

Town of Lyme  
Select Board Meeting  
Minutes for November 7, 2013  
Approved November 14, 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). Planning Board member: Jack Elliott. Community members; David Celone & Tony Pippin Sr.

1. Chair Smith called the Selectboard meeting to order at 8:04AM
2. Jack Elliott suggested the Selectboard explore the option of purchasing the park & ride from the State of NH to create a municipal parking lot. There would be many different aspect to be considered in the future concerning the lay out, the use and flow of traffic. In order to start this discussion with the State they would need to receive a letter from the Selectboard stating its interest in exploring the options.
  - ✓ After a lengthy discussion MacKenzie moved Mr. Elliott draft and letter to be considered by the Selectboard. Seconded by Smith. Mr. Elliott agreed to draft this letter for the Selectboards consideration. Voted unanimously in favor.
3. At 8:25AM David Celone & Tony Pippin Sr. came before the board to discuss a skating rink on the Common. A group would like to create a skating rink on the common this year. They feel this would be a good thing for the community and there has been a lot of support. Financial support has been offered to get the necessary start up supplies. Celone stated they had talked to the school about parking, and as long as there was no event at school the skaters could park there. Celone felt this was a better place for a skating rink than the pond site. The pond site is out of town and does not have many people using it. The Selectboard informed all that they were waiting for a response from the risk management department of the Towns insurance company. They should hear from them next week. It was noted the people who are directly around the common should have an opportunity to consider this. Celone & Pippin stated they were planning on this rink being set up and ready to go in January. It was also noted this should fall under the umbrella of the Recreation Commission. The recreation commission supported this idea at its last meeting but did not vote to take this on as a recreation commission event. After a lengthy discussion concerning parking, safety, insurance, responsibility and up keep the sense of the Selectboard was to hold a public hearing to consider this. The Selectboard must consider the liability for the town as a whole. The public hearing will be posted and well-advertised.
4. Fred Stearns:
  - ✓ Stearns noted he was trying to finish up with the grading of roads before cold weather sets in.
  - ✓ Ditching will come as soon as the grading is done.
  - ✓ River Road drainage on the south end needs some attention soon.
  - ✓ Smith noted the various departments are going to be asked to be cautious for the remainder of the year concerning spending funds. The over seer of welfare account is going to be over spent and the Selectboard will need to find some funds to cover these expenditures with in the budget.
  - ✓ GMC 5500 needed extensive work. This totaled \$4,279.26. The Selectboard approved the expenditure from Emergency Vehicle CRF with a motion from Smith. Seconded by Vidal and voted unanimously in favor.
5. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Vidal. Some changes were offered. The minutes were approved as amended.
6. Matters arising:
  - Cutting discussed some concerns with the land being considered for a stump dump. The

Selectboard requested the concerns be addressed with Planning and Zoning Administrator and then the attorney be contacted for more information if needed.

- The Power Company will be calling with a date to take down the hazardous tree on River Road. The land owner has a spot the trunk can be moved to. The Highway Crew will need to be notified of this date.
- MacKenzie informed the board the river was low enough for the bank by Carola Lea to be investigated. The road is undermined at least 4' under the bank. She also found lots of trash dumped along this section. John Mudge has taken pictures to be sent in with the permitting information. This should be addressed as soon as possible.

7. Public Comments: none
8. Manifest: was approved in the amounts of \$30,138.10 & \$2,493.03.
9. The Selectboard would like Cutting to arrange a meeting with Nancy Grandine, Over Seer of Welfare. The Capital Reserve fund balance is low, the Selectboard wishes to discuss the possible over spending of this balance in order to be prepared for what may need to come out of the operating fund for 2013.
10. Report of Wood Cut: Tensen, Paula-Smith Mountain Road-\$256.86
11. A cemetery lot was approved for Richard & Delores Drew
12. 21 appointments for oath of office for ballot clerks were signed
13. Property Tax Warrant for 2013 in the amount of \$7,626,933.35 was signed
14. 2013 equalization assessment data was reviewed and signed
15. A notice of application to construct a personal wireless communication facility on Moose Mountain in Hanover was reviewed. The balloon test will be done on November 12, 2013 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM.
16. Committees & Commissions:
  - Budget Committee: Smith reported the meeting went well. Some items reviewed and discussed were Parks and Cemetery mowing contract. The Budget Committee would prefer this be split between the 2 departments rather than just in the Parks department. Town Report-Ways to find savings in the production of this report was discussed. Ambulance expenses-The Town is paying for more individual ambulance bills than in the past 5 years. Health Services-Budget Committee expressed concern over expending funds on out of town services rather than organizations that directly impact Lyme. This will be reviewed. The next Budget Committee meeting will be December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7:00PM.
  - Conservation Commission: Vidal reported the Commission will find the fund with in their budget for the big rock repairs. Milfoil treatment is of concern for the commission because of herbicides going in to the pond. They are also concerned with the Milfoil Committee's lack of productive involvement in the Milfoil problem.
  - Roads Committee: Reviewed the draft spreadsheet of paved road maintenance projections. Reviewed information and got ready for the public informational meeting for this evening.
17. There will some changes to the 2014 proposed budget. Waiting on final numbers for the Emergency Communications line, Ambulance increase, made some changes in the Planning and Zoning department, final operating budget to be voted prior to the Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting.
18. Because of new laws involving insurance the Town must change its personnel policy. It now reads a new employee will have the option of Health Insurance after a 90 day probationary period. The Town is no longer allowed to use 90 days it must be changed to 60 days. The Policy will be changed and a public hearing will be held for this change.
19. Reviewed on going items. The Selectboard would like to review the Lyme Center Academy Building use policy soon. The rental should be coming close if not paying for the heat and electrical use of this building.
20. A public hearing was set for December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:00PM to consider the skating rink on the

common.

21. The Selectboard approved various vacation days for Cutting.

22. There being no further business at 11:00AM Smith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Vidal. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting