

TOWN OF LYME

SELECT BOARD MINUTES

December 1, 2016-8:00 am

Approved: December 8th, 2016

Present: Select Board members Susan MacKenzie, Chair, C. Jay Smith and Patty Jenks.

Highway; Steve Williams, Road Agent, Scott Bailey & Greg Jenks.

Police: Chief Shaun O'Keefe; Energy Committee rep: Mark Bolinger

Public: Curtis Shepard and Scheduled appointment: Peter Tausanovitch

1. Meeting was called to order by MacKenzie at 8:00 am.

2. Highway: *Discussed need for formal bids on new grader for use in creating the warrant article to secure funding. Also discussed the logic of keeping the old grader, as had previously been considered. Issues with the old grader have become more apparent and Williams recognizes that keeping it may be a costly gamble. Williams will request the bids on the replacement to be provided ASAP and include a request for trade value on the old grader as part of the bid package. *MacKenzie asked if Williams would be able to contact the utilities representatives about what has to happen to rearrange the lines near the Hewes Brook Bridge on River Road in anticipation of work on that bridge. He'll move forward with that effort. *Williams reported the crew is doing as much as possible to keep the pothole annoyances to a minimum before the ground freezes. As hardpak is cheaper than crushed gravel, he'll be stocking that and using it for spot repairs. *The old ton truck had transmission issues during the most recent snow event. It required towing, but the repairs were computer related and were much less costly than if the transmission had needed replacing. Estimated cost will be around \$1300.00 including the towing charge. *The two employees with the significant buildup of vacation time to use will be trying to use this as weather allows before the end of the year. This will leave one employee working standard hours and a schedule of things to be done will be handled by him. *The old cruiser is still at the repair shop; Williams will find out how soon it will be available for use. *Williams & Bailey reported that the "barrier" placed on the cross road from Bliss Lane to Goose Pond Road was simply the result of the plowing done during the last weather event. It's the spot they always push the snow. Jenks will report back to the person who had called about the issue.

3. The minutes of the meeting held on November 23, 2016 were approved as submitted.

4. Matters Arising & New Business: *Regarding Carola Lea's request to cut trees on the 2012 river bank repair. There are a couple of issues which prevent this Board from being able to authorize any activity like this: the plantings were part of the DES permitting for the project and there is involvement with the Upper Valley Land Trust (easement) which the Board has no authority to administrate. In addition this stretch of road is part of the town's network of scenic roads which prohibits the cutting of trees unless they present a hazard. Ms. Lea has been advised of this. *Regarding the question of taxes brought forward by Robert Boaks about property he has on Post Pond, Jenks reported that Dina Cutting had been in contact with Boaks, they have determined what the problem is and it is being addressed. * A proposal submitted by Quinntown Rubbish Removal was reviewed. MacKenzie made the motion to decline their offer at this time pending further investigation as to what exactly the town desires for Transfer Station services. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously. *Jenks had received a call from Martha Smith concerning a recent death in their family and alerting the Board to probable delays with the structured plans for property restorations. In consideration of the family's situation at this time, the scheduled inspection may be postponed until we know more. Jenks will maintain contact with the family. *Smith reported he has completed extensive research regarding the Holts Ledge climbing issues and hopes to have a draft ordinance ready for discussion at next week's meeting. A Public Hearing may then be scheduled.

*MacKenzie asked if the Board felt a response to TransCanada was considered appropriate. The feeling of the Board was to keep that ball moving and respond to the communication.

5. Energy Committee: Mark Bolinger, Chair of the Energy Committee reported on the findings of a recent energy audit and consequent proposal for solarizing the town office building. MacKenzie made the motion to allow the Energy Committee to move forward with pursuing bids for the solar project at the town office.

Seconded by Jenks. Approved unanimously. Bolinger and MacKenzie will hold a conference call with the prospective contractors to discuss retrofitting lights in the building.

6. A Lien release was signed (correction of one signed at 11/23/16 meeting)

7. A manifest in the amount of \$1,108,248.79 (includes \$400,000 school appropriation and \$593,437 County tax appropriation) was signed.

8. A letter from Harold Swartz was discussed. MacKenzie will follow up.

9. Committees & Commissions: Jenks reported on a Coffee Hour attended by two individuals discussing a number of issues which included but were not limited to current use taxes, tax advisory issues, Holts Ledge climbing issues. Smith had an informal meeting with one of the property owners and climbing advocate on Canaan Ledge Lane.

10. Curtis Shepard dropped by following a discussion with a property owner on River Road. He was asking for clarification of the reasoning behind the Board's inability to endorse a Class VI change to the slump area.

11. At 9:30 am MacKenzie made the motion to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91A:3 II (c) for the purpose of discussing matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, Seconded by Smith. Voted unanimously by a roll call vote. Present for this non-public session were Susan MacKenzie, C. Jay Smith, Patricia Jenks and Peter Tausanovitch.

At 9:45 am Smith moved to enter public session. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously in favor.

12. Planning & Zoning: David Robbins appeared for his monthly report. Recent activity includes emergency septic installs and the parking lot lights which are not in compliance with the permits at Latham Tavern. In this discussion it was brought to light that another establishment in town is also not compliant with the permits they were given regarding lighting. A previous Board had instructed Robbins to let it go. This Board requested information on the issue. Robbins is also experiencing web site problems.

13. Jenks mentioned the highway garage office area and hall could use a painting spruce up after 10 years. It may be a way for personnel to keep busy while others are out.

14. At 10:20 Smith made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by MacKenzie. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Jenks, recorder pro tem