

Town of Lyme
Select Board Meeting
Minutes for July 16, 2013
PUBLIC HEARING
Approved: July 18th, 2013

The following were present for part or all of the public hearing: Charles J. Smith (Chair), Richard A. Vidal, Susan J. MacKenzie, and Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant). School Board members: Barbara Lynch, Brian Cook and Mark Schiffman. Principal: Jeff Valance. Superintendent: Mike Harris. Planning Board vice Chair: Jack Elliott. Police Chief: Shaun O'Keefe. Community members: Katrina Jenks, Carola Lea, Leigh Prince, Denis Frawley, and Tony & Kathy Greenleaf.

1. The Hearing was called to order at 7:00PM by Chair Smith.
 - Smith reviewed the RSA as it pertains to the placement of the soon to be portable classroom.
 - He noted the map of various placement options was on the board and would be reviewed.
 - There had been a meeting with State of New Hampshire DOT, Chief of Police, Selectboard, Schoolboard, Planning Board, and school administration today to discuss some of the concerns with the possible placement of the trailer in the front of the school building. At this meeting it was made clear by NH DOT that the State would not allow any loading or unloading of busses that would impede the flow of traffic on route 10.
 - Smith noted the purpose of this hearing is to have the school present the information concerning possible locations of the temporary class room trailer and for the public to give feedback and have questions answered.

2. School: School board member Lynch reviewed the options of the possible locations. None are perfect and each come with their own set of challenges. The pros and cons for the 4 options were presented and discussed. The school board considered many safety & educational needs and none of these options were without tradeoffs. Cost of set up and site preparation were also considered.
 - Site 1- in front of the older part of the school (where the cafeteria is in the turnaround)
 - Site 2- in front of the newer part of the school (on the front lawn)
 - Site 3- behind the school (where the swing set is now)
 - Site 4- Side of the parking lot along the trees (where the teachers park now)

The school board considered 8 different options in total; once the sites were identified it was narrowed down to 4 that could work. With the present temporary classroom there are not many options left and each option comes with its own problems and concerns.

 - Chief O'Keefe reviewed the meeting with NH DOT and reiterated that the bus may not load or unload on Route 10. The state has a 30' right of way from the center line of route 10. The state will stop the placement of the temporary classroom if the plan affects the flow of traffic. This is already a problem area and the school, town & police department want to make sure it does not create an unsafe situation for the students. Option 1 would take up part of the turnaround but would still allow for 1 lane traffic.
 - Jack Elliot spoke representing the Planning Board (see attached statement) - The

Planning Board does not favor the 2 options in front of the school. The Planning Board does not want the school to place the trailer so it takes away any more parking options. Their recommendation based on the information they had at the time of their meeting was to place the temporary trailer where the swing set is now.

- Chief Hinsley could not attend this meeting due to work. Hinsley is gathering information concerning fire codes and restrictions.
 - The following concerns were expressed:
 - i. Taking away play areas. The students are already limited and losing this playground area would be detrimental to the educational experience of the students.
 - ii. Safety of the students
 - iii. Traffic distractions
 - iv. Reducing parking
 - v. Costs of site prep and hook up
 - vi. Considering this temporary, not knowing when it will leave
 - vii. Cost of renting vs. purchasing
 - viii. What classes would be in this classroom. Does this make a difference in the placement?
 - ix. Landscaping. Trying not to create the need to cut down trees for something temporary
3. At this time Chair Smith read the RSA to the public and noted the Selectboard would issue their non-binding opinion after the Thursday morning board meeting.
 4. The neighbors of the school present at this hearing were asked if they would like to comment on the 4 options:
 - None are perfect but the sense of the majority of property owners felt option 1 was the better of the 2 front options.
 5. At 8:07 Vidal moved to close the public hearing and adjourn. Seconded by MacKenzie. Voted unanimously in favor.
 6. Chair Smith thanked everyone for coming to this public hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting