

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
May 8, 2014
Town Office Conference Room
River Road-Lyme
Approved: May 15th, 2014

The following people were present for all or part of the meeting held in the conference room:

C. Jay Smith, Select Board Chair, Susan Mackenzie-member, Patricia Jenks-member, Fred Stearns Road Agent

Appointments: Margaret Caudill-Slosberg, Jack Elliott, Simon Carr, David Celone, Tony Pippin (Sr.)

Guests: Don Elder

This meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 8am.

1. In for her 8:00 am appointment, Margaret Caudill-Slosberg joined the Board to discuss her appointment as the Emergency Management Director, replacing Kevin Peterson who has resigned. She indicated she has talked with Fire Chief Michael Hinsley and Kevin Peterson. She looks forward to visiting with Fast Squad Director Karen Keane and Wallace Ragan, previous EMD. There is a probability the EMS team will require a new laptop computer for use to store files, information and records. This will be researched. Patty Jenks had been asked to bring up poor internet service at the fire station. This also will be researched. The Select Board signed the appointment for Margaret Caudill-Slosberg to assume duties as the Emergency Management Director, effective immediately and until March 2017. Ms. Caudill-Slosberg signed the appointment and her position is official.
2. Jack Elliot arrived earlier than his scheduled appointment and as business was concluded with the EMD issue, Jack took the opportunity to bring up his concerns and ideas regarding the park & ride currently owned by the State of New Hampshire. Following a discussion, Sue MacKenzie made the motion that the Board of Selectmen send a letter to the State to ask them to increase the number of parking spaces at the park and ride as it is currently not meeting demand, in response to the letter received from them. The motion was seconded by Smith and voted in the affirmative.
3. Fast Roads: Simon Carr and Jack Elliott discussed progress on the *Fast Roads* project. Simon indicated there's an informal commitment from CFOL (Commission on Fiber Optics Lyme), whose local members include Simon Carr, Jack Elliott, Lee Larson, Steve Campbell and Laszlo Bardos, to provide funding for a study on fiber optics in Lyme. Lyme Foundation funded the study on "*Design Nine*", a copy of which was distributed to Board members. The committee is now trying to expand the number of members to include financial expertise. They are moving forward to secure funding for the next phase. Jack noted that it could take Two point nine million dollars (\$2.9 million) to provide fiber optic service to every home in Lyme. Different tiered options (called donut options) would reduce the estimated costs to one point eight million dollars (\$1.8 million). The Committee recommends at the moment to do all or nothing. It would not be equitable to all Lyme residents if the total package was not used. The question remains as to how to secure that large amount of money to do the

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project. The committee is working on that. It is currently not legal to bond fiber-optic projects. The impetus is that fiber-optic access to properties raises the property assessment. In addition, more income related ventures could be done from a home based location providing more opportunities in the work force. Simon and Jack were thanked for the report.

4. Skating rink review: Tony Pippin (Sr.) and Dave Celone came for their 9:00 appointment for the purpose of reviewing the winter skating rink activities on the Common. It was agreed that the program was very successful and even the parking issues, once sorted and enforced worked out-in large part due to the generosity of Dave Roby (Lyme Timber) and Hank Flickinger (Lyme Computer) who invited people to use their parking areas in order to comply with police requests to not park on the road or common area. Tony pointed out the project brought the community together in many different ways including prep, maintenance and break down of the rink area. They wondered if it would be allowed to happen next year without need of public hearing. Jay responded that no public hearing would be necessary, just filling out the form for use of the common needed to happen. Sue asked if there is a policy addressing the use of the common. It was not clear if this is in place. Sue moved that a committee be created to investigate use of the common, including reaching out to the community for ideas. Motion was seconded by Patty and voted in the affirmative. Tony asked if an antique car show could be held on the common. The newly formed committee will address this. Tony and Dave were commended and thanked for their considerable efforts on making this project happen and being so diligent in complying with the requests associated with it.
5. Don Elder stopped by to ask when the “posted” signs would come off the roads. He was encouraged to seek out Fred Stearns (Road Agent) to discuss this.
6. Sue made the motion that the minutes of May 1, 2014 be approved as submitted. Patty asked to have the name of the beach changed from Case to Chase and the minutes were approved as corrected.
7. The manifest in the amount of \$69,880.09 was signed.
8. Matters Arising:
 - The Welfare guidelines have been approved and Dina Cutting (AA) has advised Nancy Elizabeth Grandine (Overseer of Public Welfare) this is done.
 - The Board needs to make a decision about the Energy Committee putting up a sign on the common for “Solarize Lyme” progress. While the Board supports the efforts, they need more information as to what the Energy Committee intends to do. Patty will get in touch with Mark Bolinger (EC Chair) to follow up on this.
9. Reports of Wood Cut were signed for Sam & Priscilla Power (\$2,526.11) and Kevin & Irene Graf (1,605.45)

