

TOWN OF LYME

Select Board Meeting

April 13th, 2017

8:00AM

Town Office conference Room

Approved: April 20, 2017

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members: Jay Smith (Chair), Susan MacKenzie and Bradford Keith. Police Chief O'Keefe. Administrative Assistant, Dina Cutting. Community members and public totally 44.

1. At 8:00 AM-Smith called the meeting to order
2. MacKenzie moved to approve the public minutes of April 6th, 2017 and March 30th, 2017. Seconded by Keith. Voted unanimously in favor.
MacKenzie moved to approve the non-public minutes of April 6th 2017 Seconded by Keith. Followed was a discussion of sealing non-public minutes. MacKenzie noted some concerns with the minute's content. She would like it noted the conversation that took place with a past employee ended with a nice conversation about their new job. Mackenzie noted she did not think these minutes should be sealed. After this brief discussion Keith moved to seal the minutes of the April 6th 2017 meeting. Seconded by Smith. The board discussed when, and why minutes should be sealed. The motion to seal the minutes until June 1, 2017 was voted 2 in favor (Smith & Keith) and 1 abstention (MacKenzie) in a roll call vote.
3. Matter arising & new business:
 - Strategic plan and concerns about housing was briefly discussed. The Planning Board will be reviewing housing, how housing has evolved in Lyme, what the next step is for Lyme and what direction housing should be going. Work force housing and what it is was also discussed.
 - Light Tec-Contract will be sent today. Smith will sign this ASAP.
 - Mackenzie noted she would like the agenda for the Select Board/ Budget Committees mid-year meeting sent out.
 - Keith requested the board review procedures for attorney communications and who has the authority to contact the Towns attorney. Individual board members should bring their issues to the Board meeting to discuss. Any employee issue need to be dealt with immediately and employee issues should go to town counsel or NHMA counsel as soon as possible. Administrative Assistant and Planning & Zoning Administrator have authority per their positions to contract the attorney. This is all in the Select Board policy and procedures.
 - River Road update: MacKenzie would like to update the River Road page on the web site with recent information. The board supported this.
 - Economic Study Committee charge: This will be an upcoming agenda item, reviewed the draft.
 - Select Board office job descriptions: Keith noted he ran out of time but hopes to be ready for the next meeting.
 - Buildings, Ground and maintenance job has been advertised.
 - 6 applications for office assistant: The board members will review the applications and Cutting will set up interviews for noted applicants.
 - Legislative Committee: MacKenize will be working on this committee draft. The education information being publicized by the Prince family has been helpful in getting people informed. Mackenzie and Keith are hopeful this Town committee

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will get people informed and involved.

- Cutting to let the community member who was interested in purchasing land from the Town that the land cannot be sold.
4. Green up day: The board supported cleaning up large items and tires as usual, Cutting to ask Williams if this is something the highway department can do again this year.
 5. Tax Anticipation note: The Treasure has requested approval from the board to start the paperwork for the 2017 TAN in the amount of 3.5 million dollars. Keith moved to approve this request. Seconded by Smith. The board reviewed the request and amount. Motion voted unanimously in favor.
 6. The board signed various committee and commission appointments.
 7. Manifest: The board reviewed and approved the manifests in the amounts of \$69,603.64 and overseer of Welfare \$ 2,695.32.
 8. Public Comment: None at this time.
 9. Committees & Commissions:
 - Town Building Committee: Keith reported the committee scheduled a date of May 2, 2017 meeting was set to have a tour of all the Town buildings.
 - Independence Day Committee: no quorum. Rescheduled for April 25th, 2017 6:00PM.
 - Coffee hour: Climbing was discussed, committee charges being placed on the web page for all committees needs to be done, and an update on the River Road re-routing was requested. Town computer expenses were discussed. It was noted this expense comes from the Capital Reserve Funds and is for all town department's needs. What can be done to help get fiber and better communications in Lyme was discussed.
 10. 9:05AM- Public Hearing- Holt's Ledge DRAFT Management Ordinance-an estimated 44 public members attended the Public Hearing with 21 being Lyme residents (these numbers are based on the signatures on the sign in sheet).

The public hearing was opened by Chair Smith at 9:05AM.

 - Smith informed the public that comments would be taken in an orderly fashion, please try not to repeat what someone has already said and the board will try to hear everyone's comments. The board would take all the comments and discussions into consideration and will be making a decision at a later date.

Comments, concerns or questions about the following topics were heard:

 - Why was the change made to the draft ordinance?
 - It was noted that some individuals were feeling intimidated by people who wish to continue climbing at the Holt's Ledge area.
 - Concerns about obvious property damage and the accountability of how it was damaged.
 - Concerns about where people would park and what kinds of facilities would be needed in the future.
 - This will only lead to more people coming and bigger issues.
 - Who should be responsible for this area?
 - Concerns of fire and safety issues connected with potential rescue efforts.

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- People trespassing on others land without permission.
- Various climbing techniques were reviewed and discussed.
- It was noted a draft Holts Ledge Management Plan from the climbing group was submitted to the town.
- Others noted the safety of bolted route for the climbers.
- Concerns from property owners in town of how this could affect the quality of living for neighbors of this area.
- Concerns that if this is allowed it is setting a presidents that people can do what they want and be rewarded for it.
- There are 26 different routes on Holt's ledge for climbers. The majority of them are on the town portion of Holt's ledge.
- Concerns that if the bolts are unusable this essentially stops all climbing from this area because of the degree in difficulty this climb is without safety aides.
- The area has been used by climbers for a long time mostly by Dartmouth climbers and a small group of locals. People have been climbing for years prior to the bolts.
- Concerns of the area and the climbing routes that have been advertised on the internet, many more people will come to climb. It is only going to get bigger.
- The climbing group is willing to help and do what they need to do to self-police this area.
- Concerns about the climbing group self-policing were noted.
- Concerns that the climbers were being blamed for things they did not do.
- Community member and climbing group member both noted they thought the bolting was permissible. People were climbing in this location so they were just adding routes. Nothing was done to be malicious or intentionally illegal.
- The Access Fund has offered to help with the management plan for this area.
- The Climbing group would like to be given a year to try the management plan they proposed. Try this and see how it goes.
- Concerns for the peregrine falcons were noted.
- The Conservation Commission is have a rare plant survey done to see what is in this area for endangered plants.
- Some people who live in this area noted noise from climber and some had not heard them.
- Liability to the Town was discussed.
- Concerns were noted that once you put bolts in "sport climbing equipment" someone needs to be responsible for it. Who checks the epoxy and or the bolt to make sure they are safe to continue use?
- Some community members noted the Town should not have to be responsible for this kind of activity in this area.
- Ice climbing and traditional climbing has been going on at Holt's Ledge

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for a long long time.

- The board noted they would need to consider the ramifications of enforcement, parking, capacity of this area, the falcons, and consider the potential costs associated with this.

The board thank all for coming and sharing their opinions. All information will be carefully considered. At 10:30AM the public hearing was closed.

11. At 10:37AM Smith moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91A: 3 II (d). Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. Seconded by MacKenzie. Voted unanimously by a roll call vote. Present for this non-public session was Jay Smith, Susan MacKenzie, Bradford Keith and Dina Cutting.
12. At 11:10AM the board returned to public session having discussed consideration of the acquisition, sale, and/or lease of real property.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:10AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting

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Public Hearing sign in-

Darlene Lehmann-Lyme
Jeff Lehmann-Lyme
Susanne Simon-Lyme
Jim Kenyon-Valley News
Curtis Cote-Lyme
Tara McGovern-Lyme
Dee Scanlan-
Maria Squire
Kristen Munroe-Lyme
James Munroe-Lyme
Matthew Stevens-Lyme
Kathleen Wohlfort-Lyme
Blake Allison-Lyme
Lisa Hoffmeister-Lyme
Bev Srout-Lyme
Earl Strout-Lyme
Peter Gamble-Lyme
Lynne Higbie
Rebecca Henissian-Lyme
Carey Field-Lyme
Ryan Brooks
Tim Chow
Christina Chow
Lynne Chow
Paul Tuthill
Sarah Barnes-Lyme
Jed Eliades
Ken Cragin
Tom
Mike Morin
Sue Hanlon-Lyme
Greg Hanlon-Lyme
Pinky Tullar-Lyme
Access Group Representative
Kathrine Greenleaf-Lyme