

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
August 31st, 2017
8:00 AM
Town Office Conference Room
Approved: September 7, 2017

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members: Charles J. Smith, Chair, Susan MacKenzie and Bradford Keith. Road Agent, Steven Williams and Administrative Assistant, Dina Cutting. Community members: Dave Celone and David Shafer.

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

1. Highway: The Board and Williams reviewed and discussed various road repairs from the July 1, storm. Whipple Hill is not completed, the Road crew will be finishing this up, i.e. hauling away the guard rails, seeding and mulching. The rented excavator will be returned Tuesday. The Berway project looks like it will run over in cost. Priority projects for 2017 are Grant Brook on River Road and the Baker Hill #1 culvert. These 2 need to be addresses as soon as possible.

Williams noted the 4 full time and 1 part time position the Town normally has for the winter does not look to be a reality this year. He is concerned with lack of help it will be difficult. Williams suggested the Board consider bidding out the municipal and school parking lots as they did in prior years to help lighten the plowing load for the regular crew. The board agreed with this and MacKenzie moved to put the parking lot plowing out to bid by a private contractor for the 2017-2018 season. Seconded by Smith. Voted unanimously in favor.

Williams discussed some roads that are now the Town responsibility to plow and maintain and should not be because they are private roads. Keith will do research on these locations and report back to the board.

2. Mackenzie moved to approve the minutes of the August 24th, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Smith. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Matters arising:
 - MS-1 and Utility report: The board reviewed and discussed the 2017 utility update. Smith moved to approve this report and the values. Keith noted he has questions and is not confident in these values. The board then discussed the difference in 79-a and 79-b properties for transparency purposes. After a lengthy discussion the sense of the board was to request an extension for the MS-1 and Keith will communicate with Brian Fogg at Sansoucy to get the information and questions answered concerning the utility values. The board signed the 30 day extension request for the MS-1.
4. Dave Celone: Mr. Celone came in to discuss the possibility of setting up games on the common for kids to occupy their time. He noted the bike route is not a reality to help facilitate children getting to the Recreation Facility safely. He felt this was a way to give them things to do without having to ride or walk on a dangerous road. The board reviewed the concerns of sports on the common. Volleyball, croquet, and other games were discussed. It was the sense of the board that where the common is a place for kids

and adults to gather and that they can kick a ball around and or do various sports related things it was not the right environment to encourage the use of the common for sports. The Town has a Recreation Facility and the board would encourage people to use it. Mr. Celone encouraged the board have their meetings publicly televised. If the board would be interested in this Mr. Celone is happy to see if this can be set up. The board thanked Mr. Celone for coming.

5. Manifests in the amounts of \$3,238.86 and \$210,100.11 (\$200,000 School appropriation) was reviewed and signed.
6. Smith reported he had meet with Asplundh Tree Experts Co. to review the tree trimming for Public Service of NH around the Common, East Thetford Road and out the Dorchester Road. They have contacted landowners to notify them of this. Smith did request them not be cutting and or working during school drop off or release times for safety reason.
7. Lyme water Association and the recent boil order was noted. It was clear the message to boil water did not get out to all property owners that need to have this information. The Town is in no way responsible and or involved in the Lyme Water Association, any concerns about this should be directed to Colin Robinson the Lyme Water Association president.
8. Budget Committee communication: Mackenzie noted concern over the letter from the Budget Committee chair asking the Select Board members to recuse themselves from the meetings with the Department Heads. Keith supported her concerns and feels this is an inappropriate request. Smith noted Keith and Mackenzie had attended the mid-year budget review and expressed concerns about the statutory process and the committee's lack of appreciation and understanding of a "vision" for the town. After a discussion concerning this topic it was the sense of the Board to have MacKenzie meet with Judy Brotman, Chair of the Budget committee to discuss these concerns.
4. Public Comments: It was noted there were times when there was no lifeguard coverage. The Town needs to think about being more competitive with its lifeguard wages, most area lifeguard's wages are considerably higher than Lyme's.
5. Mackenzie moved to appoint Chris Pratt to the Recreation Commission. Seconded by Smith. Voted unanimously in favor. The board signed the oath of office.
6. RFP FEMA projects: The board reviewed the RFP documents for 3 more locations to be repairs due to the July 1st storm. Highbridge Road- Whipple Hill Road- Flint Hill Road. The board reviewed and discussed these location. Smith moved to advertise these RFP's. Seconded by Keith. Voted unanimously in favor.
7. Committee and Commissions:
 - Mackenzie reported she will be meeting with the landowner concerning the temporary bridge for Hewes Brook Bridge repair.
 - Planning Board- Outdoor lighting and revamping the site plan review ordinance is being worked on. Drafts will be available once they work out the details. Public forums are still scheduled but no presenters have been secured as of yet.
 - Coffee hour: River Road residents came and asked Smith who the new Town attorney would be? Smith noted the Town was not getting a new attorney. And how is the board going to justify opening the River Road slump now after all this time? Smith noted the Town is NOT opening River Road at the slump. The River Road residents would like to review the response the board will be making to the

Tensen and Roby eminent domain appeal. The board acknowledged these documents are attorney client privileged and should not be shared with the public until they are filed with the court.

8. Post Pond will be treated for Milfoil on September 6th and/or 7th, all notices have gone out.
9. Holt's Ledge: Sue Hanlon for CLyme has presented the Town with a 91-A request for documents. They would like the following:
 - All communications, letters, emails Copies of pros/cons letters - i.e. folders held up by Jay Smith at town meeting
 - All meeting minutes in which Holts Ledge was discussed
 - Police reports
 - All filed complaints
 - Plant report
 - Historical information
 - Other documents, tapes, electronic messages related to Holts Ledge

Cutting has responded to Ms. Hanlon with the towns copy rate and a rough estimate of the amount of documents this would require gathering. And estimate of 600 copies was agreed on. After discussing the amount of work and time this will take staff and in order to have an adequate amount of time, giving all the other responsibilities in the Select Board office a September 25, 2017 ready date was agreed upon. Cutting will communicate this to Ms. Hanlon.

10. The board reviewed an estimate to do repairs to the Steeple at the Lyme Center Academy building. The board had various questions. More information will be gathered and the board will discuss this at a later date.
11. There being no more business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 10:50AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting