

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
August 5th, 2021
9:00 AM
Approved: August 12th, 2021

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members Judy Brotman, Benjamin Kilham, and David Kahn, Administrator Dina Cutting, and Road Agent Scott Bailey. Member of the Public: Sue MacKenzie

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 do so by dialing in on one of the publicized Zoom Meeting conference numbers.

1. At 9:06AM Mrs. Brotman opened the meeting to public comment.
 - ✓ Ms. MacKenzie inquired about the milfoil at Post Pond. Ms. Cutting informed her that the company will be coming to treat the pond. There has not been a confirmed date, but Ms. Cutting predicts it will be in the next couple of weeks. Ms. MacKenzie also inquired if Reservoir Pond had been examined. Ms. Cutting confirmed that some property owners from Reservoir Pond had been communicating with DES about Milfoil and the last conversation was that no milfoil had been found.
2. Mr. Bailey, road agent, gave an update on the Highway Department.
 - ✓ Mr. Bailey and the Board discussed paving projects.
 - ✓ The highway department plans on paving North Thetford Road to the covered bridge this year. Then the following year they plan to complete the opposite side of the covered bridge in conjunction with Orford paving their end of River Road.
 - ✓ Is possible, they will pave Market Street after the River Road.
 - ✓ Water damage to the town roads due to the storm involving culverts being plugged and causing water to run over the road were reviewed and discussed. The Town will repair and require property owners to maintain their culverts to keep water from damaging the Town roads. The highway department will be addressing a few locations and will need to enter private property. Mrs. Cutting will reach out for permission from the property owners.
3. Mr. Kahn moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of July 15th, 2021. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.
4. The Board discussed applying for the American Rescue Plan: a program that provides funding to municipalities to help funding for COVID expenses. The Board will send in the application and review expenditures to see if there are qualifying expenses to apply for this grant.
5. The Board set a date for a public hearing for the Recreation Facility Ordinance -
 - ✓ August 26th, 2021 will be the public hearing date, public time will start at 9:00 AM.

6. The Board discussed installing wireless at the Lyme Center Academy Building. Some committees/commissions meet at the LCAB, and with the Board still offering Zoom as an option a wireless connection should be available to them there. Mrs. Brotman proposed that we get an estimate on installation/hardware costs and return to this discussion.
7. Mr. Thebodo, Transfer Station supervisor, gave an update on the recycling program. Mr. Thebodo needs to coordinate with Terry Bowen and Atlantic. The goal date will be sometime in mid-September.
 - ✓ City of Lebanon- Solid Waste Contract: With this new contract, Lyme residents will still be able to drop off their waste/recycling at Lebanon Facilities. The Lebanon Solid Waste Facility will provide residents with a portal and QR code to be scanned every time they visit the facility. (This will help Lebanon track traffic and determine if you are qualified to use the facility).
 - The town's attorney has some concerns about liability on the town with this contract.
 - Mrs. Cutting is going to look into the liability insurance to cover the concerns and come back to the Board.
 - Mr. Thebodo believes this resource is beneficial to the town and the Board should consider signing. If they chose not to sign the contract, the transfer station solid waste (not residents) can continue to have Casella transfer waste to the Lebanon Facility.
8. There have been several requests for a stop sign to be installed on the north bound lane on the Old River Road trail. The Board is going to ask Chief O'Keefe if there are any other locations similar to this in town and return to the topic.
9. The Board discussed the Grafton County Broadband Committee. Mrs. Brotman would like to refer this to Lyme Fiber and ask them how they feel about the town sending a letter to the Committee in support of what Lyme Fiber is doing. The Board will then discuss this further.
10. Personnel Policy: updates were made to overtime/on call policies. The Board also has updated the policy to be gender neutral. The Board is going to distribute copies of the updated policy to personnel, and return to the topic. Proposed Public Hearing date: August 26st, 2021.
11. Appointment of officers:
 - ✓ Sharon Greatorex reappointed to Deputy Town Clerk
 - ✓ Katrina Jenks reappointed to Assistant Deputy Town Clerk
12. The Board discussed the request of more outlets on the common for the Christmas Tree Festival. They are still gathering information on this project and will return to the discussion at a later date.
13. Committee and commission reports: Conservation Commission continues to work on the knot weed.
14. At 11:04 AM Mrs. Brotman moved to enter non-public session in accordance with 91-A: 3 II (l) legal. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote. Present for this non-public was Mrs. Brotman, Mr. Kilham, Mr. Kahn and Ms. Toland. At 11:18 AM the Board returned to public session having agreed to entertain an offer to settle litigation.

15. At 11:19AM Mr. Kilham moved to adjourn. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted, Jordan Toland