

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
November 2nd, 2017
8:00 AM
Town Office Conference Room
Approved: November 9th, 2017

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members: Charles. Jay Smith, Susan MacKenzie and Bradford Keith. Road Agent: Steven Williams. Administrative Assistant: Dina Cutting. Police Chief: Shaun O'Keefe. Heritage Commission member: Ray Clark. Community members Stephen Hewes and Peggy Hewes.

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

1. Highway:

- Williams clarified to all that the highway department does not cut trees that are on power lines. He wanted to make it clear to all residents this is a dangerous practice and the Road Crew leaves this duty to the power companies at all times.
- The highway department will be cutting the trees for the Hewes Brook bridge project.
- Grant Brook: A silt fence and bales of hay will be used to control the run off during the temporary fix.
- Mackenzie noted she had found trees that were undermined at the Hidden Valley location. These trees are on the Society of the protection of forest and Mackenzie has notified them of this issue. If these come down they will come down on power lines.
- Williams is recommending replacement of the loader in 2018. The backhoe will be the following year.
- Baker Hill #1: Following a lengthy discussion of safety for winter maintenance and vehicular traffic for this location. Many ideas were discussed as to how this location could be safer for the winter travel. Erin Darrow of Right Angle Engineering will be meeting with the board soon. Williams and the board will include her in on this discussion to see what the safest solution is.
- The resident who had the gear blocking the culvert would like it back. Cutting to write another letter inviting her to meet with the board to discuss this issue.
- Williams reported beavers blocking the culvert on Grafton Turnpike. This has been a troubled area before and the land owner has been proactive. Road crew had to clear the culvert of debris, put 2 loads of ¾" gravel, 3 hours of labor and backhoe time to repair this road. Cutting to notify property owner this problem has returned.
- Williams recommended a berm be placed north east of 393 Dorchester Road. The brook comes to the edge of the road and overflows before it floods the field. Williams feels a berm will direct the over flow to the brook and not the road.
- Highway employees were reviewed. The help wanted ad will continue. It will go in the Valley News and Journal Opinion. Williams noted he felt DOT physicals

were keeping people from applying for this job. The board would like to see what the difference is between a DOT physical and a pre-employment physical.

- A note from a resident at the end of Culver Hill Road was reviewed. The issue of this being a Class VI or a class V road was discussed. This section is really a driveway, there is no safe location to turnaround. Williams is concerned about property damage. Williams and Keith will investigate this further.
2. Keith moved to approve the minutes of the October 26th, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Mackenzie. Voted Mackenzie and Keith in favor and Smith abstained, he was not present for this meeting.
 3. Matters arising:
 - Baker Hill # 1: O'Keefe will make sure all necessary signage is gathered and purchased if necessary. O'Keefe has notified dispatch and the bus company. Post office should be notified. The publicity for this needs to get out ASAP.
 - The 2018 mowing bids were reviewed. Mackenzie reported on her background check for Turnkey Construction LLC out of Meredith NH. Everything was reported to be positive. Thus Mackenzie moved to offer Turnkey Construction LLC the mowing contract for 2018. Smith seconded. Discussion followed. Keith spoke to his concerns with not staying with the same mowing company. There has never been any negative issue reported and keeping these kinds of services local is important. It was noted the bids were the following: Lyme Lawn Care LLC- \$ 44,600.00 and Turnkey Construction LLC- \$40,000.00. At this time Smith noted the town was pleased with Lyme Lawn Care LLC but \$4,000 was a lot of money and he felt they needed to go with the lower bid. The motion was voted 2 in favor (MacKenzie and Smith) and 1 apposed (Keith).
 4. Intent to cut: Rebecca Lovejoy Map 408 Lot 1.1 Britton Lane
 5. Mackenzie review the meeting with Dartmouth College. The college and the town will work towards investigating the ownership of Holt's ledge. MacKenzie reviewed the past issues and concerns of the Select Board and residents living in this area. It was noted this was a good meeting and the sense of working together on this issue was noted by all.
 6. Smith: The board reviewed the Smith Goose pond Road and Dorchester road issues. The meeting scheduled for Monday November 6th, 2017 will be changed to Monday November 13th, 2017 at 10:00AM at the Goose pond Road location at the property owner's request.
 7. Cutting will look into the Emanate Domaine and see where things are presently.
 8. Hewes: The board briefly met with Stephen Hewes. Discussion concerning town property taxes.
 9. Heritage Commission: Ray Clark reviewed a preservation easement if the form of a Facade easement. The Heritage Commission has considered this easement on the Lyme Timber Building on the Common. They have voted affirmatively to consider such an easement. The role of the Select Board needs to be clarified and the draft easement will need to be reviewed by town counsel. Once these steps are taken the Commission can call a special meeting to vote on the acceptance of this easement. Then it can come back to the board for review and a vote if necessary.
 10. A letter to Deb Robinson concerning a Pond Program proposal was reviewed. MacKenzie will sign this letter for the board.
 11. Public comment: None at this time.

12. Manifest was reviewed and signed in the amount of \$74,582.61.
13. Oath of Office were reviewed and signed for ballet clerks.
14. The board reviewed the 2018 proposed budget. Payroll and benefit budget lines were reviewed and discussed. The board is attempting to stay with in the 1.6% as suggested by the Budget committee.
15. Planning Board: The forum on millennial generation there was a good discussion. Cell phone coverage was a topic of discussion and noted as a draw for millennials when house hunting. MacKenzie noted the Electric companies who are working hard to repair storm damage are having a hard time communicating and would be willing to discuss and help research what it would take to address this problem in this area.
16. FERC letter will be sent.
17. Planning and Zoning: David Robbins reviewed an easement deed for agricultural soils. After a review of the history concerning how Lyme came to this requirement the Select Board signed this easement.
18. There being no more business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 11:40AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting