

Town of Lyme  
Select Board Meeting  
Minutes for November 14, 2013  
Approved: November 21, 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) and Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant). Conservation Commission members: Blake Allison & Joanna Laro. Community member: Bill Ackerly.

1. Chair Smith called the Selectboard meeting to order at 8:07AM
2. Blake Allison spoke to concerns the Conservation Commission has pertaining to the lack of meetings and action from the Eurasian Milfoil Committee. The Conservation Commission is also concerned about the timing of the grant application through DES and Town meeting warrant article timing for funding in 2014. The Selectboard assured Allison and Laro that they were moving ahead with the application for a grant and for funds for the treatment next spring at Post Pond as DES has suggested. The Eurasian Milfoil committee was set up to get people involved and be proactive in treating and keeping the milfoil from spreading. At this time MacKenzie moved to send a letter to all Milfoil committee members to reiterate the importance of this committee and find out what each members commitment may be. If there is no interest from this group the Selectboard will seek out other community members who are willing to invest time in this matter. Seconded by Vidal. Voted unanimously in favor.
3. The minutes from November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 were approved by a motion from Vidal, seconded by MacKenzie with minor changes noted.
4. Matters arising:
  - PSNH-the plan for the hazardous tree on river road was reviewed and approved. This tree will be taken down as soon as they set up a date with Stearns.
  - Skating rink on the Common: The group is requesting they be allowed to put stakes on the common before the ground freezes. The board had safety concerns with this request. After a discussion concerning the stakes and a suggestion from Vidal to cover the spots with hay to act as an insulator it was the sense of the board to request the group to spread hay to keep the ground from freezing instead of putting stakes in the ground at this time.
  - River Road: During the public hearing for Class V roads it was brought to the group's attention that a section of road on the River Road is clearly unsafe. This section needs to have warning signs until it can be repaired. MacKenzie will talk to Stearns.
  - Next meeting the Selectboard would like to review the Lyme Center Academy Use Policy. Cutting will prepare the financials on the building expenses and revenues.
  - The mandated change from 90 days to 60 days as a waiting period for Health Insurance needs to be changed accordingly in the personnel policy.
5. Public Comments: none
6. Manifest: was approved in the amount of \$86,638.47.
7. Report of Wood Cut: Mudge, Elenor-Map 403 Lot 29.1 for \$2,241.07
8. Intent to Cut: Green, Thomas & Kathryn-map 406 lot 15 was approved
9. Abatement for \$4,001.53 was approved and signed- The abatement was caused by an elderly exemption that was not carried over to the tax billing system.
10. Committees & Commissions:
  - Class V Roads committee: The public information meeting went well. MacKenzie felt it was not as well attended as it could have been.
11. 2014 proposed budget: At the request of the Budget Committee the Selectboard moved split the mowing contract funds between Parks and Cemetery budgets. Funds were discussed and more cuts were made to the proposed 2014 budget. The board is waiting for the communication line estimate.

The Capital Reserve Budget was reviewed:

- Bridges: This fund needs additional funding over the coming years. The 3 remaining bridges all need work. Tentative plans were reviewed to address the Hews Brook Bridge in the spring of 2015 and the 2 remaining bridges in 2017. The funding will be set up to meet this tentative plan.
  - The Board will be confirming the total budget amount at the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> and reviewing the Capital Reserve Fund budget.
12. Carl Wagner of Property Liability will be coming to visit the common and review the propose site for the skating rink.
  13. Reviewed on going items: Added the following to the list: Milfoil committee, Highway generator. MacKenzie reviewed the letter to land owners concerning hazardous trees on their property. The Board approved this letter and will come to the office a sign it.
  14. There being no further business at 10:20AM Smith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Vidal. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting