

TOWN OF LYME
Select Board Meeting
Thursday February 8th, 2024
10:00 AM
Approved: Thursday February 22nd, 2024

The following people were present for part or all of the meeting: Select Board members Judith Brotman, Ben Kilham and David Kahn; Administrator Dina Cutting, Select Board/Assessing Clerk Jordan Toland via Zoom

Public: Michael Whitman, Rich Brown, Hebe Quinton (via zoom), Rusty Keith (via zoom), John Biglow (via zoom)

1. At 10:00 AM Mrs. Brotman opened the public meeting.
2. Public comment: no public comment at this time.
3. Mr. Kilham moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of Thursday January 25th, 2024. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
4. Mrs. Cutting will be sending a manifest electronically to be approved.
5. The Board discussed Little Town Meeting (LTM). Mrs. Brotman is looking for input as to whether people would prefer to have an in person Little Town Meeting or see if the Library Director, Judith Russell, would hold another zoom candidates session. Mr. Brown feels it would be beneficial to have an in person Little Town Meeting. Ms. Quinton feels since we have lost LTM for the past few years and since there are complicated warrant articles an in person LTM would be beneficial. Mr. Kilham and Mr. Kahn are both fine with either option and do not have a preference. Mrs. Cutting also feels an in person LTM would be most effective due to the complexity of some warrant articles. Little Town Meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday March 5th, 2024 from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM at the Lyme School Gymnasium.
6. Other dates to keep in mind:
 - a. School District Meeting: March 7th, 2024
 - b. Town Meeting: Tuesday March 12th, 2024 @ 9:00 AM at Lyme School Gymnasium
 - c. Elections for local officials: Tuesday March 12th, 2024 from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM.
7. Ms. Quinton asked if would be appropriate to bring informational pamphlets on the Lyme Electrical Power Plan to Little Town Meeting. Mrs. Brotman thanks Ms. Quinton for asking and advised her that the Board will check with the Town Moderator.
8. The Board reviewed and discussed two letters that will be sent to the abutting land owners on Shoestrap Road and Maple Lane. Mr. Kahn moved to approve both letters for abutters regarding Shoestrap Road and Maple Lane. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
9. Mr. Kilham moved to approve an Intent to Cut for Map 407 Lot 89. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
10. The Select Board approved the acceptance of the 2024 Milfoil Grant and designated Mrs. Cutting to fill out and sign all paperwork associated with this grant on a motion by Mr. Kilham. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously by a roll call vote.
11. The Board reviewed and signed an Oath of Office for Luke Prince for the Recreation Commission.

12. The Board reviewed the EMS-Medical Resource Hospital Agreement with MHMH. Mr. Kahn has spoken with Town Counsel. Mr. Kahn is trying to contact the hospital representative. The Board will continue to attempt to negotiate this contract and return to this topic at a later date.
13. The Board reviewed and signed the Tax and Planning map maintenance contract with CAI Technologies.
14. Mrs. Cutting explained about a special circumstance a property in Lyme has experienced. Map 416 Lot 23 has been 15 acres since the Town switched mapping companies (around 1986). The owners are now selling their property and had a professional land survey done that shows they own 10.82 acres. This would disqualify them from the current use program since their house, driveway, and any other structure is more than .82 acres (and a 10 AC minimum is required to be out of current use). Mrs. Cutting is waiting for Assessor, Todd Haywood, to send her the exact RSA that gives the Select Board the authority to forgive the LUCT in this type of situation and will then share it with the Board. Mrs. Cutting has also gotten advice from Sam Green (Department of Revenue), he also stated the Select Board does have the authority to forgive LUCT in this situation. Mr. Kahn moved to approve forgiving the Land Use Change Tax for Map 416 Lot 23 as long as the RSA can be provided and included with the minutes of this meeting. Mr. Kilham seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote.
15. Mrs. Brotman read Assessor, Todd Haywood's, letter regarding the 2023 equalization ratio study. The Board then opened to public to comment on this topic. No public comment at this time.
16. The Board reviewed and signed the 2024 Warrant.
17. At 10:58 AM Mrs. Brotman moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Personnel. Mr. Kahn seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote. The following individuals were present for the non-public session: Select Board members Judith Brotman, Ben Kilham and David Kahn; and Administrator Dina Cutting. Personnel matters were discussed. The Board review the request from Chief O'Keefe to hire a part-time office.
18. At 11:22AM Mr. Kilham moved to return to public session. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor.
19. At this time Mrs. Brotman moved to hire Anthony Casale as a part-time police officer. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote. The Board wishes to welcome back Sargent Casale.
20. At 11:23AM Mr. Kilham moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Kahn. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Toland