

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
February 16, 2017
8:00AM

Town Office conference Room
Approved: February 23, 2017

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. Police Chief: Shaun O'Keefe. Administrative Assistant, Dina Cutting. Community member Rusty Keith.

1. At 8:00 AM-MacKenzie called the meeting to order
2. Chief O'Keefe reviewed the statistical information for police calls in 2016. O'Keefe answered various question related to this document. February 23, 2017 at 10:00AM Chief O'Keefe will recommend to the board the candidate for the police officer position. The swearing in ceremony will take place at this time.
3. Smith moved to approve the public minutes of February 9, 2017. Seconded by Jenks. An addition was recommended. Voted unanimously in favor with changes made.
4. Matters arising:
 - Cameras for the highway garage lot were discussed. Smith is familiar with these and will gather data and bring it back to the board.
 - Holt's Ledge up-date: Smith reviewed the information concerning the survey of endangered plant life, the Conservation Commission is having this survey done. The board approved this up date and the document will be sent to Cutting for public distribution.
5. Public Comment: none at this time.
6. Manifest in the amount of \$48,816.48 was reviewed and signed.
7. Town Report: The last review and off to the printers today. Cutting still waiting for a few reports. They will be added in if time allows.
8. Committees & Commissions:
 - Coffee hour: River Road was discussed. School crossing and safety issues- a community member witnessed a near accident involving a student. Community member wanted to know what the Select Board was doing about this issue. It was noted by board members and Chief O'Keefe that this had been brought to the schools attention previously.
 - Energy Committee: Highway lighting- Grant was approved by Lyme Foundation. Committee members will meet with Williams and Mackenzie to review. Lyme Electric has come forward with a proposal that is less than the PUC estimate. These need to compare to make sure they are the same energy saving lighting. If so the Committee and Board would support going with Lyme Electric.
 - MacKenzie called the Army Corp of Engineers to inform them the area by Carola Lea's River Road location has been reported by Williams to be getting worse, the hole is getting bigger and the road is dropping.
9. Ongoing:
 - Dead River installed new thermostat in vault and reviewed circulators etc. The heating system has been having an error code off and on, they will be here to look at this in the next few days. The conference room heat is working nicely now.
 - Moderator Kevin Peterson will be at next week's meeting to review the warrant articles for Town Meeting.
 - Transfer Station: The bill for bag storage was paid for 2017, need to inform landlord 4 month in advance of not needing this space any longer. It was confirmed by the board that the Town will no longer purchase green bags. Punch

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cards will be used from now on.

- Right Angle: Hewes Brook Bridge- MacKenzie is working with them to change the contract wording.
- MacKenzie informed the board Karen Keane and Mike Mundy would like to do a brief 10 minute CRP and safety crash course at Town meeting. Permission for this will need to be approved by Moderator Kevin Peterson.

10. At 9:05 the Public Hearing for 3 warrant articles was opened: Present for this public hearing was: Susan Mackenzie, Patricia Jenks, Jay Smith, Dina Cutting and Rusty Keith.

The following articles for Town Meeting were reviewed and discussed.

- **Milfoil Treatment for Post Pond:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-eight thousand eight hundred forty-one dollars (**\$28,841**) for milfoil treatment of Post Pond, to be funded 30% (up to \$8,652.00) through a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, with the remaining 70% (up to \$20,189.00) by authorizing the withdrawal of ten thousand six hundred two dollars (**\$10,602.00**) from the unreserved fund balance and nine thousand five hundred eighty-seven dollars (**\$9,587.00**) to be raised by taxes to be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the milfoil problem is resolved or by December 31, 2022, whichever is sooner.

It was brought to the board's attention that community members were asking why the Conservation Commission was not funding the Milfoil treatments. After a lengthy review of the past years treatments and payment history, noting the Conservation Commissions initial funding of \$7,500.00 was added to the non-lapsing fund. There is \$10,502.58 left in this non-lapsing fund which will be used this year. The Tax Advisory Committee will be making a suggestion at Town meeting to have the 50% LUCT funding go to pay for the Milfoil treatments. Cutting noted that the article needed to still request funding because some years there is little to no LUCT money. The board reviewed the past history of the Conservation Commission, Milfoil treatments, Eurasian Milfoil Committee, Recreation Commission and Select board involvement. There is a group of "weed watchers" that are active and communicate directly with DES to help locate, mark and hopefully in the future help with diving expenses. After a lengthy discussion it was recommended that Jay Smith ask the Conservation Commission to consider donating funds for future treatment to be placed in this non-lapsing fund to prevent the need of "to be raised by taxes" for part of this funding. The Select Board supports this article 3-0.

- **Land Use Change Tax:**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to rescind the 1993 vote that directed that one hundred (100) percent of funds collected through the Land Use Change Tax be deposited in the Conservation Fund, and further to vote instead to deposit fifty (50) percent of the Land Use Change Tax revenue into the Conservation Fund and fifty (50) percent into the General Fund to defray other Town expenses.

The board reviewed this article. The Tax Advisory Committee has recommended this article. Again the funding for the Conservation Commission of \$218,000 has been noted as ample for what they may need. It is felt by this committee to be time to put funding in to items that are needed instead of raising funds by taxation. The Select Board supports this article 3-0.

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- **Establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Municipal Transportation Improvements:**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 261:153 (VI) to levy an additional motor vehicle registration fee in the amount of five dollars (\$5.00) to be used to support a municipal transportation improvement fund. And to further provide that with the adoption of this article the town shall create a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA Chapter 35 to be known as the Municipal Transportation Capital Reserve Fund, said fund to be used to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation. The funds may be used for engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction costs of transportation facilities, and for operating and capital costs of public transportation only. The funds may be used as matching funds for state or federal funds allocated for local or regional transportation improvements. Such funds shall not be used to offset any other non-transportation appropriations made by the municipality. And to further name the Select Board as agents to expend this Capital Reserve Fund. The Select Board supports this article 2-1.

No public comment on this article at this time.

11. At 9:30AM MacKenize closed the public hearing.
12. Mackenzie asked if board members reviewed and supported the Town Meeting statement she had prepared. The board discussed and reviewed this statement.
13. There being no further business Smith moved to adjourn at 9:50AM. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting