

TOWN OF LYME  
Select Board Meeting  
January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
9:00 AM  
Approved: January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

Public: John Biglow, Rich Brown, Sue Mackenzie, Hebe Quinton

The Town buildings are open to the public following the lapse of Governor Sununu's Emergency Orders. The Town is following CDC guidance on masking and distancing. The Board will be meeting via Zoom and in person. The location of the meeting is 1 High Street, the Town Office conference room. If you come to this location you must wear a mask when entering the building and while in the conference room.

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.

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1. At 9:10 Mrs. Brotman opened the meeting.
2. Public comment:
  - John Biglow: Asked for an appointment with the Board to review his assessment findings.
  - Rich Brown asked about the abatement process. Mr. Brown had some specific questions on the abatement application. Mrs. Brotman encouraged him to make an appointment with the Select Board office to work through the application and any questions he has.
  - Hebe Quinton asked the board if they would review the elderly exemption qualifications and make any appropriate changes.
  - Hebe Quinton also asked where she could review property transfers in the town. Mrs. Cutting explained that there is a binder in the Select Board/Assessing office that has a copy of every property transfer that we receive. Ms. Quinton is welcome to review the binder.
3. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on Thursday, December 30th, 2021. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the manifest. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.
5. Mrs. Cutting reported the River Road funds from Town Meeting vote of 2021 will carry over for the spring of 2022 work because this work was previously contracted.
6. Goose Pond Rd: Mrs. Cutting reported that Mr. Bailey is planning on using 2022 block grant funds to get the drainage portion of Goose Pond Road done in 2022. Mr. Bailey plans to present a possible warrant article for the 2023 Town Meeting for the final phase III of the Goose Pond Road project.
7. Warrant article review:
  - Independence Day Celebration Special Revenue Fund- \$6,983.00. Mr. Kahn moved to approve the amount of \$6,983.00 for the Independence Day celebration. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.
  - Milfoil Treatment of Post Pond - \$39,997.00. Mrs. Brotman moved to approve the amount of \$39,997.00 for treatment of milfoil. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.
  - Cemetery Gift and Donations fund - \$15,999.00. Mrs. Brotman moved to approve the amount of \$15,999.00 to be used for the maintenance of the cemeteries/town property. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.
  - Establishing a revolving fund to maintain and replace AED's owned by the town of Lyme. The money to fund this is expected to come from gifts, donations and fundraising. Mr. Kahn moved to approve this revolving fund. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.
  - Changing the following elected positions of Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Public Welfare to appointed positions: The Select Board believes these are highly technical jobs that require a specific set of skills and qualifications. The Select board is going to reach out to the community members that hold these positions to see how they feel about the possible change. The Select Board will meet Thursday January 20th, 2022 at 9:00AM to make a final decision and vote on this matter.
8. Town Meeting (date and location with the concerns of COVID-19) A this time the sense of the Select Board was to move ahead with Tuesday March 8, 2022 being the day the voting and business part of Town Meeting takes place. This can be addressed if necessary at a future time closer to the meeting date.
9. At 10:00AM Mrs. Brotman moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A 3 II (a) Personnel. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote. Present during various time in this Non-public sessions were the following employees: Mark Mellette, Chris Bristow and Joe Supp. The Board reviewed various items with the three employees.
10. At 10:45AM the Select Board moved back into public session having made no decision during this none public.
11. At 10:45AM Mr. Kilham moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) reputation. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted in favor by a roll call vote. Present at this this non-public session were Judith Brotman, Ben Kilham, David Kahn and Dina Cutting.

The Select Board reviewed a hardship abatement application.
12. At 10:58AM the board moved back to public session having voted to grant a hardship abatement.

13. Mrs. Cutting will be checking with the State of NH to see if any exceptions will be applicable for Town Meeting due to COVID.
14. The Select Board will meet at 9:00AM on Thursday January 20, 2022 to review and vote on the final warrant articles.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Toland

*Interested Lyme residents are welcome to attend in person. As a convenience to Lyme residents, we will also attempt to permit participation electronically via Zoom, however, electronic participation can be subject to various technological challenges, some of which are outside the Town's control or beyond our technical ability to address. In the past, some residents who have attempted to participate in meetings electronically have been unable to do so or have otherwise been dissatisfied. While we will always try hard to get the technology to work properly, if participation in this meeting is important to you, in-person attendance is more reliable and considerably less prone to technical problems.*