

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
June 1, 2017
8:00 AM
Town Office Conference Room
Approved: June 8, 2017

The following people were present for part of all of the meeting: Select Board members: Jay Smith, Susan MacKenzie and Bradford Keith. Road Agent: Steve Williams, Highway Department Scott Bailey and Greg Jenks. Police Chief O'Keefe. Energy Committee Chair: Mark Bollinger. Planning and Zoning Administrator David Robbins.

1. At 08:10 AM Smith called the meeting to order.
2. Williams expressed growing concern about an area of River Road North of the 2012 repair.
 - Breck Hill Trees: The trees belong to the landowner and is their responsibility. There is one dead limb hanging over the road the Highway Department should have removed. This is also a *Scenic Road*. If the trees were an imminent hazard they could be cut down. There followed a discussion about whether or not the owner has the right to cut trees on their property when it involves a scenic road. (RSA 231:158, IV provides that designation of a road as scenic "shall not affect the rights of any landowner with respect to work on his own property,") Ref: A Hard Road to Travel NHMA 2015.
 - All components have been ordered for the Berway Project. Hopefully the milk tanker can go around as the road will need to be closed.
 - Turbidity current will be rented for this project.
 - When bids go out we should be sending CD's of plans to contractors.
 - Discussed how much time the Highway Department needs Matt. Will need him for the summer if another worker is not hired.
 - Evaluations will need to be done during June.
 - Steve will be using Ca Chloride this summer as a trial as it will last longer and go further. New grader is not in sight yet.
 - Supplies for the Goose Pond Road Project has been ordered.
3. Review and approve the minutes. MacKenzie moved we approve the minutes of May 25th, 2017 as amended. Smith second all approved.
4. Matters arising:
 - Painting of the LCAB, RFP, done.
 - All work/projects should go through the admin office.
 - Matt needs to be given a tour of the town buildings and be given a task list to get started. Rusty will take on this task.
 - Meet with Willis and CLD- will be Wednesday June 7 at 10 AM.
5. Mark Bollinger to discuss the Elm Tree shading the Solar Panels. Shading mostly the western most 12 panels. Frase recommends keeping the tree trimmed. Bob Thebodo will be asked to take a look at the tree and make a recommendation. Rusty will look into seeing if it is feasible to transplant the tree. Mark has a connection to see how much electricity each panel is generating. The REC contract will have to be sent to our attorney to see if we can sign a contract for 5 years. Also NH requires an independent monitor to verify the REC's generated. Dina may be working on a contract for this part of the operation. Waiting for Dina to sign to

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include the Highway Garage in the net metering equation. Eversource will be sending a refund check to the Town for excess electricity allocated to the Garage.

Street lights: The Town has 24 street lights, costing about \$3000 / year, whether they are lit or not. If we change to LED and lower wattage we could save some money. We could possibly also eliminate some lights. The company has a replacement date of 2011. Currently 5 lights are out. Not clear if the company charges to come out and change out lights. We discussed with Chief O'Keefe which lights could possibly be removed. We would discuss with residents in the area before removing any more lights. Shaun will monitor lights to see which ones are really out and which are coming on and off. To replace lights with LED it will cost about \$2400. With a possible \$100 rebate. Will fully research this project and if necessary bring to Town Meeting.

6. Opening the BIDs for the abandoned boats.

See separate report.

7. The board added dealing with the Poison Ivy at the LCAB to Matt list of chores.

Jay to ask the Conservation Commission to spray the Knotweed around the River Road Bridge over Hewes Brook and the River Bank by Hidden Valley.

Rusty has met with Todd and the board can give David Robbins "read only" access to the Vision software. Vision Software that is online is not updated at the same time Todd updates his files. Those online numbers need to be locked in at the time we send out our tax bills.

Deeds and easements are not up to date with our mapping company. The board is considering hiring someone to get the deeds and easements updated. Rusty will explore and quantify exactly what this involves. Previously the Conservation Commission had been keeping track of maintaining easements, but this seems to have been dropped along the way. We need to get our records up to date.

- TransCanada has dropped their lawsuit against the Town seeking tax abatements for the years of 2011 thru 2015.

8. Planning and Zoning: David Robbins. Starting to get a lot of building permits. Planning Board has a busy agenda coming up. David provided details of Mr. Roby's request at the last meeting for a rehearing of a site plan review decision. A vote was taken and the request was denied. That decision is now being appealed to the Zoning Board. CCL did come to a planning board and has offered to assist and contribute on the housing chapter in the Master Plan. Part of the problem is that no one is asking what can be done. David reviewed the issues relating to building multifamily housing. Town Web site reviewed and will be updated. Coffee hours with the Select Board will be updated and sent out.

9. We reviewed the request for more electrical outlets on the common. In order to have more outlets we would also need to add more amperage, this could become expensive. It was suggested they use a generator.

10. Committee and Commission: Jay had a meeting with Ms. Hannisian regarding the request for a special town meeting. He advised her it would be costly for the Town and any vote would be "advisory only". Jay's Coffee hour, one person came to discuss the old grader. Independence Day committee, plans are moving along. Planning Board meeting: one member of the public objected to a previous decision and wanted to do the meeting over. This request was denied.

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10. Rusty has communicated with our attorneys regarding the classification of property with conservation easements and current use. They understand the issue and will investigate and advise soon.

11. Meeting with CLD and Willis Engineering will be Wednesday the 7th at 10 AM, to discuss the Grant Brook area bank stabilization and road repair.

There being no more business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan MacKenzie