TOWN OF LYME Select Board Meeting February 25th, 2016 8:00AM

Town Office conference Room Approved: March 3, 2016

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members: Susan J. MacKenzie (Chair), Charles J. Smith & Patty Jenks, Highway department: Steve Williams & Greg Jenks. Administrative Assistant, Dina Cutting. Susanne Simons, Transfer Station Committee, Nancy Grandine, Overseer of Public Welfare...

1) At 8:00 AM MacKenzie opened the meeting.

Highway: At 8:00AM MacKenzie moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91A: 3 II (c) for the purpose of discussing Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously by a roll call vote. Present for this nonpublic session was MacKenzie, Jenks P, Smith, Williams, Jenks G and Cutting.

The board discussed matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. The board discussed some work relationships with employees.

At 8:15 AM to board moved to enter public session having made no decisions.

- 2) Highway: Williams reviewed the following topics:
 - Icy road treatments
 - Ice jams that created washouts
 - Swamp road tree cutting-Landowner is not keen on these trees being cut. Williams believes he has the right to cut these under 4" and high limbs.
 - Hidden Valley repair: MacKenzie is calling Pathways to touch base about work starting
 - Mr. Pushee's letter (Pinnacle Road) and Mr. Stern's e-mail (Highbridge Road) were briefly discussed.
- **3)** Jenks moved to approve the minutes of the February 25th, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Smith. Voted unanimously in favor.
- 4) Matters arising:
 - The procedure of Eminent domain was discussed. There is no way to project this cost.
 - Ms. Tullar called Jenks to inquire why the Town had not contacted NRCS for help with these River bank erosion issues. This will be looked into.
- 5) Transfer Station-The board and Ms. Simons discussed various points concerning the Transfer Station. Information from this committee will be shared with the Town at Town Meeting in the form of a hand out. The recycling needs of the town need to be looked at long-term.
- **6)** Public Comment: There was no public comment at this time.
- 7) Manifests in the amounts of \$3,087.68 (over seer welfare) & \$379,370.59 (includes \$350,000 School appropriation) were reviewed and approved.
- 8) At this point the resignation letter of Fire Chief Michael Hinsley was read into the minutes. Jenks moved to accept this resignation with regret and understanding. Seconded by Smith. Voted unanimously in favor.
- 9) Michael Mundy had previously been in contact with Jenks. He being willing, and the board accepting this offer, Michael Mundy was appointed as the new Fire Chief. This was approved unanimously.
- **10)** The Transfer Station regulations were reviewed and the new additional section for weather related closure was reviewed and accepted by the board.
- **11)** MS-9 and MS-10 were received from the Trustees of the Trust Fund.
- **12)** Bill Waste was appointed as an additional assistant moderator for 2016 Town Meeting.

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- **13)** No through Trucking will be deferred until the next meeting.
- 14) At 9:30AM MacKenzie moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91A: 3 II (c) for the purpose of discussing Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously by a roll call vote. Present for this nonpublic session was MacKenzie, Jenks, Smith, Grandine and Cutting. The board discussed matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person.

At 9:50 AM to board moved to enter public session having reviewed an application for assistance from the Over Seer of Welfare. This application was reviewed by the board because of a possible conflict of interest with the Over Seer of Welfare.

- **15)** Committee & Commissions:
 - Coffee Hour: Smith reviewed the following topics- Health Food issue. Smith property cleanup, River Road, Little Common and the use of it as a parking area.
 - Transfer Station Committee: Jenks reviewed the need for an expanded charge.
 - School Safety: MacKenzie reported four State DOT representatives came to review the potential new safety plan in front of the school. This would involve a new side walk from the front of the school to the Library.
 - Recreation Commission: MacKenzie reviewed the ski and basketball seasons, all went well.
 - Tax Advisory Committee: Scheduled a follow up meeting for March 22, 2016 and will be gathering information.

16) Ongoing:

- Smith case was reviewed. The sense of the board at this time is to not address the legal fees owed. They board wants to see if the Smith's meet the first goal of the court appointed agreement.
- Jenks noted a request from someone interested in 2 tractors on one of the properties. If/when the town removes these particular items, they would like the opportunity to regain ownership. The board urged the interested party(s) to have a discussion with the current owners.
- The Discretionary Barn Preservation Easement was reviewed. The sense of the board was to follow through with the 10% penalty for removal of this easement. The violation was noted but because this easement was due to be renewed in April and the property does not meet the discretionary easement guidelines any longer the 10% penalty will be charged. MacKenzie moved to charge a 10% penalty for the violation of this easement. Seconded by Smith. Voted unanimously in favor.
- The Board will respond to a resident who sent a letter of complaint about maintenance on Pinnacle Road.
- Smith expressed concern that a private citizen's letter was put on the town's web page and sent out on List serve under the towns lymenh.gov email address. After a brief discussion it was the sense of the board that this was not an appropriate use of the sites. The letter will be taken off the web site. Private citizen's letters and communications may not be posted on the official town web page and/or sent out under a lymenh.gov address.

17) Upcoming dates:

- March 1st 7:00PM –Little Town Meeting
- March 3rd 6:00PM School District Meeting

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- March 7th 5:00PM-set up for Town Meeting
- March 8th 9:00AM-Town Meeting
- **18)** Town Report will be delivered today (2-25-2016) the office will hand them out to all. It has been advertised on Web, Lyme listserve and posted around town. Town Reports will be at all the upcoming meeting and available for the community members.
- **19)** There being no further business at this time Smith moved to adjourn at 10:55PM. Seconded by Jenks and voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting