TOWN OF LYME

Select Board Meeting Thursday, November 2nd, 2023 9:00 AM Public Session

Approved: November 16, 2023

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

Public: Martha Smith, Jedediah Smith

On Zoom: James Graham

- 1. At 9:00 AM Mrs. Brotman opened to the meeting.
- 2. Public comment no public comment.
- 3. The Board discussed the Lyme Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan with Mr. Graham. The Board is still not completely comfortable with the document. The LEAC is going to send a draft of their plan to CPCNH for a technical review. After the technical review the Board will review the document again and return to this topic of discussion.
- 4. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of Thursday October 26th, 2023. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
- 5. Mr. Kilham moved to approve an Intent to cut for Map 401 Lot 18, 19 Goose Pond Rd. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
- 6. The Board reviewed a manifest totaling \$436,357.41. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the manifest. Mrs. Brotman seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
- 7. Mrs. Brotman made an announcement that the Board signed the Tax Warrant at the beginning of the meeting. The Board had already voted the tax rate at \$25.35. The total Tax Warrant is \$10,370,238.46.
- 8. The Board reviewed financial information provided by the Road Agent, Scott Bailey. Mr. Bailey is proposing the Highway Department change to a 7-year replacement cycle for the F550 trucks so that a 7-year warranty can be purchased for the new vehicles. The cost of the warranty is \$4,630.00. The Board is going to wait for additional information concerning the extent of the warranty coverage and then return to this topic of discussion.
- 9. At 9:37 AM Mrs. Brotman moved to enter 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 Judy Brotman, Ben Kilham, David Kahn, Martha Smith, Jedediah Smith and Dina Cutting.

The Board listened to Mrs. Smith and Mr. Smith. Chair Brotman noted at this time that the Select Board is moving forward with legal action and therefore declined to discuss the case with the Smiths at this time. At 9:55 AM the Smiths left the non-public session.

At 9:56 AM the Board discussed employee pay. Mr. Kahn moved, seconded by Mr. Kilham, to grant some individual merit increases, along with a 3% Cost Of Living Adjustment for all staff. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.

At 10:16 AM Mrs. Brotman move to return to public session. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously by roll call vote.

- 10. The Select Board reviewed sections of the Budget. Mrs. Brotman and Mrs. Cutting will finish reviewing and have this 2024 proposed budget ready for Mrs. Brotman to present to the Budget Committee on Wednesday evening.
- 11. Capital Reserve Budget- The goal is to have the total "to Capital Reserve Budget" no higher than 2023.
- 12. At 10:52 AM Mr. Kilham moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Toland