

Joint Meeting of Lyme Community Development Committee and Lyme Planning Board

Lyme Town Offices, 7:00pm on 12 December 2018

For the LCDC: Chris Ramsden, Sue MacKenzie, Earl Strout, Mike Smith, David Shafer

For the PB: John Stadler, Tim Cook, Rusty Keith

Called to order at 7:02pm.

Chris Ramsden reported that he spoke with Resilience the previous day. They have already billed us \$14,850 to date, and they will not participate in a forum, as they have already used up all the hours they had committed to this project.

Earl asks how much they want to present the forum - \$2,240. John said that the additional expenditure would be a small price to pay to get the information out. Sue MacKenzie says the money would not be available from the town, although the selectboard agreed to discuss it at their meeting on 13 December 2018.

Chris pointed out that in a previous LCDC meeting, there was a thought that we could give the presentation ourselves. John Stadler felt this would be problematic, since we would not be in a strong position to support the numbers and defend the conclusions of the consultants. He also expressed the concern that the audience might be concerned about bias of the speakers, one way or the other.

David Shafer pointed out that this research and report has always been seen as a starting point of a conversation. We're not going to present "the solution" - only a set of facts that allows the town to begin talking.

Earl Strout asked about how we envision the meeting going forward. Could we have 4-5 recommendations that the town could discuss at the meeting?

Mike Smith definitely wanted to present the information to the town beforehand. We agreed that sending a PDF of the presentation (perhaps with a cover letter) to the listserv/town web site would be a good idea.

The end goal of this initial forum would be to have people agree on how shall we move forward to address these concerns. We wouldn't expect to produce any solutions, but to keep the conversation moving forward. We could then facilitate smaller meetings to go over the data and move forward.

We entertained the thought of having a trusted person (town moderator?) facilitate the meeting with members from this committee presenting the slides and offering commentary on the points.

Action Items:

- Selectboard will meet on 13 December to see if \$2,240 could be available to pay the consultants to facilitate the forum.
- If the money is not available, Tim Cook will touch base with the moderator to see if he (or perhaps another qualified facilitator) might be available.
- Sue will check the availability of the Lyme School in the evening of 30 or 31 January.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 9 January 2019, 7:00pm in the Town Offices

Adjourn: 7:41pm

Youtube video of meeting is available at: <https://youtu.be/2wkgvxbuYkE>

Respectfully submitted,
Rich Brown