

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
June 24th, 2015
Town Office Conference Room
2:00PM

Approved: July 2nd, 2015

The following were present for all or part of this Select Board meeting:

Susan J. MacKenzie (Chair), Patricia G. Jenks (member), C. Jay Smith (member), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant).

1. MacKenzie opened the Public Hearing at 2:00PM. No public present.
 - The donations for the Independence Day Committees event were reviewed. The board discussed briefly the difference between unanticipated donations and anticipated donations and what the Department of Revenue requires concerning these funds. Donations totaling \$5,230.00 have been collected and deposited into the Gift & Donations funds and a matching donation from The Lyme Foundation of \$3,000.00 will be forthcoming. Any funds left from the 2015 event will go into the Independence Day fund held under the Town Treasurer to be used towards the 2016 event. Jenks moved to accept these donations and any other collected for this event after this date. Seconded by Smith. Voted unanimously in favor.
 - At 2:10PM the public Hearing was closed.
2. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the June 18th, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Jenks. Smith recommended a sentence be removed. Voted unanimously in favor as amended.
3. Matters arising & new business:
 - The Board discussed holding small discussion groups with employees in order to follow up on the workshop concerning communication. Jenks will finalize the memo to be included in the employees' paychecks next week.
 - MacKenzie reported meeting with Stearns. Stearns contacted James Jenks of Derby Mountain Construction and Jenks has agreed to run the grader for the town while Stearns is out recuperating. Jenks will be considered a sub-contractor, will supply all his own insurance coverage and paid an hourly rate, to be determined at a later date. MacKenzie noted things are going good in the highway department and that Williams has a solid understanding of what needs to be done while Stearns is out.
 - Police shower: still no news
 - Jenks noted she sent Mr. Frommer a note acknowledging his complaint about neighborhood construction noise.
 - 911 house numbering was discussed. The town does not have the authority to make people do this. All residents should want their house numbered so in the event emergency personnel responds to a call, residences may be easily located.
 - A culvert on Market Street remains a concern to a Market Street resident. MacKenzie and Williams looked at the culvert and felt it appeared solid and seems to be in good shape. It's possible an extension was added later onto private property. That issue would be that of the property owners.
 - Cutting will check to see if the water pump for the Town Office building is hooked to the generator. If not get a price for doing this.
4. Public Comments: none at this time
5. Payroll Manifest was reviewed.
6. Accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$ 56,288.63 was reviewed and signed.
7. Park & Ride is complete. Derby Mountain Construction assisted the highway department on this project. The billed work was under the \$5,000 bid requirement. A complete accounting of the activity provided by Derby Mountain was given to Mackenzie at her request.
8. Report of Wood cut: Pike, Roberta-Map 421 Lot 5-\$348.86
9. Intent to cut: Intent to cut for Pratt, Chris & Melissa-Map 408 Lot 72 was reviewed and signed.

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10. It was noted at this time that the town has not heard back from the State Forest Warden concerning the condition of a logging job. Jenks will forward the concern to Ian Smith in the Select Board Office. Smith will initiate a communication with the DRA.
11. Hewes Brook Bridge removal bids MacKenzie is still investigating the 2 bids
12. Committee and Commission reports:
 - Smith received a letter from Paul and Judy Barker concerning the high water in Post Pond. The beavers have a dam in Chaffee Wildlife Sanctuary again. It was noted it may be time for the Conservation Commission to put the 2 beaver deceivers back in. Smith will send this letter to the Conservation Commission and bring up for discussion the beaver deceivers at the next meeting.
 - Trees on the Common: Concerns have been noted about the condition of the trees on the Common. In the past year at least 3 branches have come off trees. Cutting will call Henderson's Tree Service and ask them to look at the trees and give the town an assessment of the condition of these trees. Robert Thebodo, Lyme Tree Warden will be asked to review the trees also.
 - Independence Day Committee: Jenks reported things are moving along nicely and people seem to be prepared for this event.
 - Heritage Commission: The Commission is looking to get information on an easement for the Hode's barn. The Survey book the Heritage Commission has been working on has gone to the publisher. It will be sold out of the Town Clerks Office. The Historians Inc. have moved ahead in attempting to purchase the old Horton House (aka Judge Churchhill place). They have signed a purchase and sales agreement and will be trying to raise funds for this purchase by August 15th, 2015. Questions about houses that are 100 years old and the taxation of these home were brought up. Cutting noted that houses 100 years or older are considered antiques and are thought of as desirable. If an old house is run down and has not been taken care of it does not automatically get tax higher just because it is 100 years old. Cutting will ask Diana Calder, Assessor for the Town to explain the procedure for these old homes.
 - Recreation Commission: David Celone came to the last meeting to request the Recreation Commission take over the organizing, setting up and taking down of the ice skating rink on the Common. The Recreation Commission encouraged Celone to reach out to the community to people who are using this rink and ask for help. The Commission does not have enough volunteers and is concerned that there would not be enough workers to accomplish this feat. If this is something the community wants, they'll need to step up and help. It was originally presented as a private request with a commitment from individuals to make it happen with limited expense to or involvement from the town.
13. Review Ongoing:
 - Generator at the Highway Garage is going in. Dead River is setting the propane tank and Lyme Electric will be doing the wiring.
 - Park and Ride is all done and it looks great.
 - Reminder that the Town was going to have a shredder company come and advertise shredding so community members and businesses could utilize this service.
14. At 3:50PM. Jenks move to adjourn. Seconded by Smith. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Dina Cutting