



SELECTMEN'S MINUTES  
MONDAY MAY 3, 2021

Present: Parker Lord, John Kiker, Steven Mattson, Ann Ahern

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

The board appointed Kristina White to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Board reappointed John Kiker to Ledge Light Health District's Board of Directors, Mark Hastings to the Roger's Lake Authority, Mary Stone to the RiverCOG Regional Planning Committee, Humphrey Tyler as alternate to the same committee, Dan Hagan, John Kiker, Steve Mattson, and Milton Waters to the Pension Advisory Committee.

The board discussed participation in "Mayors United Against Antisemitism" as requested by CCM and agreed to lend our name to the effort.

The board continued its planning for the next Town Meeting by approving a Resolution "directing the Lyme Board of Finance to set a minimum goal for the Open Space Reserve Fund of \$1,000,000". The Board commented on the controversy surrounding this issue in town and determined that the voters should make this decision. Town Meeting will be held at 5pm on May 19 outside of town hall and the agenda items will be communicated following Region #18 passage of the school budget being held on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

A discussion regarding the potential for a July 4<sup>th</sup> parade was held and the board expressed its desire for the event to be able to be held this year with participants encourage to wear masks and be socially distant. The parade is not a town event, but an impromptu event organized by any resident wishing to participate. The town will support this event by acquiring the needed permit to close route 156 temporarily and assure state police presence for traffic control.

The board members were advised that the Zoning Board of Appeals has been sued by Koch Northeast LLC regarding a decision denying the applicant a variance to build a house on a non-conforming lot. The board has advised the town's insurance carrier of the suit and partial coverage of the legal defense expenses may be recoverable.

The board authorized the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer to open a new bank account to receive and segregate the American Rescue Plan Act funds that will be distributed to municipal governments. The town awaits Treasury Department guidance as to the allowable spending criteria for using these funds.

Selectman Kiker updated the board on the status of the Employee Handbook revision and the progress of the Sustainable Committee. This Committee is preparing recommendations for support of The Summer Arts Program and a Resolution designating Lyme a Pollinator-Friendly Community. These items will be discussed again at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Mattson  
For the Board of Selectmen