

Town of Lyme  
Public Hearing  
&  
Select Board Meeting  
Minutes for August 15, 2013  
Approved: August 22, 2013

The following were present for part or all of the meeting: Charles J. Smith (Chair), Richard A. Vidal (member), Susan J. MacKenzie (member), and Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant). Community members, Maia Rutman, Robert Thebodo & Recreation Commission member, Luke Prince.

1. Chair Smith opened the Public hearing at 8:03AM
  - Followed was a discussion concerning the use of class I & II lifejackets at Chase Beach and amending the by-laws if applicable.
  - Ms. Rutman spoke about safety concerns and referred to her previous letter sent to the Selectboard pointing out various articles that state “make life jackets and must”. Ms. Rutman requested the discussion also include type III swim aids. She displayed a type III swim aid and talked about the difference between a type I, II and III.
  - At this time Chair Smith reviewed information gathered by the Selectboard. Redcross and the Town insurance company encourages the use of U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets around water. The issue is they refer only to a life jackets not swim aides being used as safety devices. Followed was a discussion concerning life jackets being cumbersome and not allowing the freedom of movement and the swim aid does. The Type III swim aid is just that a swim aid, it will not keep a young child’s head above the water and thus save them from drowning. The Selectboard wants to do what is best for the safety of the youth at Chase Beach. The Selectboard is concerned swim aids give both the child and the parent or guardian a false sense of security. Life jackets and swim aids should never be relied on alone as a substitute for watching a child in the water at all times.
  - Mr. Thebodo commented the lifeguards at Chase beach do a great job and the beach is run very well. He would not like to see anything done that would make the lifeguard’s job more difficult. Guarding is a big responsibility and we as a community are fortunate to have the beach and guards to help make it safer for all to enjoy.
  - Mr. Prince supported the use of class I & II life jackets at the beach.
  - The sense of the public hearing was to encourage anything possible to make the beach a safer place for children and non-swimmers and to support the use of Class I & II coast guard approved life jackets for Chase Beach.
    - ❖ Smith moved to amend the Recreation Area By-Laws, section 2.1 G to read:  
The use of US Coast Guard approved type I & II life jackets are allowed at Chase Beach.  
Seconded by Vidal. Voted unanimously in favor.
  - Ms. Rutman thanked the Selectboard for moving towards making the beach safer for all.
  - At 8:35AM the public hearing was closed.
2. Chair Smith called the select board meeting to order at 8:35AM
3. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Selectboard meeting. Seconded by MacKenzie. A change was offered. Voted unanimously in favor with change noted.
4. Matters arising:
  - Smith reviewed information concerning the weight limits on E-2 bridges and what various towns do. The Selectboard can post a more restrictive weight limit on a bridge but if a business or community members have been trucking over this bridge previously and it will create a hardship the Selectboard must allow them to continue, although they could require them to post a bond to cover any damage done to the

- bridge or road. The Selectboard will revisit this if necessary in the future.
- Tree cutting on scenic roads: Discussed the required procedure for cutting trees which pose a hazard on scenic roads. Unless there is an imminent danger to the public there are specific requirements for notifying the landowner and the Planning Board. The Road Committee will be holding public forums on various topics concerning roads, maintenance, scenic roads, tree removal etc.
5. A Cemetery lot was approved and signed.
  6. An Intent to Cut was approved for Robinson, Colin & Mary Lou-Map 402 Lot 1.2 Washburn Hill Rd
  7. Memo from Matt Thebodo, Transfer Station supervisor: A letter from the Selectboard will be sent to this community member. For the safety and protection of our employees there is a 30lb. limit on ALL bags, no matter what the size. If this person continues to bring over weight bags they will be made to lift their own bag into the compactor and if the bag breaks open the community member will be responsible for cleaning up the mess.
  8. Discretionary barn easement for Sarah Barnes was reviewed. The Selectboard will do a site visit during next week's meeting. If everything is in order a Public Hearing date will be set.
  9. Committee & Commission reports:
    - Vidal reported on the building committee. They have made various recommendation from information passed along from the energy committee.
    - Milfoil: Cutting reviewed an e-mail from DES concerning the treatment date. The Selectboard is requesting DES and the aquatic specialist do this as soon as possible after Labor Day. In order to work best at killing this milfoil and being fiscally responsible to the Town the treatment needs to be done when it will be most effective. Vidal noted he had not heard anything from the Milfoil Committee to date.
    - Planning Board: There will be many proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinances this coming Town meeting. One of the issues the board would like to address is to streamline the process of applying for a deck. It should be easier and quicker to do this. There will be at least 17 points to address for possible changes at Town Meeting.
    - Need to follow through with an attorney for the stump dump land. This will need to be voted on at town meeting.
    - Road Committee is still reviewing the draft 10 year plan. The Selectboard, Road Agent and committee need to work on budgeting issues for the 10 year plan.
    - Discussed chip and seal being used on roads. The Selectboard would like Stearns to research this with William Watson.
  10. The Selectboard will be looking into some concerns about road side mowing. Smith will write a letter to go to the community and individuals concerning this year road side mowing.
  11. At 10:13AM Smith moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3II (d). Seconded by Vidal. Voted unanimously by roll call vote. Present to the session was Smith, Vidal, MacKenzie and Cutting.  
A potential land purchase was discussed. More information needs to be gathered.
  12. At 10:25AM Smith moved to enter public session. Seconded by MacKenzie. Voted unanimously in favor.
  13. At 10:25AM Smith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Vidal. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting