

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
March 5, 2015
Town Office Conference Room
Approved: March 12, 2015

The following were present for part or all or parts of this Select Board meeting:
Charles J. Smith (Chair), Susan J. MacKenzie (member), and Patricia G. Jenks (member), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant), Fred Stearns (Road Agent).

1. Chair Smith opened the meeting at 8:04AM.
2. MacKenzie moved to approve the minutes of February 26, 2015. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously in favor.
3. Highway:
 - Stearns reported on some information generated from questions at little Town Meeting. The life span of the roller is 15 to 20 years. The monthly rent on a roller would be at least \$3,000. The Board and Stearns discussed getting all equipment under cover in order to protect it from weather related troubles. The steamer will be moved up to the vacant Cemetery Shed. Once the steamer is moved out there will be room in the garage for the roller during the winter months.
 - Stearns will gather information on the amount of times the highway department has been called out to plow since Jan. 1st of 2015.
 - It was commented the humidity in the Highway Garage seems to be much better this winter.
 - Some discussion of being able to sand the parking lot for Transfer Station hours took place. If the lot is icy Matt should call Fred first thing in the morning and he will come and sand it.
 - Stearns requested the Board post all roads as of Monday March 9th, 2015. The board supported this.
 - The Board discussed the Transfer Station and the need for a 3rd employee. The ad will be put out again. It was noted this 3rd person is necessary to monitor the construction bin.
 - The paved portion of Baker Hill Road needs to be the pavement preservation road for 2015. It is beginning to break down and needs work soon.
 - Cutting and Stearns will finalize the road side mowing RFP Friday.
4. No Public comments at this time.
5. There was no manifest.
6. Matters arising:
 - Smith has communicated with Mr. Celone about putting off further discussion concerning the Common use until after Town Meeting.
7. Little Town Meeting was reviewed and discussed:
 - Jenks noted she felt very disjointed. The board needs to sit closer as a group. Shift things around a bit, speakers didn't seem to be in a good spot, people could not hear. The board discussed and reviewed set up procedure.
 - Milfoil project needs a bit more information. Cutting will have handouts of the most recent report and make sure the board has the numbers for carry over amount. Also noted by Smith is he was unaware there is already a group of interested people available to be trained to be "weed watchers".
 - Park & Ride: Need to clarify that this includes expanded parking for the town and community events. The state is willing to put forward 50% of material costs for the project in addition to drainage, line stripping and summer maintenance. This is a great opportunity which the town should take advantage of.
 - Article 14: This is a recommendation received annually (historically) by the auditors. This board is simply trying to stay in compliance with their recommendation.
 - The board reviewed the various zoning amendment questions and discussions.

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- The board reviewed the costs of producing and mailing the Town report. It was discouraging that 118 fewer town reports were mailed this year and because the postage has increased, it ended up costing \$120.00 more. The opt-in choice has been confusing for some. The opt-in numbers from last year reflected that 81 indicated they would read the town report on-line, 37 would pick it up in the Town Office building. After discussing options MacKenzie moved to not mail any town reports next year. Seconded by Jenks. If someone cannot come and pick it up we will make sure it is delivered. This decision can always be changed back to postal delivery in the future if it does not work out. Voted unanimously in favor.
8. NH DOT Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance map of all Lyme roads will be reviewed and changed if necessary by the Road Agent.
 9. Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission: The state 10 year plan is asking for any comments on concerns and/or new problems with State roads and bridges in Lyme. The board reiterated the concern for the bridge over Connecticut River to East Thetford VT
 10. UV.com, an Upper Valley web community information list serve requested that minutes from board meetings be e-mailed to them. After a brief discussion it was decided that Cutting will notify them of the normal procedure in the office and that they may get on the web page and review any approved minutes available.
 11. The board reviewed a revised charge for the Independence Day Committee. After discussing the charge and deleting fireworks it was approved. MacKenzie moved to accept this charge and to advertise for Independence Day Committee members to serve on this committee. Seconded by Jenks and voted unanimously in favor.
 12. Following a brief discussion on the need for a 3rd person at the Transfer Station, the board would requested the position be advertised again as soon as possible.
 13. Committee & Commissions:
 - Conservation Commission: A land owner has refused to allow public access to this property so the Conservation Commission will be contributing \$15,000 to this easement rather than \$30,000.
 - Planning Board: Discussing future changes to ordinances. They have decided to have a joint meeting with the Zoning Board concerning the Pinnacle Project. The Zoning Board has requested more information from the Pinnacle Project. Community members have noted they realize this may end up in the courts and have offered to help defray costs for the Town because this was an unexpected expenditure.
 14. Ongoing and new matters:
 - Dowd's Inn is requesting consideration for a protective easement around the Inn's well. This would include some of the Old Cemetery property. In the past the Town has not made it a practice to grant these kinds of restrictive easements. Dowd's Inn designer, Hogg Hill Designs will be gathering more information and have more specifications on the easement requirements.
 - MacKenzie noted a common topic of concern during Coffee hours is speeding. This will be discussed with Chief O'Keefe and referred to the Safety Committee. The board needs to be able to give answers back to the community about what is being done to address this.
 - MacKenzie noted she had a conversation with representatives from both NHDES and NHDOT concerning the replacement of 1 lane bridges. She had been led to believe that neither agency would support replacing them in kind-as in with 1 lane. Her research pointed to the opposite-that they would support replacing 1 lane with 1 lane.
 - Town Meeting: Set up is scheduled for 5:00PM on Monday March 9th. Josh Kilham has

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agreed to come and help in addition to the usual crew. 8th grade is supplying lunch and dinner. Microphones have been delivered; Jeff Valence will set those up.

- Voting starts at 7:00AM and at least 1 Select Board member needs to be at the polls at all times.
 - The Common Use form was briefly discussed. This subject and procedure for dealing with requests appears confusing and inconsistent. Parking on the common and what has been done in the past was reviewed and discussed, and it is still un-clear. Jenks had researched prior Select Board meetings back to 1997 and found that the average number of times a Select Board had to deal with the use of the Common was 4-5 times a month. Issues ranged from simple parking requests from the Congregational Church to more complex issues of event organizers using the Common to stage the event and complaints from Common neighbors about illegal parking and noise issues. The board will be scheduling a public forum to hear the community's concerns and ideas and to educate the public about the liabilities associated with the use of the Common, in the near future.
15. There being no further business Smith moved to adjourn at 10:20AM. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting