

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
October 29, 2015
Town Office Conference Room
Approved: November 5, 2015

The following were present for part or all of the meeting: Susan J. MacKenzie (Chair), Patricia Jenks (member), Charles J. Smith (member), Steven Williams & Scott Bailey (Highway Department), and Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant).

1. Chair MacKenzie opened the meeting at 8:00AM
2. Highway: The board reviewed the following items-
 - The board reviewed a memo received from Budget Committee Chair Judith Brotman.
 - Williams noted a workshop he attended for his Transfer Station certification. Various Transfer Station issues were discussed. There is no market for recycling, it is costing the town much more than previous years. Cutting suggested the Board develop a committee to research trends, costs and solutions. This is going to be a very important issue in the coming years. There will be a lot of work to do. Cutting will draft a charge for the Board to consider.
 - Culvert on Canaan Turnpike. The highway crew inspected this culvert-Once earlier in the summer, when it was noted to have been compromised on one end; again this fall when they tried to unplug it with minimal results. There was no report of problems or damage done when working on the culvert. It's not clear why the end is crushed. It will need to be replaced at some point, but is not an emergency. Because this is a driveway culvert it is the landowner's responsibility to maintain & replace if necessary. This particular drive way is shared between 2 landowners. Jenks will write a letter to the land owners explaining the findings and the responsibilities.
 - Sand & gravel needs were discussed. Cutting will find out how much sand and gravel has been delivered from the original contract with Chiefs. Williams requested because of difficulty in getting the material hauled in a timely fashion could the highway department get material from a different pit? If a different pit is located and can deliver comparable material for less per yard then the Board would consider this. The current price of gravel is \$17.85 and winter sand is \$10.50; trucked to Lyme.
 - Header on Dorchester Road needs to be re-built near 500 Dorchester Road. Williams thinks the town has the material they need and would like to rent an excavator for the day in order to get this done. The board approved this.
 - Chipper: this could not fit it on the truck with the GMC 5500 for transport to get an estimate for repair, so Bill LaBombard has offered to tow it using a trailer to the dealer for the estimate.

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- UNH: A public works group e-mail is available for towns to advertise, discuss and share information. The highway department signed up for this.
 - The Board and Highway employees reviewed and discussed the present budget.
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 - Road side mowing for 2016: Various possibilities were discussed. No decision was made.
 - River Road was discussed.
 - Goose Pond Road project was discussed. Concerns over the height of the underdrains were noted. Mackenzie will ask the engineers about this matter.
3. Smith moved to accept the minutes of October 22nd, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Jenks. The board voted unanimously in favor.
4. Matters arising:
- Fairpoint was notified about the leaning phone pole on River Road. They will be taking care of this matter soon.
5. New Business:
- There will be no Select Board meeting the week of Thanksgiving, November 26th, 2015.
 - Jenks reviewed information concerning the Mascoma Saving Bank building owned by Wayne Pike and the ongoing parking issues. In researching the history it is noted in all findings that the owner planned for 6 additional spaces in the rear of the building lot if the need became apparent. It does not appear this was followed through with by the Planning Board.
 - Following up on a complaint filed concerning the Rich driveway on Dorchester Road, Jenks provided an overview of what history she could find.. Smith indicated the Planning Board is addressing this issue now and it is not a select board issue at this time.
6. Public Comment: none at this time
7. Payroll manifest was reviewed
8. A manifest in the amount of \$278,085.22 (\$250,000 school appropriation) and \$1,539.27 Overseer of Public Welfare manifest.
9. The board approved an Intent to Excavate- Map 407 Lot 86.1 Whipple Hill- Brett Ryan
10. The board reviewed and approved the 2015 Tax Warrant in the amount of \$8,087,778.64
11. Committee & Commissions:
- Heritage Commission: Jenks reported the Commission is interested in learning the dates for providing requested warrant articles-Cutting will

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gather information for them. Tim Cook is a representative for the Heritage commission on the NH State bridge work for the East Thetford bridge reconstruction. The commission can have some input on the color chosen for this bridge.

- Planning Board: Smith reported the Planning Board is addressing the Rich driveway issues, road usage, class V and VI roads and business activity on a Class V road.
- Recreation Commission: MacKenzie reported soccer season was great and went without any issues. Basketball sign-up is starting and information is being provided. Discussion on maintenance and care to the ball field MacKenzie noted people are commenting this is the best field in the Upper Valley.
- MacKenzie will be meeting with Michael Hinsley and Aaron Rich to discuss the future of the Fire Department.

12. Ongoing:

- River Road: MacKenzie, Brian Vincent from CLD Engineering, David Roby and Arend Tensen will be walking the property concerning the possible re-location of the slump section of River Road at 1:30PM today.

13. 2016 proposed budget review: The board reviewed the proposed department requests for the 2016 budget. The total departmental budget was \$2,171,048 which represents a 3.53% increase. After a lengthy discussion changes were discussed, offered and made to this budget. The sense of the board was to present a budget totaling \$2,166,251 which represents a 3.3% increase. This proposed budget will be presented to the Budget Committee meeting on Wednesday November 4th, 2015 at 7:00PM.

14. The board briefly discussed the various Capital Reserve Funds budget. The board will add a workshop to address the Capital Reserve Funds on the agenda for the November 12th, 2015 meeting.

15. There being no further business at 11:10AM MacKenzie moved to adjourn. Seconded by Smith. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Dina Cutting