

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
September 8th, 2016
8:00AM

Town Office conference Room
Approved: September 15th, 2016

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members: Susan J. MacKenzie (Chair), Charles J. Smith, Patty Jenks. Road agent, Steven Williams. Administrative Assistant, Dina Cutting.

- 1) At 8:00 AM MacKenzie called the meeting to order.
- 2) Highway- the following topics were reviewed and discussed:
 - New section near Berway Farm. Erosion and section that needs to be marked off until fixed for safety reasons. The highway department will make sure to mark this with stakes and ribbon.
 - September 20, 2016 Army Corp of Engineers will be coming to review areas on River. The Board will be at this meeting and it needs to be posted, also the Board would like the Road Agent to attend this meeting.
 - Trees on River Road- Eversource had 2 large trees removed. The tree company left debris and large sections of wood at the bottom of the river bank. The town does not have the capability of hauling these large trees back up the bank to haul them away. It was also noted they allowed chunks of wood to float into the River. They were able to retrieve these chunks with a boat. Cutting to contact Eversource to get this wood moved up the bank and/or hauling away.
 - Grader discussion- Williams noted he was hoping to keep the old grader instead of trading it in. The trade in for this equipment is \$7,500.00. It makes sense to keep it and have this grader to do jobs that will be rough on the new equipment. The oil leak is not an immediate issue and can be watched. 2 graders will enable to highway crew to get more done. Would not need to contract grading next year. Smith noted concern in keeping this piece of equipment, the additional cost, and if the oil leak gets worst of other problems we will not get anything from it. This grader has reached its life expectancy 2 times. The new grader prices were \$300,000 to \$342,000 without a wing. Williams needs to get a price on a wing before this can be considered. The board and Williams discussed various pros and cons concerning the rotation for truck replacement.
- 3) At 8:14AM MacKenzie moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91A: 3 II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously by a roll call vote. Present for this non-public meeting was Sue MacKenzie, Patricia Jenks, Jay Smith and Steven Williams.
- 4) Returned to public session at 8:42AM. Smith moved to seal the minutes of this non-public session until June 1, 2017. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously in favor.
- 5)
 - Steve brought up the driveway issue. He noted they went up and fixed it this time but we are sending the wrong message. Driveway problems are the responsibility of the owner and not the Town. When water coming down their driveway causes a problem where it intersects the road it is their responsibility to fix.

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- Jay discussed the budget, specifically the Highway Budget and the money for River Road Stabilization. Steve needs to plan his budget based on normal road repair and maintenance. River Road Stabilization money needs to be budgeted separately by the Board. Discussed getting back to fixing “chronic” failure areas. Picking a section of road and adding geo-grid or cloyh, repairing the bed and making a permanent fix as was done on Baker Hill and parts of Acorn Hill and Dorchester Rd. Also need to look at tree removal or at least trimming as was done on Baker Hill and proved beneficial to the road.
- 6) Jenks moved to approve the minutes of September 1st, 2016. Seconded by Smith. Voted unanimously in favor.
- 7) Matter arising & new business:
- Smith Clean-up-It was noted the vehicle from the August inspection has not been removed yet. The area around the vehicle has been cleaned up and as soon as a bit more is removed the vehicle will be removed. At the request of Martha Smith, the next inspection date will be Friday September 30th, 2016 at 10:00AM.
 - The board will be generating a bill for TransCanada.
 - Holt’s Ledge: Smith requested more time to research this topic. Various options for regulating this area but we need to take the time to investigate all to see which is right for Lyme. Smith would like to meet with all abutting property owners prior to getting a group together to discuss this. The board supported this.
 - South of Fisher Bridge: Area has gotten worse. MacKenzie believes this area needs to be addressed ASAP. When the River road area is opened back up the increase in traffic will be detrimental to it. The board will look into this soon.
- 8) Public Comment: None
- 9) Manifests were reviewed and signed.
- 10) Army Corp. of Engineering -MacKenzie has previously reported on this. The board will wait to see what they have available for funding and possibly to help with Berway Farm fix.
- 11) Copier contract for the conference room copier was reviewed and approved. Smith made the motion that the Chair sign the contract of behalf of the board. Seconded by Jenks and approved.
- 12) Notice of Intent to Excavate: reviewed and signed- Bret Ryan- Map 407 Lot 86.1 Whipple Hill Road
- 13) The board reviewed a draft budget schedule: All department heads are encouraged to come before the board prior to October 13th, 2016 to review your proposed budget requests.
- 14) Committee & Commission:
- Coffee hour: Rich Brown-Post Pond water height. Japanize knotweed was discussed and Smith noted the Conservation Commission will be treating some areas in the near future.
 - Energy Committee- Solorization of the Town Office was investigated. Waiting for proposal and further information.
 - Road Committee: October 18th, 2016 the Roads Committee will hold a public meeting to discuss and inform the public of costs associated with maintenance of roads and the recommendation of a 10-year plan based on financial constraints.

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- Assessing Committee: holding 2 more interviews.
- 15) 9:45AM: Smith moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91A: 3 II (c) for the purpose of discussing matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously by a roll call vote. Present for this non-public was Sue MacKenzie, Patricia Jenks, Jay Smith and Dina Cutting.
- 16) At 10:15AM Jenks moved to enter public session. Seconded by Smith. Voted unanimously in favor.
- 17) Smith moved to seal the minutes of this non-public session until June 1, 2017. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously in favor.
- 18) At 10:16 Jenks moved to adjourn. Seconded by Smith. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dina Cutting