request.
5. Chief O'Keefe requested the board set up a non-public session for Sergeant Elliot and himself in September.
6. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 5th, 2021. Mrs. Brotman seconded the motion. Two in favor and one abstention (Mr. Kahn).

7. The board reviewed the manifest. The manifest was signed and approved.
8. Personnel Policy Changes:
 - ✓ The board decided to push this agenda item to the next meeting (Thursday, August 26th, 2021), to wait for comments from town council.
9. Mr. Kilham moved to authorize Mrs. Brotman to sign the Municipal Work Zone Agreement with the State of New Hampshire. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.
10. The board received the New Hampshire Shoreland Permit Application – Lyme/Thetford Bridge.
 - ✓ The bridge will be closed between **April 1st, 2022 → November 4th, 2022** and **April 1st, 2023 → June 30th, 2023.**
11. The board discussed the Municipal Waste Agreement with Lebanon, NH. The board was concerned about a liability policy stated in the agreement. The issue has been resolved. Mr. Kahn moved to sign the agreement with Lebanon Landfill. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.
12. The board signed an Intent to Cut for Sunderwirth, Robert & Deiner, Stacie.
13. The board reviewed Ms. Glenshaw's letter of resignation from the Budget Committee and accepted it with regret. The board thanks her for her time and work.
14. The board discussed the request to write a letter of support for the Grafton County Broadband. At this point the board feels they do not have enough information concerning this matter to write a letter of support. The board asks that Ms. Cutting reach out to them to notify them of the decision.
15. The Recreation Facility Ordinance public hearing will be held on **Thursday August 26th, 2021 @ 9:00AM.**
16. The road agent, Scott Bailey, and Blacktop have worked out a plan for paving River Road (from N. Thetford Road intersection to the Edgell Bridge) and Market Street for just under \$277,000.00 (voted at Town Meeting). This project will not take place until September 2021.
17. At 2:12 PM Mr. Kahn moved to enter non-public session under RSA A II(c), reputation. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote. Present for this non public session was Mrs. Brotman, Mr. Kahn, Mr. Kilham and Ms. Toland.
18. At 2:34 PM the board entered public session having reviewed the Mudge property assessment abatement and property tax exemptions. The following actions were taken:
 - ✓ The Board granted the Mudge property assessment abatement in the amount of \$29,500.00 as recommended by our assessor.
 - ✓ No action has been taken on the Property Tax Exemptions at this time, it has been sent to Town Council for review.
19. At 2:37 PM Mr. Kilham moved to adjourn. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Toland