

Town of Lyme
Select Board Meeting
Minutes for October 17, 2013
Approved: October 24, 2013

The following were present for part or all of the meeting: Charles J. Smith (Chair), Richard A. Vidal (member), and Susan J. MacKenzie (member). Fred Stearns (Road Agent). Chief O'Keefe (Police Chief) and Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant). Community member Don Penfield.

1. Chair Smith called the Selectboard meeting to order at 8:15AM
2. Stearns: Highway Department budget review-Stearns review various lines on the proposed 2014 budget. The following topics were discussed:
 - \$4,000.00 for leasing space in Jenks pit.
 - Leasing to purchase and/or renting a roller.
 - Purchasing a blower for roadside maintenance.
 - Plans for 2014 Block Grant funds.
 - The addition of funds for road projects to meet the 10 year road maintenance plan.
 - Ball field project.
3. Chief O'Keefe: O'Keefe reviewed the proposed 2014 police budget. O'Keefe noted the accident at Post Pond last month has an outstanding invoice from Lebanon Fire Department for the protection measures taken for gas and oil leaking into the pond. This will need to be addressed with the Fire Department; there is no insurance available to cover these costs.
4. O'Keefe reviewed 2 grant applications. A Public Hearing will be posted for these grants prior to the Selectboards approval. October 31st, 2014 at 8:00AM.
5. Vidal informed the board he had received a legal document at his home from Fairpoint. He will bring it to the office.
6. MacKenzie moved to approve the minutes of the October 10th, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Smith. Voted unanimously in favor.
7. Matters arising:
 - MacKenzie reviewed information pertaining to culvert maintenance. The town cannot use public funds to do maintenance on private driveway culverts. A notice should go out on the town web page and the documents should be shared with the Highway Department.
 - The tree on the common was picked up by a community member. Henderson is still coming to look at this tree to give future recommendation for its viability.
 - Hazardous tree on River Road: This tree has been deemed hazardous by Public Service of NH. They will come and take it down. The land owner needs to be notified. MacKenzie will discuss this with the landowner. When the tree is cut there will need to be arrangements to haul the wood away (unless the landowner wants it).
8. Public Comments: none
9. Manifest: None
10. Conservation Commission: Remedial work is needed at Big Rock Sanctuary Trail Head. The Conservation Commission has asked if they can get the material from the highway department for this project. The Selectboard felt the Conservation Commission has funds appropriated for these purposes. They encouraged the Conservation Commission to use the funds for these repair work. Vidal will notify the Conservation Commission.
11. After and brief review of the Hewitt appeal, Smith moved to support Calder & Mitchell Municipal Services LLC recommendation on this legal matter and abate \$175,000 from Hewitt property assessment because of the Saw Mill noise and the shared driveway. Seconded by Vidal. Voted unanimously in favor.
12. Committees & Commissions:

- Roads Committee-MacKenzie noted the group did not have a quorum for their meeting. Mr. Watson had come at Stearns invitation to discuss various ideas and road issues. Watson, Stearns, Smith and MacKenzie held a workshop on various road maintenance issues. Chip sealing vs. crack sealing & magnesium vs. calcium chloride, were a few of the topics discussed.
 - MacKenzie reviewed the highway garage concerns again. She noted some concern over having Stearns reviewing condensation issues. The Energy Committee feels it should be done by a qualified person. It was noted the information was being gathered and brought to the Building Committee. MacKenzie noted the corrosion test will be done on October 30th, 2013 @ 9:00AM. Cutting will e-mail Stearns, Woodard and Vidal reminders. A Roads Committee member has offered to do an inventory of culverts, guardrails and bridges.
 - Energy Committee: MacKenzie requested the complete file on the Highway garage construction and building.
 - Planning Board: Smith reported the board reviewed zoning regulations in preparation for Town Meeting. The Planning Board will be getting a few changes ready for the town meeting vote in March 2014.
13. Capital Reserve Funding for the proposed 2014 budget will be reviewed at next week's meeting.
 14. A new yoga instructor has requested approval for the use of the Lyme Center Academy building. She will be filling in for Stephanie Carney, as she will need to take some time off. This request was approve with the understanding she will provide proper certification for teaching and a certificate of insurance coverage prior to her start date.
 15. Rob Selig called with concerns that there is a tree on Acorn Hill Road that is in danger of coming down.
 16. List of ongoing business was reviewed: Pathways will be coming to the meetings on October 24th and 31st @ 8:30AM with various reports on River Road and the bridges.
 17. The Selectboard supported the Building Committees request to have Cutting move ahead with the grant for the generator at the highway garage.
 18. At 10:30AM Smith moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3II (b). Seconded by MacKenzie. Voted unanimously by roll call vote. Present at this session was Smith, Vidal, MacKenzie, and Cutting.
The board discussed matters which if discussed in public may effect a reputation.
At 10:45AM Smith moved to enter public session. Seconded by Vidal. Voted unanimously in favor.
 19. At this time Don Penfield entered the meeting. Mr. Penfield wished to discuss issues involving Jedidiah, Catherine and Martha Smith. Smith noted at this time the board could not discuss this matter with him. The board listened to Mr. Penfield's concerns.
 20. There being no further business at 11:05AM Smith moved to adjourn. Seconded by MacKenzie. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting