

TOWN OF LYME  
Select Board Meeting  
Thursday August 4th, 2022 9:00 AM  
Approved: Thursday, August 18<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 Shaun O'Keefe

Public: Jan Williams, Richard Brown, James Graham, Sue Mackenzie, Hebe Quinton  
Public on zoom:

1. At 9:00 AM Mrs. Brotman opened the meeting.
2. Public comment:
  - Jan Williams came to the Board to discuss the denial of her abatement. Ms. Williams believes the Board should invite the applicant to the meeting at which the decision is made for approval or denial of their application. Ms. Williams expressed concern that the Board stated they could not change any decision at this point, which she believes is not the case. Mrs. Brotman advised Ms. Williams that the Board will get more information and get back to this topic with a clearer answer.
  - Richard Brown stated that he understands the Board is moving forward with the recommendations of the assessor but wonders if it would be possible for the Board to send out a notification of which meeting to attend to hear the decision of their application and include the assessor's recommendation letter with that notification. Mrs. Brotman said they would find out this answer and return to this question.
3. James Graham came before the Board to discuss the New Hampshire Community Power Law (RSA 53-e). This law will provide communities, residents and businesses additional choices with respect to the sourcing and purchase of electrical power. Mr. Graham is asking the Select Board to approve the formation of a committee, to be called the Electric Aggregation Committee. This committee would look into the law and potential opportunities afforded to the Town of Lyme thereunder. Mrs. Brotman asked Mr. Graham to have Jim Nourse send along the information about this project so the Board can review it. They will then revisit this topic to make a decision.
4. Mr. Kahn moved to approve the public minutes from the meeting of Thursday July 14th, 2022. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
5. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the non-public minutes from the meeting of Thursday July 14th, 2022. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
6. Mr. Kahn moved to approve the manifest. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
7. Ms. Cutting explained the financials of the paving projects. The paving project for Market Street and River Road totaled \$309,629.00. The original total the Board approved for this project was \$276,996.00. The increase in price was due to material cost changes, since the project started at a later date than the estimate was given for. There is \$191,800.00 left in Block Grant to spend this year, and it can be carried over to the next year.
8. The Board reviewed an Intent to Cut for 43 Dartmouth College Highway. Approved and signed.
9. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the Land Use Change Tax for 30 Preston Rd totaling \$4,430.00. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
10. The Board reviewed seven solar exemption applications. Mr. Kahn moved to approve the seven solar exemption applications. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.
11. Mrs. Brotman reported on behalf of Road Agent, Scott Bailey, that the Goose Pond project may be postponed until next spring. This is due to materials not being available.

12. Mrs. Brotman reported on a meeting with the Town's assessor, Todd Haywood and property owner Mr. Masland to try and address some of his concerns regarding his assessment. Mr. Haywood is reaching out to the Vision (assessing program) software team to see if certain reports can be printed to help Mr. Masland understand his assessment.
13. The Board is going to review the Ordinance for the use of Post Pond and other Town Facilities as they relate to use by non-residents. Mr. Kahn will work on a draft and the Board will come back to this discussion. The Board's intention is to ensure that Lyme property owners and guests are not inappropriately excluded from using Town facilities.
14. MaryBeth Keifer Abatement appeal discussion: Ms. Keifer informed the Board that she did not let Mr. Haywood into the house because of COVID concerns. He was able to walk around outside, and the majority of her abatement was for the land value. Ms. Keifer provided comparable properties that showed a significant lower increase to land value than her property. Ms. Keifer wanted an explanation for this and expressed that she did not feel satisfied with Mr. Haywood's answers. Ms. Cutting will set up a meeting with Ms. Keifer and Mr. Haywood to discuss these concerns.
15. At 10:01 AM Mrs. Brotman moved to enter a non-public session under RSA-91 A:3 II (c). Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote. The following were present during the non-public session: Select Board members Judith Brotman, Benjamin Kilham and David Kahn; Administrator Dina Cutting.
16. At 10:25 AM Mrs. Brotman moved to re-enter public session having made no decisions. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.
17. At 10:26 AM Mr. Kilham moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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