

TOWN OF LYME  
Select Board Meeting  
July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
8:00 AM

Town Office Conference Room

Approved: August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

The following people were present for part of all of the meeting: Select Board members: Susan MacKenzie and Bradford Keith. Road Agent: Steven Williams. Police Chief O'Keefe. Administrative Assistant, Dina Cutting. Supervisors of the Check list: Alan Greatorex and John Mudge. Town Clerk: Patty Jenks. Emergency Management Director: Margaret Slosberg. Community members: Kevin Sahr and Ross McIntyre.

MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 8:00AM.

1. Following a discussion concerning the availability of the Supervisors of the check list and the moderator the board determined that this special town meeting will be held on Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00PM in the School gymnasium.
2. Highway: The board reviewed the estimates received from L & M, Northwood and JML construction companies. The following was decided:
  - a. Storrs Hill repair- Northwood- \$28,030.00-Keith moved to approve \$28,030.00 to rebuild Storrs Hill Road. Seconded by Mackenzie. Voted unanimously in favor.
  - b. Corner of Preston & Washburn road repair. –Northwood \$9,300.00-MacKenzie moved to approve \$9,300.00 to repair the culvert and road at this location. Seconded by Keith. Voted unanimously in favor.
  - c. River Road culvert replacement- JML Enterprise \$2,500.00- Keith moved to approve \$2,500.00 to replace and repair the River Road culvert at said location. Seconded by Mackenzie. Voted unanimously in favor.

The board and Williams discussed various issues concerning the roads from the July 1<sup>st</sup> storm. Different opinions were expressed. Williams noted frustration with being pulled in different direction and having to deal with many different contractors and people with many different opinions. He would like to concentrate on getting the roads repaired and ready for winter. There is not much time left. Berway River Road project was discussed and the time it was going to take away from the regular road work. William will be working with Bailey on the roads and the other workers will be dedicated to the Berway project. A discussion of fragile roads and concerns of more rain and washouts took place. Williams noted he would like to get the roads back to pre-storm condition as soon as possible, noting concerns with the other crew members being tied up in the Berway project.

Mackenzie noted the Roads Committee will be forming a subcommittee to address the design and fix solutions for the big fixes, i.e. Whipple Hill, Orfordville Road, Goose Pond etc. This sub-committee is made up of volunteers that are engineers, they will be coming up with solutions and working with CLD to apply for DES permits. This is an attempt to save the town finances in engineering fees. It will be too costly if the town has to have engineers working on every fix that involves DES permitting. The board reassured Williams that the 2 closed roads will be open prior to winter with either a permanent fix or a temporary one depending on the circumstance.

- At 8:45AM Keith moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3 II (b). The hiring of a municipal employee. Seconded by

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MacKenzie. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote. The board discussed hiring of personnel.

- At 8:55AM the board moved out of nonpublic session. MacKenzie moved to offer this position as recommended by Williams at \$17.25 per hour. Seconded by Keith. Voted unanimously in favor.

Mackenzie reviewed the meeting with the Budget Committee the previous night. All department heads will be meeting with the Budget Committee to share their visions, priorities and try plan 3-5 years in advance for budgeting purposes.

Williams noted the Berway project is a big one and will take 2 months to complete. He is concerned that this will take away his laborers and drivers. At this time Williams would rather wait on Berway and try and get as much repaired from the storm as soon as possible.

Williams noted he would like to keep the rented excavator to continue cleaning culverts. Again the board and Williams discuss man power. After a lengthy discussion Keith moved to rent the excavator for another month to continue this project. Seconded by MacKenzie. Voted unanimously in favor.

The board and Williams discussed the pros and cons of keeping the grader and selling it privately instead of trading it in. Williams felt the highway could get much more done with 2 graders, again the man power is a concern with the Berway project. Williams noted Berway was the least of his worries right now, he needs to get all the roads back to winter ready. At this point Keith moved to keep the grader and not trade it in when the new one comes. MacKenzie seconded this motion. Voted unanimously in favor.

Culvert inventory needs to get done. The board needs to add funds to the 2018 budget for this project, Williams's needs to include this in the 2018 proposed budget and discuss it with the budget committee.

