

## SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

May 15, 2023 at the Town Hall

Present: Bruce Beane, Wendy Ho-Sing-Loy, Thomas S Smith, Heather Torres-AA

Absent: Wendy Ho-Sing-Loy

Others: Nicholas Elliot, David Kent, Mike Santy

Chairman Beane called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

### **Manifests & Invoices:**

The manifests for 05/08/2023 & 05/15/2023 were authorized and new invoices for future payment were reviewed and initialed.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's Report was read showing a balance of \$82,125.61 in the WGSB checking account, \$50,000 in the NOW account, and 196,308.32 in the (ICS) Insured Cash Sweep. Beane motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as given, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Smith, all voted in favor.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes for the May 1st meeting were reviewed. Smith motioned to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beane, all voted in favor.

### **Committee/Department Reports & Needs:**

- HWY Crew will be picking up blue bags as residents independently pickup garbage alongside of roads
- PO order for Winter Sand for 1,850 Yards \$10 per yd. in the amount of \$18,500 approved.

### **Correspondence:**

The following were received:

- Resident reached out over concerns of a property not being suitable and possible inhabitable for living.
- Letter received from Twin States Clean Energy stating they want to run a powerline thru a small section of the Town
- Letter from Eversource regarding their purchase of Consolidated Communications
- Thank you card from Guaranty Bank

**Permits & Applications:**

**The following were approved:**

- Elderly Exemption application
- Veteran's credit application
- Report of Cut at property Map #210 Lot#034, #020, #031, Dennis & Barbara Aldrich
- Report of cut at property Map #225 Lot #003, Map #226 Lot #005, Map #233 Lot #009

**Old Business:**

IRS Rate for standard mileage for 2023 increased 3 cents per mile-65.5 cents per mile.  
\* Pemi-Baker agreement signed. \* Sonic Wall has been updated by Profile. \*CNP completed the Town's field assessing. \* Letter applying for a \$55,000 grant has been sent to Grafton County Commissioners Office in regards to ARPA funds that the Town can possibly be used for Road maintenance was sent 5/2/2023.

**New Business:**

David Kent attended the BOS meeting to address a certification of occupancy letter he is seeking to get approved. The Fire Chief granted Mr. Kent approval of the certification of occupancy letter which included occupancy numbers. Chairman Beane and Selectman Smith had no objection to the letter after the Fire Chief had approved it and its occupancy numbers. Kent will draft a new letter along with the numbers of occupancy for each building. Once the letter is finalized, Kent will present it to the Selectboard. \*Nicholas Elliot, a resident of Lyman also attended the meeting to discuss Lyman's policy with Lisbon that allows the Town to bill a resident for an accident or fire alarm. Mr. Elliot made the case that out-of-staters may not have to pay if they use this service do to privacy laws, leaving the Town not knowing who to bill which inherently puts the burden on the taxpayers of Lyman. Beane explained that the Town's policy is to pay Lisbon first for their services and bill the accountable party if known. Elliot made the point that he is a tax payer and Lyman provides this service to the residents of Lyman and why should an out of town person benefit without paying their fair share if they need this service. Beane agreed with Elliot that it is not a fair system and the Town has had communications concerning this "agreement" with Lisbon but was told that it is a privacy issue. Beane noted that it is not the fault of the Town if help comes from the Towns service provider and the debt created is debt with the Town. \* A Feasibility Study article regarding a Regional Police Department was published in the Littleton Weekly Record noting that meetings begin in May. Although the Town voted in favor of Article 14, To see if the Town of Lyman should conduct, with surrounding towns, a feasibility study with interested towns for a Regional Police Department, there are no volunteers to date.

Beane made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Smith, all voted in favor.

The next regular Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for May 31st at 6:00 pm at the Lyman Town Hall.

Approved:

Bruce E Beane

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Wendy Ho-Sing Loy

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Thomas S Smith

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