

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
December 15th, 2016
9:00AM

Town Office conference Room
Approved: December 22, 2016

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members: Susan J. MacKenzie (Chair), and Jay Smith. Road Agent, Steven Williams. Administrative Assistant, Dina Cutting.

1. At 8:00 AM-MacKenzie called the meeting to order
2. Matters arising & New business:
 - Highway: Grader prices were discussed: 2 proposals have been submitted. The board will review and met with Highway Department to discuss.
 - Holes by Carola Lea's house have been filled. This area has changed in the past months, concerns for the soils under the road were expressed.
 - Williams requested the board re-visit the Capital Reserve replacement schedule. At the 8 to 10 year stage the trucks are needing considerable work on them. The new tracking system will show this information. Will discuss this again.
 - Highway has new radio bill to be submitted for the Capital Reserve Fund expenditure. Williams will make sure this invoice is submitted before the next manifest.
 - The vehicle for town employees will be ready in the next couple days. It will be parked at the police station.
 - The board discussed the use of vacation hours
 - Insurance for the use of the "Pit". Cutting will draw up an agreement to be signed by all parties and then reviewed by the insurance company. The Pit owner wants to make sure the Town is covered for its use of the pit and or liability for anything that may happen.
3. Smith moved to approve the minutes of December 8th, 2016, public and non-public session. Seconded by MacKenzie. Voted unanimously in favor.
4. Intent to cuts were reviewed and approved for the following: John & Helen Skelly, Map 416 Lot 1 & 417 lot 6.2. Jeff & Stephanie Clark Map 409 lot 79
5. MacKenzie reported after a conversation with Walter Mitchell, Town counsel a Class VI road, in this case Shoestrap Road can be closed permanently for safety reasons.
6. Energy Committee: The board approved Mark Bolinger move ahead with apply for a grant concerning solarization of the Town Office building. The Select Board will be the Authorizing group and Administrative Assistant will be the contact.
7. Wilder Dam relicensing: Mackenzie reported the stakeholders meeting was very discouraging.
8. Public: None at this time
9. Manifest in the amount of \$66,135.84 was reviewed and signed
10. Pike House rental agreement: The 2017 lease was reviewed and signed. The board noted the rent has not increased over the last 5 years. 2018 will most likely have a % increase to be determined by the New England CPI.
11. Petitioned Zoning amendment was accepted by a motion from Smith, seconded by MacKenzie and voted unanimously to accept this petition and pass along to the Zoning Board for action to be included in the 2017 Town Meeting warrant.
12. Chief O'Keefe noted he was ready to make a conditional offer to one of the candidates. Once the conditional offer is accepted the candidate can start the procedures involving a back-round check, polygraph etc. The plan will be to have this candidate work with the Chief until the next Police Academy class starts. Cutting to have the conditional contract reviewed. It will include a payback scale for the first 4 years of employment. MacKenzie moved to have the chief make this

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conditional employment offer. Seconded by Smith. Voted unanimously in favor.

13. The board reviewed the planting for the Berway Farm River Road project. The board is in support of this plan as long as it does not have mandatory “tree” plantings along the bank.
14. Proclamation request-National School choice Week: The board had no action on this.
15. Committee & Commissions:
 - Budget Committee: The board reviewed the budget committee meeting from December 14th, 2016. Concerns from the Board were noted about the increasing school budgets and some of the Budget Committees reactions to automatically look to cut from the Town because the school is increasing. The all-day Kindergarten will be put on the warrant again this year.
16. David Roby: Mr. Roby can to discuss the re-routing of River Road. Mr. Roby apologized for not responding to the board’s last letter. Mr. Roby reviewed his thoughts on the re-routing and taking of land. Nothing has change sense the previous visit with the board. Mr. Roby is still waiting for the appraiser to finish the appraisal. Mr. Roby is still wanting the board to wait until after Town Meeting to act on the taking of the land. He believes if the Town voted the funding through he will not hold up the process of this re-routing road. The board feels this will hinder the timing of the process. If the board does not move forward now they will need to start the notification process all over and will lose 2 to 3 months. The board and Roby discussed other areas along River Road that are troublesome and the Hewes Brook Bridge challenges.
17. There being no further business Smith moved to adjourn at 9:15AM. Seconded by MacKenzie. Voted unanimously if favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting