

Town of Lyme
Select Board Meeting
Minutes for February 13th, 2014
Approved: February 20th, 2014

The following were present for part or all of the meeting: Charles J. Smith (Chair), Richard A. Vidal (member), Susan J. MacKenzie (member), Chief O'Keefe (Police Chief), Fred Stearns (Road Agent) and Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant). Conservation Commission members: Matt Stevens, Lee Larson, & Blake Allison. Community members: Ross McIntyre, Kathy Larson, Freda Swan, Tim Cook, & Julia Elder.

1. Chair Smith called the Select Board meeting to order at 8:07AM and opened the Public Hearing. Smith read warrant article 16.

Questions concerning the reason for the public hearing were answered. Revenues from Land Use Change tax now go 100% to the conservation fund some concerns with changing that were expressed. Members are concerned that if monies from the LUCT are not voted to be spent in the following year they will roll into the general fund. Concerns were expressed with how this article is written. Also noted was if funding is needed from the Conservation Fund the Conservation Commission could react to the need without a town vote, this change will create the need for a town vote prior to the spending of these revenues.

The Select board explained the intent of the article is to use the funds from LUCT to fund town projects without having to raise funds from taxes. The milfoil is a current project that is costing the tax payers money. The grant from the State is a 40% reimbursement; the town has to fund 60% from money raised by taxes. The board felt this was an avenue worth investigating to help fund projects. The town will have the opportunity to vote on where this money will be spent at the following years Town Meeting.

Discussions of various projects were touched on. Again the CC expressed concern with the money not being put into a designated fund and the possibility of having it roll into the general fund. It is difficult for the CC to consider funding projects when the select board is trying to take funds away from them. The CC noted they had recently discussed funding various project i.e. bridge and culvert work.

When asked about funding for the milfoil project, the CC feels the board has never come to them with a proposal request.

The public hearing was closed at 8:40AM.

2. Highway Department: Stearns presented the Board with a copy of Orford's over-time policy to be considered. The Select board will be researching this and will be addressing it at a later date. The culvert steamer is working great, the highway department is thankful for it. The board discussed Goose Pond Road costs. Stearns is worried that the warrant article for \$97,000 will not be enough to do the entire section slated for construction. The job will be put out for bid and the amount of work to be done will depend on funding. The erosion problems located at 522 River road were reviewed. Stearns has concerns and questions with the recommended repair method. Mackenzie will set up a time for Stearns to meet with Mr. Kennedy.
3. MacKenzie moved to approve the minutes of the February 6th, 2014. Seconded by Vidal. Voted unanimously in favor.
4. Matters arising:
 - MacKenzie reported the permit for the north section of River Road located at 522 River Road is almost complete. The permit for the location 3/10th of a mile from East Thetford Bridge may not require a permit. The permitting for the project on the south end of the River Road will be more complex.

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- MacKenzie asked for some clarification on the audit.
 - Researched the claims of the little common being registered as a historical site. What does this mean? More research needs to go into this question. Make sure the Heritage Commission has a copy of the National Register of Historic Places.
5. Public Comment: None
 6. Manifest was signed in the amount of \$34,085.71.
 7. Notice of Intent to Cut was approved for Tyler Rich-Map 421 Lot 18 Dorchester Road
 8. Report of wood cut for Todd & Alison Wagner was approved and signed in the amount of \$1,675.67
 9. Committee & Commission reports:
 - MacKenzie reported the solarize Lyme group is off and running.
 - Building Committee: Steve Campbell is no longer the Library rep on this committee it is now Dan O'Hara. Mr. Campbell is happy to continue as a community representative if needed.
 10. Ongoing business:
 - Add the following topics: Over-time review, generator grant, & River Road permits.
 11. There being no further business Smith moved to adjourn at 10:00AM. Seconded by Vidal.
Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting