

TOWN OF LYME  
Select Board Meeting  
Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
9:00 AM  
Approved: March 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; Road Agent Scott Bailey

Public: James Graham, Rich Brown, Jim Nourse, Hunter Snyder, Jan Williams (via Zoom), Hebe Quinton (via Zoom)

At 8:30 AM Chair Brotman opened the Board meeting. At 8:33 AM Mrs. Brotman moved to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) reputation. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote. Present for this session were Board members Mrs. Brotman, Mr. Kilham and Mr. Kahn; Board Administrator Dina Cutting; Road Agent Scott Bailey.

The Board returned to public session at 8:45 AM. Mr. Kilham moved to accept the Blaktop bid of \$422,747 for the Goose Pond Road project. Mrs. Brotman seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor.

Road Agent Bailey briefly updated the Board on continuing assessment of the Edgell covered bridge. At 8:50 AM Mrs. Brotman moved to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) reputation. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor. The Board returned to public session at 8:55 AM. The Board will schedule a non-meeting with counsel before meeting with the individuals of concern.

At 9:00 AM Mrs. Brotman opened the public comment portion of the meeting.

- Ms. Quinton was curious to know if the Board had received any information on the 2022 ratio. Ms. Quinton also wanted to know if a decision had been made on what information is public from the abatement settlement, and the status of the Lyme Electric Aggregation Committee. Mrs. Brotman assured Ms. Quinton that they will be addressing both the Lyme Electric Aggregation Committee and the 2022 DRA information later in the meeting. Mrs. Cutting informed the Board and Ms. Quinton that the settlement letter can be shared with Ms. Quinton.
- 2. The Board discussed the Community Power Coalition of NH contract, for the Lyme Electric Aggregation Committee. The Board had a meeting with Town Counsel. Mr. Kahn stated he felt comfortable signing this contract but suggested it might be helpful to the committee to have a person with technical background on the committee. Mrs. Brotman and Mr. Kilham are also feeling more comfortable with the contract after meeting with Town Counsel and doing research. Mr. Kahn moved to sign the Community Power Coalition of NH contract. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
- 3. Tim Suprenant, the Director of Tasco Security, visited the Town Office on Tuesday. Chief O'Keefe and Mrs. Cutting walked around the building with him and reviewed the security system in place. Mr. Suprenant made several suggestions to update our security in the building and offices, including replacing wood doors with steal doors and adding an open eye camera system. The Board is going to schedule a non-public session to meet with Chief O'Keefe to review in detail the Tasco recommendations and seek his input on the security issues.

4. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the public and non-public minutes from the meeting of Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
5. Mrs. Brotman moved to approve the non-public minutes from the meeting of Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
6. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the manifest. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
7. Mrs. Cutting gave an update on the Lyme Hazard Mitigation Plan. When any type of town wide emergency happens, the Lyme Hazard Mitigation Plan is followed. A grant has been found for this, and each department needs to assign a representative. Mrs. Brotman will be the Select Board representative.
8. The Board received a letter from New Hampshire Department of Transportation about bridge aid funding for the replacement of a bridge on Pinnacle Road over Trout Brook. Mrs. Brotman moved to have Mrs. Cutting sign the letter showing the Select Board's interest in the funding. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
9. The Board reviewed the Town Warrant briefly and who will be speaking about specific Warrant Articles at Town Meeting.
10. Mrs. Cutting presented the 2022 Ratio Study Report received by the Department of Revenue. The weighted mean is 81.7, the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is 13.6%, and the Price Related Differential (PRD) is 1.00. Mr. Haywood, Lyme's Assessor, sent an email reiterating that the two most important figures that show fairness of values and no bias is the COD and the PRD. The COD must be 20% or lower and the PRD needs to be between .98 and 1.03 to be fair. After consideration the Select Board had no further questions. The report will be posted on the Town of Lyme website.
11. The Board reviewed and signed the abatement for the final settlement payment with Public Service of New Hampshire (Eversource).
12. The Board also reviewed and signed appointments for Assistant Town Moderators and Energy Committee members.
13. The Board reviewed and signed a lease agreement for the Pike House.
14. At 10:05 AM Mrs. Brotman moved to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) reputation. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. At 10:15 AM the Board returned to public session, having reviewed several confidential matters that will be ongoing for the next several months.
15. At 10:20 AM Mr. Kilham moved to adjourn. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Toland

Found additional information that Richard Trefren was voted to be appointed to the Energy Committee.