

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
May 18th, 2017
8:00AM

Town Office conference Room

Approved: May 25, 2017

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members: Jay Smith (Chair), Susan MacKenzie and Bradford Keith. Road Agent: Steven Williams. Police Chief O'Keefe. Beach supervisor: Robert Thebodo. Administrative Assistant, Dina Cutting. Utility Club members: Pat Pippin and Nora Gould.

1. At 8:00 AM-Smith called the meeting to order
2. Highway: The Board and Williams discussed the following items:
 - Hewes Brook bridge-Fairpoint & Eversorce met and a black locus needs to be removed in order for the utility pole to be relocated. Following was a discussion of right of way and who is responsible for removing this tree. It was noted this tree is within the Towns right of way. Because the Town is requesting this pole be relocated it is the Town responsibility to take it down.
 - Japanese knot weed: Smith to discuss this with Tom Colgan.
 - Tree on Breck Hill Road: A property owner notified the Highway department this tree was felt to be a hazard. Williams noted he felt this tree was clearly on the land owner's property. Williams will determine if this tree is hazardous. Because the tree is on the landowners' property it is the land owners' responsibility to remove the tree if needed. Smith will send a letter if necessary.
 - MacKenzie noted the mesh netting used for soil stabilization has been determined to be a wildlife hazard. The Town will look into other types to use.
 - Goose Pond Road: Culverts and ditching to be done this year.
 - School ballfield: Jock sand will be delivered as soon as it is safe. The fields are still very wet and it will damage them.
 - Have not received many applications for the Highway position to date. Williams noted the highway department employee wages are very low compared to area Towns. This will be advertised in the Valley News and the Journal Opinion.
3. Utility Club: Pat Pippin and Nora Gould- Requesting help with more electrical services for the Common to help with the Festival of Lights. This function requires individual trees be light and the extension cords and amount of lights needed are not workable for what is on the common presently. The Utility club has asked the Foundation for a grant and would like the Town to approve this work and contribute funds to help pay for this. The board will schedule a field trip after June 15th, 2017
4. Police: Chief O'Keefe reviewed the Independence Day and the parade. This will be planned for the traditional route in order to meet State laws which require the closure of route 10 be limited to a maximum of 10 minutes.
Chief O'Keefe discussed meeting the requirements of the Board concerning the sport climbing routes on Holts Ledge.
Anthony Casale has completed 3 weeks of the academy and is doing well.

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Reviewed the call sheets for the past month.

Briefly discussed shared services with Orford.

5. MacKenzie moved to approve the minutes of the regular session of May 11, 2017. Seconded by Keith. Voted unanimously in favor.
6. Matters arising:

- CLD is moving forward with the permit preparation and alteration of terrain permit for the River Road Slump. The check in the amount of \$1,922.00 is needed for this permit.
- Keith had some concerns about the listing of Coffee hours on the Web page. The board noted he should discuss this with David Robbins.
- MacKenzie brought up for discussion the tree in the front garden. The Energy Committee feels this needs to come down due to the solar panels. Kim Frase had mentioned as long as it was kept trimmed it should be okay to stay. It was felt at this time by Keith and Smith that this could wait, the tree can be trimmed and if it needs to come down at a later date the board can address it then. The Town Office has no other shade and this tree was donated when the new Town Offices were built.

7. Beach supervisor: Robert Thebodo-Came to the board to reiterate his concerns with the adult swim dock area. He feels this is being advertised as an alternative to a safe swim area. The board and Thebodo discussed various concerns and issues surrounding this dock. He reviewed the procedure he has set with the lifeguards. The board and Thebodo agreed to make some changes to the signage for this dock. Additional information to what is there presently- #1 NO one under the age of 18 is permitted to use this dock. #2 no fishing, #3 no mooring of boats.
8. Notice of appointments-Tom Toner and James Nourse were signed by the board.
9. No public comments at this time.
10. No manifest at this meeting.
11. Committee & Commissions:

- Planning Board: Site review of Bret Ryan's project on Route 10 was discussed and approved by the Planning Board.
- Independence Day: Smith reviewed a time line of events being planned.
- Building Committee: Keith reviewed some issues from the Town Building tour the committee took. Lyme Center Academy Building needs some significant work done to repair and replace some rotten window sills, clapboards etc. Needs painting also. Highway garage- need to address the fact that the employees have to eat their lunch right next to the boiler.
- Coffee hour: A community member came to discuss the time line for the Smith project on Goose Pond Road. Holts Ledge-Keith had a non-resident stopped by to say the Town had made the right

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deciding to disable the bolts.

12. Review ongoing business:

- The board discussed a hole on the west side of the Hewes Bridge. Estimate for an engineered temporary fix was \$1,500.00. This was discussed and the sense of the board was to not move forward with this plan. The highway department will work with the Roads Committee to come up with a temporary repair.
- DES Local Advisory committee workshop: It is clear from talking with others around the state that the Upper Valley Committee needs to be doing more to protect and clean the River as well as recruiting younger members.
- Economic Committee met for the first meeting. Lots of good ideas. MacKenzie will notify Jenks of the people requiring appointments.
- Conservation Commission: Keith noted he had been discussing conservation Easements with various people. He reviewed that our records are not up to date or complete. He is working with James Monroe, a Conservation Commission member to update the easement list.
- The board reviewed and discussed TransCanada.

There being no more business to come before this board the meeting was adjourned at 10:40AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting