

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
December 22nd, 2016
9:00AM

Town Office conference Room
Approved: December 29, 2016

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members: Susan J. MacKenzie (Chair), Patricia G. Jenks and Jay Smith. Administrative Assistant, Dina Cutting. Energy Committee member, Mark Bolinger. Lyme Snowmobile Club trail master, Charles Ragan.

1. At 8:00 AM-MacKenzie called the meeting to order
2. MacKenzie moved to approve the minutes of December 15th, 2016, public session. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously in favor.
3. Matters arising & New business:
 - Lyme Foundation check was accepted-\$5,000 toward the erosion study in connection with the relicensing of Wilder Dam.
 - Next week's meeting the board will be reviewing the grader bids and the option of replacing the old grader or keeping it.
 - Lease document for the Pit use is being reviewed by town counsel and then will go to the insurance company.
 - Ice rink on the Common: Jenks has received various e-mails and phone calls concerning non hockey on the rink. The communication to the listserve noted this was the Select Board decision. This rule was made after careful consideration and communication with the Towns insurance company. Safety is the first concern of the board. The board will be writing a memo to explain the safety and insurance issue surrounding the rule of no hockey playing in the close proximity of Route 10 and the neighboring homes.
4. New Business:
 - Tax advisory Committee will be preparing warrant articles at the Jan 11th, 2017 meeting. These articles will come to the Select board meeting on January 12th, 2017 for consideration.
 - School Budget: The board reviewed the Town 2017 budget increase of 1.4%, the Budget Committee increase to the Town budget at 1.8% and the Schools proposed budget increase at 8.1%. The board needs to communicate to the Budget Committee that this school increase is a problem. An 8.1% increase is not affordable for many tax payers.
5. Charles Ragan: Ragan reviewed the long history between the town and the Lyme Snowmobile club. The board would like to find a way to make it possible for the trail to continue going in this area. If this trail is closed there is no way for snowmobilers to get to the down town area. The board and Ragan review various ideas for trails in and around the Highway Department and Cemetery. Information needs to be gathered to know what can be done and from there this topic will need to go on to the Cemetery Trustees for discussion. Ragan supplied insurance documents to cover the town for liability and also supplies a trails map.
6. 9:00AM: Mark Bolinger: The Solar proposals were opened and briefly reviewed. Bolinger will take information back to the Energy Committee. After review by the Energy Committee the board will ask for the recommendation on a solar proposal. The board discussed the payback plan and what may happen concerning energy credits and the payback of this kind of project. The Energy Committee will meet on January 9th, 2017 and make recommendation for the board to consider at the January 12th, 2017 meeting.
7. Public Comments: none at this time

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8. Manifest in the amount of \$11,461.63 was reviewed and approved
9. Chippers: The contract for the Lindon tree was signed. A check in the amount of the contract was received as a donation. Smith moved to have the Chair of the Board sign this contract. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously in favor.
10. CLD summary of River Road. Need to ask Town Counsel if this is a public document. Cutting
11. Chief Mundy: Mundy reviewed what the Fire Department has been busy doing, drills, and fire hydrants. The challenge for the Fire Department is day time calls, most of the Fire Department volunteers work full time. We are fortunate and have excellent coverage with mutual aide. Post pond hydrant: Mundy is hoping the Highway department can get out to this area and finish the permitted work on dredging the canal that runs along the boat launch road. This will ensure the hydrant long life and plenty of water.
Shoestrap Road and safety concerns were discussed. Mundy would not use this road even in an emergency, it is not safe. New members and Fast Squad members were reviewed. The warrant article for safety equipment was confirmed. The amount of \$65,000 will be requested amount for gear.
12. MacKenzie reviewed her thoughts on a technical advisor for upcoming road construction and bridges. The board discussed this and the idea behind the Roads Committee was to support the highway Road Agent. It needs to be a requisite of this job to come to these committee meetings. 2 members of the Committee have extensive engineering back rounds and have offered to help gather information and options for bridges and problem road ways. The board was in agreement the 2 committee members could gather information and should work with the Road Agent to come up with ideas and recommendations for the board. The board's job is to review this information and make any monetary decisions.
13. Thermostats keep getting changed. We have a radiant heat system, it takes a day for the temperature to change with the heated slab. The board decided to lock the thermostats. Preset at 68 and 70 degrees and they will not be manipulated on a daily bases.
14. 2017 employee wages were reviewed, approved and signed.
15. CLD-DES shorland program for Berway project was reviewed.
16. Committee & Commissions:
 - Coffee hours: The board will continue to meet the 2nd, 3rd and 4th week of every month.
 - Tax Advisory Committee: They are focusing on items they want to present at Town Meeting.
 - Rec Commission: No meeting
 - Energy Committee: reviewed and discussed the solar reviews. They will be addressing the lights at the highway with Eversource, no need to do the Town Office if solar is going to be an option for the Town Office building.
17. Smith: The winter weather will prohibit any more clean-up for this winter. The board will send a letter explaining they understand the weather impacts them and they will be back in touch in the spring to set up the next inspection.
18. There being no further business Smith moved to adjourn at 11:00AM. Seconded by MacKenzie. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting