



SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
MONDAY JULY 6, 2021

Present: Parker Lord, John Kiker, Steven Mattson with David Lahm and Frederick Gahagan

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 P.M. and the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

The board appointed Phyllis Ross to the Affordable Housing Commission and Frederick Gahagan as an alternate member of the P&Z Commission.

The board was also advised of the need to reconstitute the Recreation Commission following the resignation of one member and the pending resignation of another. Candidates will be sought for this commission.

The long-awaited Johnston Preserve dedication has been scheduled for Wednesday August 18th at 10am and the Johnston family will be well represented for the short ceremony.

The Sustainability Committee has proposed a Resolution supporting equality be adopted by the Board of Selectmen both for its affirmative value along with the points awarded for such a resolution adoption as the committee moves forward to gaining state recognition as a Sustainable Community. By motion of Selectman Kiker and second by Selectmen Lord the resolution was adopted. The resolution will be attached to these minutes.

The board discussed a further relaxation of COVID restrictions for the town's buildings and agreed to change the mask mandate. Beginning July 12th, fully vaccinated individuals will not be required to wear masks in town facilities. Unvaccinated individuals will still be required to wear masks and social distance.

The transfer of the North Lyme Cemetery into town ownership has been completed with the deed filing and transfer of the Association's assets. The town's Cemetery Fund has received \$67,701.75 to be restricted to the use of maintaining all town owned cemeteries by agreement.

A reminder was made of the Rte. 82 closure beginning July 19 with the detour affecting Lyme's roads. CT DOT estimates the detour will continue until September 21 or after to allow for the replacement of 2 bridges in Salem on Rte. 82.

The Selectmen were also made aware of the road permit approval for holding the Tour de Lyme this year on September 5th. The town will support this Land Trust event and arrange for police coverage.

The Selectmen discussed the July 4th parade and the feedback of its success. A small step in returning to normal was appreciated by all who participated and attended.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Mattson
For the Board of Selectmen

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EQUALITY FOR ALL

WHEREAS, racism and racial prejudice have been a part of our nation's long history; and

WHEREAS, racism causes persistent discrimination and disparate outcomes in many areas of life, including housing, education, employment, health status and criminal justice; and

WHEREAS, our nation was founded on the principal that "All Men (and Women) Are Created Equal"; and

WHEREAS, discrimination against any group of people is contrary to our belief in, and our value of, equality; and

WHEREAS, discrimination in any form carries a social and economic cost; and

WHEREAS, Lyme considers itself a welcoming and inclusive community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Selectmen of the Town of Lyme hereby:

Reaffirms our value and belief that All People are Created Equal.

Disavows any words or actions that would discriminate against any group of people, – including, but not limited to, discrimination based upon race, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation or identity, disability, or economic status.

Declares that the Town and its government will act in ways to prevent and remove discrimination and will not accept discrimination in any form from its employees and volunteers.

Supports efforts in the community and schools that will educate on issues of equality.

Supports efforts to reduce economic inequality in the Town of Lyme.