

TOWN OF LYME  
Select Board Meeting  
March 12, 2015  
Town Office Conference Room  
Approved: March 19, 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), Dave Celone (Community member)

1. Chair Smith opened the meeting at 8:02AM.
2. Organization of the Board: The Board will continue to rotate the Chairmanship. With that said Smith move to nominate MacKenzie as Chair of the Board. Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously in favor.
3. Boards, Committees and Commission assignments were reviewed, MacKenzie will be the Budget Committee rep and Smith will be the Conservation Commission rep, all other assignments stayed the same. See attached list.
4. Jenks moved to approve the minutes of March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Seconded by MacKenzie. Voted unanimously in favor.
5. Matters arising:
  - Independence Day request for members has not gone out yet, it will go with all other department appointments
  - Transfer Station position has been re-advertised
  - All Board members feel Town Meeting went well
  - Dowd's Inn protective well easement: After careful review and consideration of Town attorneys comments MacKenzie moved to not grant this easement based on the legal opinion. Seconded by Smith. Voted unanimously in favor. Cutting will prepare a letter for the Board.
  - Common Use discussion: The board briefly discussed the need for a policy concerning the use of the common. Smith will draft this for review and discussion, the Board will then hold a public forum to review and discuss with community members.
6. No Public comments at this time.
7. Manifests were reviewed, questions were answered and approved in the following amounts: \$405,968.10 (\$350,000 school appropriation), \$847.68 (overseer of welfare)
8. Milfoil: The grant documents were signed. Cutting will send them off to DES. Cutting informed the board of the Milfoil "weed watchers" already to be trained in the late spring by DES. Once the training date is confirmed Cutting will notify the board. Local volunteer divers can be used but need to go through a training course mandated by DES and there is a \$200.00 fee associated with this course.
9. De-Merger: Perkins, Katherine-Map 409 Lot 67-This property had in the past been 3 lots (59, 66 & 67) the owner would like it returned to the original 3 lots. After a lengthy discussion the Board approved this de-merger per RSA 674:39- aa.
10. Emergency hazardous tree removal: Smith informed the Board that PSNH has made the Town aware of 2 trees that are posing a hazard on River Road; they have marked these trees for removal. Concerns about these trees coming down were noted. The trees are south of the North Thetford and River Road intersection. Smith moved to deem these trees as hazardous trees. Seconded by MacKenzie. Smith noted he had reviewed this situation with Road Agent Stearns and he agreed they were hazardous and should be removed. Voted unanimously in favor.
11. Town meeting went well and the Board would like to thank Josh Kilham for his help. Next year the Board is considering purchasing new voter booths *and bringing a comfortable chair; lounge chair preferably, long day!*
12. Committee & Commissions: None to report on
13. Appointments for Committees and Commissions: All appointments will be advertised on list serve and the town web page. Once names are gathered Cutting will turn them over to the Chairman of

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each committee and commission. The Committees and Commissions will then make their recommendations to the Board for appointments. These recommendation must be communicated prior to the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Select Board meeting.

14. Ongoing and new matters:
  - Energy Committee Round Table: This invitation went to the Energy Committee.
  - Survey: 52 have come in so far, the board will be posting a message with an April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for the survey.
  - Jenks reports 2 complaints concerning Goose Pond Road Smith property. People have witnessed more tires being brought on to this site. Smith will drive by and take up to date photos and the Towns attorney will be notified. The board will review the deadlines for compliance in the next week.
  - Expanded down town parking: The memorandum has not come back from the State yet. The beautification of the surrounding area was discussed briefly. The neighbors on each side of the parking lot will take care of the mowing and maintenance of lawn. The Board reviewed comments from Town Meeting and the possibility of adding more parking spaces. The wetland buffer in the back needs to be considered and could prevent additional spaces from being added to the back section.
  - Jenks will be scheduling an interview for the assistant Town Clerk position.
  - Wage & benefit review: MacKenzie will be gathering information and the board will review one position at a time in order to have all done for the next budget cycle.
  - The Mr. Valence (school principal) is pricing sound systems to consider if purchasing one is financially beneficial at this time.
  - The Board would like Simon Carr to come in and inform them of Fast Roads and the previous boards understanding of this project.
  - Town photo ID's - where are they?
15. At 9:42AM Smith moved to enter non-public session under authority of RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). "Reputation" Seconded by MacKenzie. Voted unanimously by a roll call vote. Present for the non-public session were, Smith, MacKenzie, Jenks & Cutting.
16. At 9:56AM the Board returned to public session. MacKenzie moved to deny any further abatement because the Town is actively working on this issue and hopes to have it resolved soon. Seconded by Smith. Motion voted unanimously in favor. MacKenzie will draft a letter to the property owner.
17. At 9:56AM MacKenzie moved to enter non-public session under authority of RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). "Reputation". Seconded by Jenks. Voted unanimously by a roll call vote. Present for the non-public session were, Smith, MacKenzie, Jenks & Cutting. The Board discussed an e-mail received by a board member.
18. At 10:06AM the Board returned to public session with no action taken.
19. The board reviewed and confirmed a schedule for Coffee Hour gatherings.
20. Smith noted the board needed to elect a Vice Chair. At this time Jenks moved to nominate Smith as Vice Chair. Seconded by MacKenzie. Motion voted unanimously in favor.
21. Public Comment: New Business-Mr. Celone noted that 4 pieces of art will be displayed soon on the Common. He listed release forms and who had signed them. Smith noted he had not received a form from Celone for Stephanie. Old Business: Mr. Celone requested the board sign and send a retraction letter stating he had not run afoul concerning an issue in the Town and on the Common. Mr. Smith noted the board would consider his request at a future meeting.
22. There being no further business Smith moved to adjourn at 10:23AM. Seconded by MacKenzie. Voted unanimously in favor.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Dina Cutting