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10. The guidelines for Hardship Abatement were reviewed. Sue made the motion to adopt the guidelines as presented. Jay seconded the motion and it was approved by voice vote.
11. At 9:30AM Smith moved to enter non-public session according to RSA 91-A: 3 II(c) "matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person". Seconded by Jenks and voted unanimously by a roll call vote. Seconded by Jenks and voted unanimously by a roll call vote. Present for the non-public session was Smith, MacKenzie, Jenks & Grandine. The Board returned to public session at 9:40AM. Smith moved to abate \$3,000.00 (interest) and stop accrued interest as of May 5, 2014 for a tax payer making arrangements to pay taxes in arrears. Seconded by MacKenzie and voted 3-0 in favor.
12. At 9:42AM Smith moved to enter non-public session according RSA 91-A: 3 II (e), Litigation. Seconded by Jenks and voted unanimously by a roll call vote. Present for the non-public session was Smith, MacKenzie, Jenks. A legal matter was discussed.
The Board returned to public session at 9:54AM.
13. Committees & Commission reports:
 - Sue reported on the Conservation Commission. They have committed \$7,500.00 to milfoil research and \$7,500.00 to another project to be determined. In addition they intend to allocate 5% of annual income for special conservation projects. A public hearing must be held before they may spend any monies. They are also talking about building a footbridge to adjoin the Chaffee Wildlife Sanctuary and the Chase Beach area.
 - Sue reported on the Roads Committee. The 10 year plan for gravel/dirt roads is a big issue. The committee is discussing the possibility of prioritizing projects such as doing drainage first to see if that will alleviate the problem, then identifying which areas need more remedial measures. This may eliminate unnecessary expense.
14. A RFP has been drafted for the Goose Pond Road project by Roads Committee member Bill Malcolm. It's been sent to Nate Miller for review. It's likely the request for engineering proposals will be sent to New Hampshire and Vermont firm.
15. Pre-Hazardous grant meeting is scheduled on May 20, 2014 with Adam Ricker following the Roads Committee meeting that evening.
16. Historic Preservation Easements are still being reviewed. The Board made site visits to four locations on Tuesday May 6, 2014. Three properties appear to remain compliant; one has undergone renovations which prompts further research. Sue would like to discuss the findings with the Town Assessor. Review and research will continue in preparation for the Public Hearing scheduled for May 29, 2014.
17. Sue made the motion that lunch be provided for the men (Dave Robbins, Lyme Zoning Administrator, Jim Kennedy, Soil Scientist, and two men from DES)

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joining the Select Board meeting as it relocates to River Road to study and discuss past and future remedial measures to stabilize the road and banks. Jay seconded the motion and it was approved by voice vote.

18. Ongoing Business: The importance of culvert installation, follow up and monitoring was discussed. Fred Stearns, Highway Agent indicated Ben Kilham continues to help him do driveway culvert authorizations.
19. The meeting left to relocate at River Road at 10:30 am. Sue Mackenzie will do minutes for that portion of the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Jenks, recorder pro-tem