

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
Thursday March 24th, 2022
9:00 AM
Approved: Thursday April 7th, 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 Shaun O'Keefe

Public: Hebe Quinton, Rich Brown, Michael Whitman, Sue Mackenzie.

Attended by zoom- David Avery.

The Board is meeting via zoom and in person. The location of the meeting is at the Town Offices located at 1 High Street.

1. At 9:03 AM Mrs. Brotman opened the meeting.
2. Public comment:
 - o Hebe Quinton raised some concerns about various things. For example, Ms. Quinton questioned who reviews the Select Board email and who updates the Town Website. Ms. Quinton also raised a few more specific questions/concerns about Town Meeting and additionally criticized the tone Mr. Kahn used when talking about Warrant Articles 2, 3, and 4. She was also concerned about the accuracy of information given by the Board and Town Counsel. The Board is going to review all the questions and concerns and respond at a later date.
 - o Sue Mackenzie wanted to follow up on the repair and maintenance of the Edgell Thetford covered bridge. Ms. Mackenzie asked if the Town would be applying for a Grant for the proposed work. Mrs. Cutting and the Select Board are researching to see if this grant would be able to be used for this project, and will move forward from there.
 - o Ms. Quinton asked how many residents had applied for Abatements for their property Tax Assessments. Mrs. Cutting replied that approximately 51 abatement requests have been filed.
3. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of Thursday, March 10th, 2022. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
4. The manifest will be reviewed and approved electronically.
5. The Board reviewed and approved the MS-232.
6. The Board discussed the parking issue at Dartmouth Skiway. Mrs. Cutting drafted a letter that both Chief O'Keefe and Mr. Kahn reviewed. Chief O'Keefe approved the letter. Mr. Kahn feels that before sending a letter we should call and have a conversation about our concerns. He felt the letter may come off as an attack rather than a conversation. Ms. Cutting is going to find out the contact person for the Skiway and set up a conversation with them.
7. The Select Board signed a Report of Woodcut for Smarts Mountain Realty.
8. The Select Board signed an Intent to Cut for Kim Werner.
9. The Select Board signed the Oaths of Office for Conservation Commission members.

10. The Board reviewed the Year 2022-2023 Lease for the Pike House. Mr. Kahn moved to sign the lease. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted in favor by roll call vote.
11. Forest Fire Warden information:
 - o The Board received a letter from Don Elder explaining his feelings on some fire-related situations. Mr. Elder has resigned from the position of Fire Warden. The Board accepts his resignation with regret and thanks him for his years of service to the Town. Mr. Kahn moved to accept his resignation with regret. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
12. The Board discussed the possible State Legislature suspension of the disbursement of the meals & rooms tax (in 2021 Lyme's portion was \$127,076):
 - o The Board discussed the burden to our municipal budget that this would have.
 - o The suspension still needs to be passed by the House and Senate, but the Board is going to draft a letter to send to our State Representatives stating that we do not support this suspension.
13. Review Heritage Commission letter on the East Thetford Bridge Project and Lyme Common:
 - o Mrs. Brotman is going to draft a response letter and the Board will return to this conversation at a later date.
14. At 10:43 AM Mrs. Brotman moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (I) legal. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor. In attendance were Select Board members Judith Brotman, Benjamin Kilham and David Kahn; Administrator Dina Cutting, Police Chief Shaun O'Keefe, and Town Counsel Naomi Butterfield.
15. At 11:03AM the Board returned to public session. Mrs. Brotman moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
16. At 11:04 AM Mr. Kilham moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor.

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.