

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
Thursday April 18th, 2024
10:00 AM
Town Office Conference Room & Zoom
Approved: Thursday May 2nd, 2024

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members Judith Brotman, Ben Kilham and David Kahn; Administrator Dina Cutting, Police Chief Shaun O'Keefe, Road Agent Scott Bailey, Select Board/Assessing Clerk Jordan Toland (via Zoom)
Public: Jeff Snelling, Gregg Hartmann, Hunter Snyder, Rich Brown, Rusty Keith, James Graham, Andrew Hatch (CPCNH)
Public (via Zoom): Hebe Quinton, Ross McIntyre

1. At 10:02 AM Mrs. Brotman opened the meeting.
2. Public comment: no public comment.
3. The Board reviewed an abatement application for 34 Pleasant Street and read the recommendation of the assessor. The property owner Mr. Keith shared his thoughts on Mr. Haywood's abatement recommendation for his property at 34 Pleasant Street. Mr. Keith gave a timeline of construction details and when they occurred in comparison to the April 1st assessment. Mr. Keith explained that on 4/1/2023 the improvements were increased. Mr. Keith believes his assessment should reflect the data as of 4/1/2022, as no further improvements were made during that time. He also referenced another property under construction (226 Orford Road). Mrs. Cutting explained we would have to look into the details and timing of the construction to determine if that is comparable to his property. The Board is going to hold on making a decision until this can be reviewed by Mr. Haywood.
4. Andrew Hatch from CPCNH came before the Board to explain the overall community power agreement and answer questions.
5. Mr. Jeff Snelling and Mr. Gregg Hartmann came before the Board to request permission for maintenance on Shoestrap Roads Class VI section. Mr. Snelling and Mr. Hartmann presented their plan to replace a culvert and add some material to the road. Mr. Snelling explained to the Board that they are not trying to upgrade the road, their goal is to try and save the road from slumping into the brook and prevent it from washing away. The Board wanted to hear from both Police Chief Shaun O'Keefe and Road Agent Scott Bailey on their opinion of this request. Chief O'Keefe expressed his concerns about the safety of letting residents do maintenance. Maintaining the road will then attract more traffic on the road, as well as faster traffic. With the increase in vehicles on the road, it will then start to erode again faster. Road Agent Scott Bailey also expressed his safety concerns. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the maintenance request by Jeff Snelling and Greg Hartmann for Shoestrap Road. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted two in favor Kilham and Kahn (reluctantly) and one against (Mrs. Brotman).
6. Mr. Ross McIntyre reported on the erosion of Town Roads/property due to the river. Mr. McIntyre has sent a letter to FERC, but highly encourages the Select Board to send a letter as well that expresses the concern the Town has for the impact the dam has on Town roads. This in turn causes higher expenses for road maintenance due to erosion. Mr. McIntyre also suggests the town ask for a mitigation plan to help refund the town for damages.

7. The Board reviewed a draft letter to send to FERC expressing the Town's concerns of negative effects of the dam. The Board is not asking for "intervener status" at this time but will look into it. They also plan to send Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Mudge's letter attached with the letter from the Board.
8. Mrs. Brotman moved to approve the following Oaths of Office. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.

Oath of Office:

- Recreation Commission alternate-Ashley Luurtsema
 - Conservation Commission alternate-Sara Zahendra
 - Conservation Commission alternate-Russell Hirschler
 - Conservation Commission alternate-Jill Kearney
 - Conservation Commission-Lin Brown
 - Conservation Commission-Ann Flood
 - Conservation Commission-Susan MacKenzie
 - Conservation Commission-Margaret Sheehan
9. Mr. Kilham moved to approve three manifests totaling \$116,661.02 and \$234,912.61 and \$28,121.40. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
 10. The Board reviewed an abatement for 30 Shoestrap Road and recommendation from Todd Haywood (assessor). Mrs. Brotman moved to approve the recommendation given by Mr. Haywood. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
 11. The Board reviewed a Land Use Change Tax for 31 Storrs Hill Lane totaling \$430.00. Mrs. Brotman moved to approve the land use change tax totaling \$430.00. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
 12. Mr. Kahn moved to approve a solar exemption for 11 Orford Road totaling \$15,000.00. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
 13. Mr. Kahn moved to approve a Veterans credit totaling \$500.00. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
 14. The Board reviewed an Intent to Cut for 63 Pinnacle Hill Road, Map 407 Lot 98. Mr. Kilham moved to approved the intent to cut. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
 15. The Board reviewed an Intent to Cut for 135 Washburn Hill Road, Map 201 Lot 17. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the intent to cut. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
 16. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of Thursday April 4th, 2024. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
 17. The Board reviewed a notice from the NH Liquor Commission pertaining an application submitted for a 'Seasonal Sports Recreation Facility Cocktail Lounge' at 39 Grafton Turnpike. Some concerns were noted about traffic, parking, safety. The Select Board also noted this is a change of use and a site plan review should take place. The Board will review the various concerns at the next Select Board meeting. Mrs. Cutting will attempt to set up a meeting with the manager of the Skiway and Dartmouth College personnel to review and discuss various concerns noted in the past months.
 18. Mr. Kilham moved to nominate Mrs. Brotman as Chair of the Select Board. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Mrs. Brotman noted she would accept this nomination. Voted unanimously in favor (with

Mrs. Brotman abstaining). Mrs. Brotman moved to nominate Mr. Kilham as vice chair. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor (with Mr. Kilham abstaining).

19. The Board determined who would represent each committee/commission for the year:

- Budget Committee: Judy Brotman / Ben Kilham (Alternate)
- Conservation Commission: David Kahn
- Energy Committee: David Kahn
- Heritage Commission: Ben Kilham
- Planning Board: Judy Brotman
- Recreation Commission: Judy Brotman

20. At 12:23 PM Mrs. Brotman moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3 II (l) legal. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote. The following individuals were present for the non-public session: Select Board members Judith Brotman, Ben Kilham and David Kahn, Administrator Dina Cutting.

21. At 12:35 PM the Select Board returned to public session having approved a letter.

22. At 12:35 PM Mrs. Brotman moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) personnel. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote. The following individuals were present for the non-public session: Select Board members Judith Brotman, Ben Kilham and David Kahn, Administrator Dina Cutting. The Select Board reviewed a job application for a Lifeguard position for Chase Beach. Mr. Kahn moved to offer the position of Head Lifeguard to this applicant. Seconded by Mr. Kilham. Voted unanimously in favor.

23. At 12:45 PM The Select Board returned to public session.

24. At 12:45 PM Mr. Kilham moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr., Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Toland