



SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019

Present: John Kiker, Steven Mattson, Evan St Louis, Bill and Liz Farrell

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 P.M. and the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

The absence of Selectman Lord was lamented and best wishes for his speedy recovery were made.

The board reappointed Doris Hungerford, Diana Seckla and Gary Weed to the Lyme's Senior Center Board of Directors.

Evan St Louis presented his plan for a perennial garden around the Veteran's Memorial on the town campus. The board expressed its appreciation to Evan for his offer to construct this garden and for his and his family's offer to maintain the planting area. The board voted to approve the installation contingent upon the Veteran's group's agreement to maintain the garden into the future. We await this agreement and will authorize Evan to begin construction following receipt of that agreement.

The board then discussed with the Farrells the extension of the approval for collection of maple syrup on the Mt Archer Woods property owned by the town. The Farrells operate approximately 585 taps on 350 trees in the preserve and have made a sizable financial investment in the collection operation. The town has received criticism for allowing this operation on town land and the board agreed to gather additional input prior to extending or cancelling the approval that has been in existence for the past five years. Opinions will be solicited from the P&Z Commission and the Land Trust before making a final ruling. The Farrells suggested a per tap fee be instituted to compensating the town for this use of the town's land.

The board announced the members who have agreed to serve on the Senior Center Building Committee along with Old Lyme members. Lyme's members will be Bruce Anderson, John Kiker, Mary Stone and Jason Zelek. The committee will be charged with studying the potential to expand the Senior Center to keep pace with the expanding programs being offered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Mattson
For the Board of Selectmen