

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
Thursday May 4th, 2023
9:00 AM
Approved: May 18th, 2023

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members Judith Brotman, Benjamin Kilham, David Kahn, Assessing Clerk Jordan Toland
Public: Richard Brown, James Graham (Lyme Electric Aggregation Committee member), Lynore Bolton, Jan Williams (via zoom)

1. At 9:03 AM Mrs. Brotman opened the meeting to public comment.
2. Public comment:
 - Ms. Bolton expressed her support for the proposal for chairs on the Lyme Common. She does suggest looking at taller and wider sized chairs to help be more accessible for all.
 - Mr. Graham asked if he could have a key to the front door of the Town Office building, since LEAC typically meets after office hours. Mrs. Brotman informed Mr. Graham that due to the new office safety protocol the Board is trying to keep the amount of office keys given out to a minimum. The Board will consider this and get back to Mr. Graham with an official answer. Mr. Graham also mentioned he could work with Mr. Nourse (Energy Committee Chair) and possibly share a key.
 - Mr. Brown expressed his support for the chairs on the Common, and would be upset to see this proposal not happen because of any lawn maintenance issues.
 - Ms. Williams shared some concerns about the vagueness of some text in the Committee Handbook. She believes there is too much room for interpretation and the Board should be more specific.
3. Mr. Graham updated the Board on the Lyme Electric Aggregation Committee (LEAC). The LEAC decided to switch their CPCNH representative from Mr. Graham to Ms. Quinton. Mrs. Brotman advised Mr. Graham to email Mrs. Cutting and the Board can then take action on the matter. Mr. Graham is also going to submit an appointment of office for David Pearlman to Ms. Cutting. The LEAC is working on completing their electrical aggregation plan and intend to have a Public Hearing in June.
4. Mrs. Brotman moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of Thursday April 20th, 2023. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
5. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the manifest. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
6. The Board reviewed the Life Safety agreement. They discussed clarification to Section 14. The Board provided the change in writing. Mrs. Brotman moved to approve the Life Safety agreement subject to the addition of this clause. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote. The Board will sign this agreement once the change has been made.
7. The Board reviewed the Catamount Solar agreement for the proposed solar array on the library. The Board discussed adding some language to the agreement. Mrs. Brotman moved to approve the Catamount Solar agreement subject to the proposed addition. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote. The Board will sign this agreement once the addition has been made.
8. The Board discussed the Lyme Foundation proposal of a picnic table and 6 Adirondack-style chairs to the Common. Mrs. Brotman shared her concerns about winter storage of the table and chairs. She suggested we reach out to the Lyme Foundation and see if they have a solution for this concern. Mr. Kilham mentioned his feeling that the chairs might be used in the winter months for events on the Common such as the Tree Festival. Mrs. Brotman is in favor of the chairs, but is

concerned about the picnic table. Mrs. Brotman suggests that we try the chairs for a year and see how that goes before adding a table. Mr. Kilham is in support of both a table and chairs. The Board discussed the possibility of asking the Lyme Foundation to cover any additional maintenance costs due to this project. Mr. Kahn moved to approve the acceptance of the 6 chairs and a picnic table on the Common, as well as an additional cost of maintenance. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.

9. Mrs. Brotman moved to approve an Oath of Office for Judith Timchula for the Zoning Board. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote. The Board signed the Oath of Office.
10. Mr. Killham moved Mrs. Brotman to be chair of the Select Board. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
11. Mrs. Brotman moved Mr. Kilham to be vice chair of the Select Board. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
12. The Board decided to continue the same Committee, Commission, and Board assignments.
13. At 9:36 AM Mrs. Brotman moved to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) reputation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
14. At 10:08 the Board returned to public session, having made the following decisions:
 - Two senior exemptions were approved.
 - An additional senior exemption did not qualify and was denied. The Board is sympathetic to the situation, and suggests that the applicant submit a request to the Board for a hardship abatement.
 - A refund of \$35.14 was approved by the Board for another individual.
 - The Board reviewed a reported update of an ongoing situation.
15. At 10:10 AM Mr. Kilham moved to adjourn. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Motion voted unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jordan Toland