

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
Thursday January 26th, 2023 9:00 AM
Approved: February 23, 2023

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

Public: James Graham (from LEAC), Hebe Quinton, Richard Brown

1. At 9:05AM Mrs. Brotman opened the meeting.
2. Mrs. Brotman opened the Public Hearing to review and accept \$69,410.20 of unanticipated revenue received from the State of NH for a special onetime Municipal Bridge payment in accordance with NH RSA 31:95-b. Mr. Kilham moved to accept these funds. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
 - Mrs. Quinton asked if more funds are going to be needed for this project. Mr. Kilham advised her that yes, the cost of this project will exceed the amount of the grant, and the Town has a bridge fund for those events.
 - Mrs. Cutting reported that Road Agent, Scott Bailey, has been looking into Edgell Bridge as a project. There is an estimate that was received last year totaling \$146,500.00.
3. Mrs. Brotman closed the Public Hearing at 9:13 AM.
4. Mrs. Brotman opened the public comment session:
 - Ms. Quinton asked for clarification on why drafting a letter to the Skiway was in non-public session. Mrs. Brotman explained that the Board felt there were some comments bearing on the reputation of individuals that were not appropriate for public session.
 - Ms. Williams spoke about the Vision online database being updated. There had been a glitch on Vision's end and the update was not complete, but it is being worked on. Ms. Williams is grateful for the attention office staff is putting forth for this issue.
5. James Graham gave an update on the Lyme Electrical Aggregation Committee (LEAC). Mr. Graham clarified what electric aggregation means. It is the legal structure that allows Towns to purchase electrical power at the wholesale market price and supply it to their community. In 2019 NH Legislature passed RSA 53, allowing this to happen. The LEAC has decided that it would be the best approach to join the Community Power Coalition (CPC) of NH. This group can help the LEAC draft a Aggregation Plan, which is needed before any steps moving forward with electrical aggregation. In order for Lyme to join the CPC the Select Board will need to sign a joint powers agreement. Mr. Graham provided a copy of the agreement for the Board to review. The Board will review the document, consult with counsel, and come back to this discussion at a future meeting.
6. Mrs. Brotman moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of Thursday, January 12th, 2023. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
7. The Board reviewed the Tax Mapping maintenance contract. The maintenance cost for the mapping system totals \$2,500.00, and the total cost for the planning & zoning portion is \$900. Mr. Kilham moved to approve both costs. Mrs. Brotman seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.

8. The Board reviewed the Budget information from the Budget Committee's Public Hearing. The school budget was approved at \$8,404,274. Estimated at a 5.79% increase. The Town's Operating Budget at \$2,759,997 and Warrant Articles were approved for the amounts as written. **February 8th, 2023** will be the Budget Committee Meeting.
9. Mrs. Cutting informed the Select Board the Town's attorney noted the Select Board is the authority over all Town buildings. Given the Library Trustees oversee the library it was suggested this project be done with both the Library Trustees and the Select Board working together. since they cannot proceed with putting solar on the Fire Station at the moment). The Library Trustees, Judy Russell, and the Board are going to schedule a meeting time to review the RFP and discuss the next steps.
10. At 9:50AM Mrs. Brotman moved to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) reputation. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote. Present for this session was Mrs. Brotman, Mr. Kilham, Mr. Kahn. Chief O'Keefe and Mrs. Cutting.
Followed was a discussion that could affect a person's reputation. Chief O'Keefe will gather some additional information on this topic.
At 10:15 the Board returned to public session with no action taken.
11. At 10:16AM Mrs. Brotman moved to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (l) legal. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote. Present for this session was Mrs. Brotman, Mr. Kilham, Mr. Kahn, and Mrs. Cutting. The Board discussed information received from Town Counsel.
At 10:27 Mrs. Brotman moved to return to public session with no action taken. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
12. The Select Board reviewed the Highway Truck bid. Mr. Kilham moved to have Chair Brotman sign the truck estimate for the Select Board. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. This agreement is contingent on the motion to purchase a new truck at Town meeting. Voted unanimously in favor.
13. At 10:35 Mr. Kilham moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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