

Town of Lyme
Select Board Meeting
Minutes for October 31st, 2013
Approved: November 7, 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). Chief O'Keefe (Police Chief) and Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant). Pathways Engineering: Scott Williams & Rod Finley

1. Chair Smith opened the Public Hearing.
 - The Police Grant applications for the following amounts were reviewed and approved.
 1. Highway Safety 2014 DUI patrol grant in the amount of \$4,100.00
 2. Highway Safety 2014 Speed patrol grant in the amount of \$5,800.00
2. Chair Smith opened the discussion for public comment.
3. There being no public present at 8:10AM Smith moved to approve these grant applications. Seconded by Vidal. Voted unanimously in favor.
4. At 8:11 Smith moved to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Vidal. Voted unanimously in favor.

Regular Select Board meeting

1. Chair Smith called the Selectboard meeting to order at 8:12AM
2. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the October 31st, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Vidal. A draft letter concerning the ownership of hazardous trees along the road side was discussed. The minutes were approved unanimously.
5. Pathways Engineering: Mr. Williams and Mr. Finley reviewed various concerns on the 3 bridges. Highlights from field work; field observations, DES regulations. Various alternate fixes were discussed and reviewed. Pathways reviewed existing conditions, conceptual design recommendations & draft plans and draft probable costs. Grants are not readily available and most are 10 years out. The next step is for the Selectboard to discuss the alternatives for these bridges and get back to Pathways to develop a plan.
6. Matters arising:
 - MacKenzie voiced concerns over the financing of the ball field and how the Board of Selectmen got to the decision of paying another contractor. Smith and Vidal felt the board had made a clear decision at the previous meeting to have another contractor come in ASAP to finish this job. When Mr. Jenks quit this job it needed to be completed ASAP. MacKenzie noted she would like to see thing done differently in the future. The Selectboard should be overseeing these projects, Mr. Vidal noted he had. It was the board's sense that after the bills are all in and the final numbers have been determined the board would review this project.
 - The Selectboard will not meet on November 28th, 2013 and December 26th, 2013 because of holidays.
 - Highway vehicles will not be used to commute for elective purposes.
7. Public Comments: none
8. Manifest: none
9. Chief O'Keefe was given information concerning "Hungry Hart" documentary on the difficulties of addiction and treating this problem. The Chief will look into this.
 - ✓ Followed was a brief discussion concerning available educational opportunities for children in the Lyme School concerning drugs, alcohol and other substances. At this time the Chief informed the board that the police department has not been asked to come into the school and do any programs in the past few years. The school has been using another group for these programs. Chief O'Keefe felt the police department should be using the Substance Abuse

Program Fund and educating the youth of our town and he hopes the school would take advantage of this opportunity.

- ✓ Chief O'Keefe was concerned about the increased number of vehicles the tenant in the Pike house has. He would like the Selectboard to check the lease to see if there is anything in it concerning parking.
- ✓ Chief O'Keefe reported the Lyme Inn was planning a bouncy house on the common during trick or treat hours. After investigating this it was determined that there was no application for the use of the common. O'Keefe will meet with the Lyme Inn concerning this.
- ✓ Dispatch is getting increased calls about noise. Random houses at random times reporting noise coming from a River Road farm. Chief O'Keefe noted the town should investigate the option of a noise ordinance.

10. Intent to Cut for the following property owners were approved: McIntyre, Ross-Map 403 Lot 37 & 46

11. Committees & Commissions:

- Energy Committee: The Highway Garage walls were inspected. Good news, there is no corrosion behind the insulation.
- Recreation Commission: Vidal reported the Recreation Commission had voted to support the idea of a skating rink on the common. Some community members came to the last meeting with this request. David Celone and Richard Pippin Sr. will be attending the Selectboard meeting on November 7th to discuss this issue. The Selectboard discussed the following issues: Liability, parking, maintenance, the repair to the grass, responsibility and lighting.
- Planning Board: The Planning Board voted to approve the draft master plan. The plan should be on the Town Web site for review.

12. 2013 Tax Rate: The Selectboard reviewed the spreadsheet from the Department of Revenue, State of New Hampshire. After a lengthy discussion Vidal moved to use \$100,000 from the undesignated fund balance to offset the tax rate. Seconded by MacKenzie. After further discussion this motion was voted 1 in favor (Vidal) and 2 against (Smith & MacKenzie). The motion did not pass. Concerns with keeping the undesignated fund balance at the minimum 7% figure were discussed. MacKenzie moved to use \$50,000 of the undesignated fund balance to offset the 2013 tax rate. Seconded by Smith. Vidal stated he was concerned over the increase in the tax rate for the town. After a brief discussion the motion was voted unanimously in favor. At a tax rate of \$23.58 the increase to the tax rate will be 7.67%. The DRA will need to review these figures and confirm the tax rate. Once this is confirmed tax bills can be mailed. Projected date of mailing is November 8th, 2013.

13. 2014 proposed budget spreadsheet was reviewed. Changes were offered and Smith moved to approve the proposed 2014 operational budget at \$2,035,468. Seconded by MacKenzie. After a brief discussion the motion was voted unanimously in favor.

14. Reviewed on going items.

15. There being no further business at 11:05AM Smith moved to adjourn. Seconded by MacKenzie. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting