

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

August 14, 2017

Present: Jim Trudell, Bruce Beane, Steve Moscicki, Donna Clark-AA

Chairman Trudell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Public Hearing:

Chairman Trudell opened a public hearing pursuant to the provisions of RSA 32:11 Municipal Budget Law - Emergency Expenditure and Overexpenditure to discuss requesting approval from the Commissioner of Revenue Administration to expend funds during the current fiscal year in excess of the appropriation authorized at the March 14, 2017 Town Meeting. This request is necessary for unexpected additional expenses for the Mountain Meadows Road bridge replacement project created by abnormally wet conditions.

The Town has been putting money aside annually in a Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund for replacement of this red-listed bridge, and additional funding was included in the 2017 budget to complete the project. The precast concrete bridge was built earlier this year and the estimated two-week project to install the bridge was scheduled to be done at a normally dry time of year. Soon after the old culverts were removed, excessive summer rains derailed the planned installation as the increased amount of water flowing through the brook could not be diverted with conventional methods and locally available equipment. The Selectmen are concerned about a long-term closure of Mountain Meadows Road which provides the major access to about 30 homes since residents and emergency vehicles must now travel a longer distance on narrower roads.

The unanticipated additional costs to complete the bridge with the assistance of Winterset, Inc. total \$83,000. The Town received additional highway block grant funds in the amount of \$41,973, leaving the 2017 budget with a potential \$41,027 overexpenditure.

There were no members of the public in attendance to ask questions or offer comments.

After a final review of the budget, Beane made a motion to request that the Commissioner of Revenue Administration allow the Town of Lyman to use \$41,027 of the undesignated fund balance as of December 31, 2016, to complete the Mountain Meadows Road Bridge as soon as possible, 2nd by Moscicki, all voted in favor. A letter to the Commissioner was prepared and the required MS-4E Emergency Expense Revenue Source Form was completed.

Chairman Trudell closed the public hearing at 6:25 pm.

Old Business:

The Board reviewed and signed a letter to the former owners of tax deeded parcel explaining their rights and costs to repurchase it. * The Selectmen agreed with Town Counsel's suggestion to file a motion to dismiss a Zoning Board of Adjustment appeal as the applicant no longer owns the property in question. * The Town's redesigned website will be released to the public on Aug 16th. The address is still LymanNH.org. It is still a

work in progress but has much more content than the old site. * The Selectmen reviewed and signed the MS-535 Financial Report of the Town Budget. * A public hearing to accept \$41,972.66 in additional highway block grant funds will be held Aug 28th at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall.

New Business:

An Aug 9th Presidential Declaration made federal funds available on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair of infrastructure due to the July 1st rain and flooding. The process for applying for assistance is now done through an online grants portal; Clark will attend the required training. * A smoke alarm went off in the Town Hall early Fri morning. Trudell, Carol Messner and the Lisbon Fire Dept responded and found no fire. New alarm codes will be assigned to the Selectmen to give them access to the entire building.

Beane motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm, 2nd by Moscicki, all voted in favor.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, Aug 21st, at 6:00 pm.

Approved:
