OFFICE OF
THE SELECTMEN
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SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
MONDAY JANUARY 6, 2020

Present: Parker Lord, John Kiker, Steven Mattson, Don Gerber, Dan Hagan

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M. and the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

The board approved the following appointments:

Senior Center Building Committee – John Kiker and Mary Stone.
Open Space Commission – Anthony Irving as the Land Trust representative and Robert Standish as an at-large member.
Estuary Transit District Board of Directors – reappointment of Susan Tyler.
Hadlyme Ferry Historic District Commission – reappointment of Harry (Skip) Broom.

The board and guests continued discussions regarding the Birch Mill Road bridge replacement. Based upon an earlier suggestion to study the potential to re-naturalize the floodplain by removal of the bridge and associated road surface, discussions centered on 2 areas. The first, a survey of the property owners surrounding the bridge was reported as being unanimous in the desire to maintain use of the road. Opinions included access as an alternative to the narrow turns on Sterling City Road and the opportunity for pedestrians and bike riders to access this alternate. The second, the financial impact from the two alternatives for the bridge. Removal of the bridge would be substantially less costly than replacement. However, removal would lose the potential for a 50% grant from CTDOT and add costs for land acquisition to create turn around areas at the newly created two dead ends. Net savings to the town would be possible but not overly large. The board decided to proceed with design of a new bridge while awaiting CTDOT's award of the matching funds grant. Should that grant not materialize, the board may reconsider its plans.

The board was advised of the approval by CTDOT of an entrance to the Johnston Preserve from Rte 82. This approval has required a year of effort. The encroachment permit needed to work within the state's right of way was also approved. Selectman Lord and Mr. Gerber will work with the town crew to ready the property and acquire quotes for the paving of the entrance and associated construction needs. A spring installation is anticipated, and a dedication will be planned when parking becomes available.

The board unanimously approved a resolution (copy attached) to allow the town to receive Homeland Security Grant Program funds and authorized the First Selectman to sign all documentation and take necessary actions to facilitate this funding.

The board also unanimously approved another resolution (copy attached) to endorse five applications from the RiverCOG for funding under the Regional Performance Incentive (RPI) Program and authorized the First Selectman to sign all documentation and take necessary actions to facilitate these applications.

The board then approved the Town of Lyme fee schedule for 2020.

The board also acknowledged the receipt of four private donations totaling over $150,000 for inclusion in the town's Open Space and Affordable Housing Funds for future use by the town. Letters of appreciation have been sent to the four generous residents for these contributions.

The 2nd quarter financial results were reviewed by the board in preparation of presentation to the Board of Finance at their next meeting. Financials remain on target.

The board discussed the next meeting and agreed to cancel the meeting scheduled for January 21, 2020 due to anticipated absences.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Mattson
For the Board of Selectmen

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE

Board of Selectmen – Town of Lyme

CERTIFICATION:

I, Linda Winzer, the Town Clerk of the Town of Lyme, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Selectmen at its duly called and held meeting on January 6, 2020, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the **State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security** any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Steven Mattson, as the First Selectman of the Town of Lyme, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Lyme and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that Steven Mattson now holds the office of First Selectman and that he has held that office since 7/3/2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this 6th day of January 2020.

Linda Winzer, Town Clerk

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Regional Performance Incentive (RPI) Program

Resolution of Endorsement and Authorization

The Legislative Body of the Town of Lyme, convened on January 6, 2020, adopted a resolution by unanimous vote which endorsed the Regional Performance Incentive Program proposals listed below, referenced in Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-124s.

1. Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments Regional Parcel Service.
   Update of digital parcel maps in the 17-member municipalities of RiverCOG

2. State of Connecticut Municipal Boundaries Survey.
   Statewide project being led by WestCOG to survey the state's municipal boundaries to create better digital maps statewide

3. Emergency Radio System Enhancement Project for Valley Shore PSAP and the Lower River Valley Council of Government.
   Upgrades to regional emergency communication system to benefit all RiverCOG municipalities and Colchester and Marlborough

4. Chester, Deep River and Essex Radio System Upgrades.
   New radios for emergency responders in Chester, Deep River, and Essex which are compatible with the state emergency radio system

5. Regional Building Department Feasibility Study and Building Department Record Digitization Project.
   Feasibility study for setting up a shared multi-town building department in the Lower Connecticut River Valley Region and digitalization of building department records in Chester and Killingworth

In addition, the Legislative Body has authorized Steven Mattson, First Selectman to act on this endorsement by signing all necessary agreements and take all necessary actions related to this proposal to enter into a binding agreement with the Office of Policy and Management according to terms of the RPIP grant program.

Attested to by:

Name: Linda Wrinn

Title: Town Clerk

Date: 1-6-2020