

TOWN OF LYME  
Select Board Meeting  
Thursday May 19th, 2022 9:00 AM  
Approved: June 2<sup>nd</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, Tax Collector Marci O'Keefe, Assessing Clerk Jordan Toland.

Public: Hebe Quinton, Sue Mackenzie, Jan Williams, Michael Whitman, Ben & Amy Nichols

Public on Zoom: David Avery, Sean Uiterwyk.

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

1. Mrs. Brotman opened the meeting at 9:00 AM.
2. Mrs. Brotman opened the meeting to public comment:
  - Ms. Quinton shared a concern about the agenda not getting posted until Wednesday, instead of Tuesday. Ms. Quinton feels the residents who are having their abatements discussed should be notified before the meeting. Ms. Cutting explained that this is the first step in the process of reviewing the abatements. The property owner will receive a letter stating whether the abatement has been granted or denied and then the owners have the opportunity to meet with the Board if they have any concerns.
  - Ms. Quinton also brought to the Board's attention that the Recreation Commission's minutes are not up to date on the Town website.
  - Ms. Quinton also feels the Common Use Application is "unnecessarily authoritarian". She suggests that it be a more encouraging.
  - Mr. Whitman requests that more information be included in posts to avoid common questions of the public.
  - Ms. Williams expressed her confusion with the Common Use Application process. Ms. Brotman explained that the Board is updating the application to make the process more user-friendly.
  - Ms. Mackenzie had a request at the Milfoil information session that the Town put a Kiosk at the boat landing explaining the Milfoil situation at the pond. The Conservation Commission is prepared to pay for the expenses. Ms. Brotman asked for a plan in writing and sketch and the Board will go from there.
3. Mr. Kahn moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 21st, 2022. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
4. Mr. Kahn moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 27th, 2022. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
5. The Board reviewed the manifest. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the manifest in the amount of \$89,379.90. Mrs. Brotman seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
6. Mrs. Brotman presented information on comparative data for exemption/credits (attached with minutes).
7. The Board approved and signed an Oath of Office for Michael Hinsley as the Town's Emergency Management Director.
8. The Cemetery Trustees have recommended Joseph Supp to the new Sexton roll. Mr. Kahn moved to approve Mr. Supp as the Sexton of Lyme. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote. The Board signed an Oath of Office for Joseph Supp.
9. The Board reviewed the updated Common Use Application. A "step to completion" list has been included in the application to help minimize confusion. The Board does not intend to make this process restrictive for residents, but there are liability and organizational concerns that need to be

addressed before a Common Use Application can be safely approved. Mr. Kilham added that the major concern with the Common Use is parking. Mr. Kilham asked for the support of Lyme residents on their plan for parking on the back side of the common. With that parking available many concerns about Common use could be eliminated.

10. Chief O'Keefe brought to the attention of the Board that he encountered someone using a metal detector on the common, as well as digging significant holes to uncover what they found. In New Hampshire if land is not posted they are allowed to dig. Chief O'Keefe suggested that we put some sort of signage about digging to try and preserve the nice landscape on the Common. Chief O'Keefe is also going to get a formal parking plan together for the backside of the Common. He thinks we should then plan another meeting to discuss this plan and hopefully take some action.
11. Mrs. Brotman discussed the draft response letter to the Heritage Commission. The Board feels they should get some updated information on the underground wire and edit a paragraph of the letter before sending it to them. The Board realizes the Heritage Commission is patiently waiting for their response letter, but Ms. Brotman feels the Board should make edits to this draft and come back to this topic at a later date when all information is included in the letter.
12. Mr. Kilham moved to approve an Intent to Cut for Map and Lot 415-8. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
13. Mr. Kilham moved to approve an Intent to Cut for Map and Lot 408-31. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
14. Mr. Kilham moved to approve an Intent to Cut for Map and Lot 406-21. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
15. Mr. Kilham moved to approve a Report of Woodcut for Map and Lot 409-98. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
16. Mr. Kilham moved to approve a Report of Woodcut for Map and Lot 406-31. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
17. The Board reviewed three new Deputy Forest Fire Wardens. Mrs. Brotman moved to approve new Deputy Forest Fire Wardens (Joseph Supp, Jesse Cutting, Daniel Breton). Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
18. Mrs. Brotman moved to approve Ernst Kling's 2022 Deputy Forest Fire Warden reappointment recommendations. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
19. At 9:47 AM Mrs. Brotman moved to enter a non-public session under RSA-A:3II (c) Reputation. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote. The following people were present during this session: Select Board members Judith Brotman, Benjamin Kilham and David Kahn; Administrator Dina Cutting, and Assessing Clerk Jordan Toland.
20. At 10:38 AM the Board returned to public session.
21. The Board approved the following: 8 renewals for elderly exemption, 6 new elderly exemptions, 3 renewals for disability exemption, one new deaf exemption, one new blind exemption, 3 new Veterans credits, and 1 new Veteran disability credit. The board denied one new elderly exemption because the applicant did not meet the criteria established by the Town.
22. The Board reviewed and voted as recommended by Todd Haywood, Granit Hill Municipal Services the abatements listed below:
  - 53 Smith Mountain Road- Mr. Kilham moved to approve the recommendation to reduce the assessment in the amount of \$84,600.00. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
  - 767 River Road- Mr. Kilham moved to approve the recommendation to reduce the assessment in the amount of \$212,500.00. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
  - 205 Baker Hill Road-Mr. Kahn moved to approve the recommendation to reduce the assessment in the amount of \$8,400.00. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.

321 Baker Hill Road- Mr. Kahn moved to approve the recommendation to reduce the assessment in the amount of \$35,900.00. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.

3 Tavern Lane- Mr. Kilham moved to approve the recommendation to reduce the assessment in the amount of \$12,400.00. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.

147 Dorchester Road- Mr. Kahn moved to approve the recommendation to deny the abatement request. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.

33 Pinnacle Road- Mr. Kahn moved to approve the recommendation to deny the abatement request. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.

15 High Street- Mr. Kahn moved to approve the recommendation to deny the abatement request. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.

520 River Road- Mr. Kilham moved to approve the recommendation to deny the abatement request. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.

289 Goose Pond Road- Mr. Kilham moved to approve the recommendation to deny the abatement request. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.

300 Dartmouth College Highway- Mr. Kahn moved to approve the recommendation to deny the abatement request. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Toland