3. Ross Macintyre: Ross reviewed concerns with the licensing process for the Wilder Dam. The studies done by the Great River Hydro are flawed and this message needs to be stressed to the licensing group. The Town needs to write a letter telling FERC they are wrong and the studies done for Great River Hydro are not correct. These studies state that the drawdowns etc. of the river have no effect and are not in any way the cause of the river bank erosion. The board will send this letter to Town Counsel to get there opinion on it prior to signing this document.
4. Jeff Snelling: Shoestrap Road-Class VI portion: Mr. Snelling presented a document signed by residents stating they wished to have Shoestrap Road made passable. Mr. Snelling has offered to do some maintenance on this section of the road in order to make it passable. Mr. Snelling stated he did not want to debate the fact of maintenance, or if this road should be open or not. He is only looking to make sure there is an alternate route for exit with the River Road slump closed and the Hewes Brook Bridge in such bad shape. The board reminded the group that the Town cannot do anything to maintain this road, by law they cannot spend any funds on it. Rusty Estes noted he felt it was time the board did something to create 2 exits in case of emergencies. The board reviewed the Class VI designation and noted there should be a gate at each end that requires people get out, open it, go through it, and then close it. This would make sure they are aware that

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this road is a pass at your own risk road. The board noted concerns with fixing this section of road up. It would make it look as if the road was okay when it is not. The board has some significant safety concerns with the continued use of this road. The road is changing, a definite slumping of road in 2 section. These are being watched and monitored. Mr. Snelling noted he would sign a waiver taking all liability involving the maintenance of this road way. After a brief discussion of vehicles going over the edge of the steep bank the Board thanked all for coming.

5. The board continued the discussion on Shoestrap Road. The board is very concerned with the present state of this Class VI road. They have had numerous citizens (some engineers) state they should put barriers up and close it for safety reasons. Keith moved to deny the request to do maintenance on this Class VI section of Shoestrap Road for safety reasons. Seconded by MacKenzie. Voted unanimously in favor.
6. MacKenzie moved to approve the minutes of July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Seconded by Keith. The minutes were approved unanimously in favor.
7. Matters arising & New business:
  - Rusty will be meeting with Todd Haywood concerning the abatement appeals.
  - Driveways: Williams need to create a list of concerning driveways that are draining on to the Town roads and threatening to create washouts. The board will then take this list and notify the property owner that changes need to be made.
  - MacKenzie will be meeting with Upper Valley Land Trust to review a possible location for a dedication plaque in Freda Swans name.
  - Complaint from Baker Hill Road property owner- Water draining directly on property from road, washing debris into pond and field. The sub-committee of the Roads Committee will be brain storming problems like this. They will come up with solutions to address problem areas like this.
8. Public Comments: None at this time
9. Manifest: Manifest was reviewed and signed in the amount of \$197,511.69 (School appropriation in the amount of \$150,000)
10. Hews Brook Bridge: The board did not recommend \$2,800 to have the engineer mark tress and location of temporary bridge. MacKenzie will find a volunteer to perform this task.
11. FEMA: No news from them at this time.
12. Volley Ball on the common: The board reviewed a request from David Celone to give the Town a Volley ball net to be used on the Common. After a brief discussion the board felt that for many reasons, they felt they needed to say thank you but no thank you to the Volley Ball net.
13. Report of Wood Cut: Nichols-Map 414-44 \$820.74 and Map 409-72 \$427.82. A warrant was reviewed and signed in the listed amounts.
14. Intent to Cut: Map 414 lot 44 Dorchester Road was signed.
15. CLD estimate for the Goose Pond fix. It was the sense of the board to not use this proposal at the cost of \$8,900.00

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16. The board reviewed and discussed holding a special Town meeting at the request of a petition. After receiving the schedules of the Supervisors of the check list the board confirmed a special Town meeting date of October 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7:00PM to address the petitioned warrant article involving CLyme and climbing on Holts Ledge.
17. Committee and commissions:
  - .Planning Board: The board will be deliberating on the Route 10, Brett Ryan/ Karen Menge issue.
  - The board reviewed some of the high school discussion from the meeting Wednesday evening with the Budget Committee. Keith noted he felt it may not have been appropriate for the Select board to include a school issue on the agenda for this meeting with the Budget Committee. However, because it impacts the overall town tax burden, it was good to have an open discussion of the Budget Committee's need to seek input from all town perspectives. The board reviewed and discussed the duty of all department heads to meet with the Budget Committee and provide their visions for future department needs.
18. There being no more business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 11:105AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting