TOWN OF LYME Select Board Meeting

July 23, 2015

Town Office Conference Room 8:00AM

Approved: July 30th, 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), Chief O'Keefe (Police), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant).
- 1. Jenks moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015 meeting. Corrections were offered. The Motion was seconded by Smith. The minutes were approved unanimously with corrections.
- 2. MacKenzie noted she would like the draft Select Board meeting minutes to be sent out for review by Friday at the latest. Cutting explained she was doing her best to get them out as fast as she could; things in the office are unpredictable and often out of the office workers control.
- 3. Matters arising & new business:
 - Pike letter was reviewed and discussed. Changes were offered. Smith will finalize and send to Cutting. The board discussed with Chief O'Keefe about modifying the Town Parking Ordinance to include the park and ride based on input from the State DOT.
 - GMC truck-Highway Dept.: Has had a few more hours of work put into it but is still not running correctly. The mechanic is aware of the funding limits.
 - Pike House: Stearns Septic and J & B Plumbing were coming to see if they can address the problem of a possible clogged vent.
 - Generator: Waiting on Dead River to hook the propane up.
 - Community Members had called in concerns about a few roads and requested some grading be done: Clover Mill Road & Orfordville Road.
 - A Pinnacle Road culvert needs to be checked seems to be caving in along the bank.
 - MacKenzie reported the highway workers are concerned that they will not be able to catch up with all the work and get roads graded in the fall. It was noted grading under good condition is about 1 mile per day. MacKenzie recommended hiring another grader to help with the work this fall. Calcium chloride needs to be considered and applied. Williams is looking into a tank so the highway crew could possibly apply this themselves to save funds. Various work scenarios were discussed. Smith felt aggregate material needs to be applied to the road while grading in order to build some of the road back up. It was noted the highway crew is doing the best they can do with the limited exposure they've had to some of the equipment and considering all the tasks needing to be done. They should be commended for their efforts.
 - Concerns over the State diverting water into a town culvert on East Thetford Road. This town culvert will need to be checked to make sure it can accommodate diversion.
 - The board discussed the highway department using concrete headers (vs. stone) on the culverts. At this time the Board felt it needed to consult Stearns as the Road Agent in order to get his opinion. MacKenzie will contact Stearns to discuss the grading, calcium chloride and headers.
 - Slump on River Road: rebar was installed. This rebar will be monitored and if any shifting happens it will be noticeable. This will be checked and reported to CLD by the highway department.
- 4. Public Comments: none at this time
- 5. Payroll Manifest was reviewed.
- 6. A manifest in the amount of \$131,445.12 was reviewed and approved.
- 7. The board and Highway personnel have decided to not use the BMSI web program to monitor the highway expenses, maintenance on equipment and road work. Cutting will notify BMSI. A simpler and more user-friendly program will be tested.
- 8. The board was pleased to learn William Hoehl, currently a Transfer Station employee, will be taking

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over as the new Transfer Station Supervisor. Jenks moved to approve an hourly wage increase to \$14.00. Seconded by Smith. This position will have a 90 day probationary period. Motion voted unanimously in favor.

The board discussed the concern over recycling. It is costing the Town to get rid of the recycling and many out of town people are using the Transfer Station. After a brief discussion it was the sense of the board to make the Transfer Station only open to Lyme residents as of August 5th, 2015. Jenks will send out notices on listserve. Cutting will send the notification out to the local area list serves. A sign will be put up at the Transfer Station for the next few weeks to get the word out. Cutting will advertise for a new attendant. MacKenzie will discuss with the Highway crew about packing the bins down, especially the glass. It will be costly if the glass cannot be crushed.

To assure only Lyme residents use the Transfer Station recycling bins the "Lyme Resident Sticker" will be required to be displayed on vehicles. People who do not already have them may get them through the Clerk's office.

- 9. Committee and Commission reports:
 - Coffee Hour: Jenks reported on the following items:
 - Transfer Station concern about not being able to reach to put items in the bins because they were so full. This will be passed on to the Supervisor. The person voicing the concern will be encouraged to ask attendants for help any time they need it.
 - O The pull-off across from Loch Lyme Lodge & the House By The Lake has people stopping to fish and sometimes cars are parked there overnight. Is this a place that is okay to do that? As this road is a State road the concern should be referred to the State DOT. Jenks will get the contact info to the concerned party.
 - Community member looking for information about the mean water height and milfoil. Cutting will send the milfoil information and the Conservation Commission will be referred to for the water height.
 - O River Road South: Various concerns were noted because of the extreme amount of dust and dirt which clouds up as cars travel since the pavement was removed and the road graded. The residents are wondering when this will be addressed as there are several health and quality of life concerns noted. A letter to the Board was received from residents of three homes on that stretch of road. The board is sympathetic and will do what is within their power to make it better for these residents. The residents have also invited the police department to come and sit in this area. The recent grading has created a smoother road which has dramatically increased the speeding between the sharp corner and Hanover town line. And finally, there are 2 trees a across from Hidden Valley that are falling into the river and taking the bank with them. Mackenzie will check this area out.
 - Planning Board: Loch Lyme Lodge has requested a re-hearing.

10. Ongoing:

• River Road: The board discussed River Road and where this project is right now. Funding is the issue. If the Slump area is not going to be fixed for some time and/or becomes an eminent domain issue it would make sense to get updated information for the south River Road project. Cutting will set up a meeting with the Board and Pathways Engineering to discuss this.

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- Hewes Brook: Still waiting for AIT to get MacKenzie information
- Paper shredding party: Various shredding options were reviewed. Cutting will gather some information from the residents to see if there is interest in a community shredding event.
- 11. Conference on the new *Hard Road to Travel* publication is Sept. 11, 2015. 8:30 to 12:00 Board members should try and attend this conference.
- 12. Smith case: The board reviewed the situation and it is clear there has been no progress on the cleanup. Regrettably, the Board is obligated to move ahead and have the town's attorney send this back to the courts.
- 13. The NH Electric Co-operative 2011 and 2012 abatement amount was reviewed. Cutting will prepare an abatement form for the board to approve and sign.
- 14. At 10:14AM Smith moved to enter non-public session under authority of RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). Seconded by MacKenzie. Voted unanimously by a roll call vote. At this time Jenks and Cutting left the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Dina Cutting

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