

**Town of Lyme
February 11, 2015
Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board
6:30 P.M.**

Supervisor Aubertine called tonight's meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. It opened with a Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Privilege of the Floor

Gregor Smith of Bernier and Carr – Regarding the Lance Subdivision and Extension of Water District #2:

Gregor had prepared the short form of the SEQR that corresponded with the action of extending Water District #2. A Public Hearing Date has to be set and the Town has to be declared the Lead Agency in the matter.

The Lance's would ask that they would not be responsible for any fees associated with the formation of the water district until after they have sold their first lot.

The recommendation of the Water Board is to approve the project. The Lance's have complied with everything that has been required of them and Gregor has reviewed all the necessary documentation concerning the project.

This would not be considered an active water main until the first lot is sold. Once the water main is installed and all the testing has been completed, the water would be shut off until the first lot is sold. Flushing the main periodically would be the only requirement as far as maintaining the line until there was a residential hook up.

The Lance's will be paying for the infrastructure; the cost has been estimated at approximately \$100,000.00. That infrastructure will be handed over to the Town eventually, costing the Town nothing to extend Water District #2.

Julie Gosier – stated as a customer in Water District #2 she would ask that the Town Board be as easy on the Lance's as possible. What the Lance's are proposing is of no disservice to other property owners in Water District #2 and the cost of the infrastructure would affect all users if the Town would have to pay for it.

RESOLUTION 2015 – 18: Motion by Councilwoman Harris and seconded by Councilman Bourquin accepting the map, plan and report provided by Bernier and Carr in reference to the Extension of Water District #2 for the Lance Development. Three ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015 – 19: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilwoman Harris indicating that the Town Board will act as the Lead Agency for the Extension of Water District #2 and the Lance Development as per the recommendation of Attorney Mark Gebo. Three ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015 – 20: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilwoman Harris scheduling a Public Hearing for the Extension of Water District #2 Lance Subdivision on March 11, 2015 at 6:25 p.m. at the Municipal Building 12175 NYS Route 12E, Chaumont, NY. Three ayes. Motion carried.

The Town Board will make a decision in March as to whether or not the Lances will be charged for any EDU's upon the completion of the project and prior to the sale of any of the lots.

Waste Water Study Grant – Three Mile Bay – Gregor Smith

In 2013 the Waste Water Study Grant was applied for but not successful. The Grant was applied for again in 2014 and they were successful.

The Grant is for \$37,500 with the Town matching 20%. The Town is in hopes that contributions of the Local Share can consist of some in-kind services in an effort to offset costs.

The Municipal Water Board feels that it's a good project but we won't know if the residents will be interested until they are contacted about the possibility of a public sewer system. Results of a study or the residents of Three Mile Bay themselves, could determine they aren't interested.

Councilman Bourquin stated that at a minimum the Town should have a basic survey done before we spend any money on the study.

Supervisor Aubertine would like to have Robin and Marsha compose a letter of what we're trying to do and see how the residents feel about a public sewer system. We would not be able to provide an estimated cost for the project at this time.

Julie Gosier stated that Guy had gone door to door several years ago and did a preliminary survey before the water district was formed, she'd be extremely surprised if people would support a sewer district.

RESOLUTION 2015 – 21: Motion by Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilwoman Harris directing Marsha Barton and Robin Grovesteen to compose a letter to send to the residents in Water District #2 in the Hamlet of Three Mile Bay briefly explaining the study, what we're doing and why. A short survey will also be included with a response time of March 4th, 2015. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Bill Johnson, Jefferson County Legislator

Wilson Property Update - The Ad Hoc Committee is handling the property currently. They are waiting for a letter to be drafted; the County Attorney is talking with the DEC Attorney. A letter will be sent to the Town of Lyme and three other potential buyers. The Ad Hoc Committee will send out the letters to all that are interested and then there may be a bid process.

The property still needs to be cleaned up to the DEC standards.

The County wants to sell the property. They are paying the delinquent taxes and making the Town whole with that money. The County would like to recoup the money that has been lost in taxes.

Mr. Johnson serves on several committees, such as Office of the Aging, Veterans Services, EMS, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Planning and Development, Code Enforcement and County Training, he wants to make himself available to us and plans to be at every Town Board Meeting. He is here to help.

Charlie Mount – On behalf of the Three Mile Bay Fire Department, Charlie wanted to thank the Town and Robin Grovesteen for all the help with the fishing grant.

Officer's Report

Supervisor's Report – January 2015

RESOLUTION 2015- 22: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilwoman Harris approving the January 2015 Supervisor's

***Report as submitted by Accountant Cathy Satterley. Three ayes.
Motion carried.***

Highway Superintendent's Report – Pat Weston

FEMA may be offering a reimbursement for the November snow storm. The snow storm cost the Town approximately \$37,000.00 for maintenance and clean up. The Town may be eligible to recuperate between \$20,000.00 and \$30,000.00 in reimbursements.

There was discussion at last month's meeting in regard to purchasing a computer program for the Town's water system. The software program allows the Town to monitor the water system from Three Mile Bay to Dexter. It monitors the whole system and the tower, lets us know how much water is going through the system during certain times of the day.

The Municipal Water Board believes the software program is necessary to adequately maintain and operate the Town's water system.

RESOLUTION 2015 – 23: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilwoman Harris the Municipal Water Board recommends the approval of purchasing the SCADA software program, engineering services, field verification of operations, training and one-year of software support at the quoted purchase price of \$3,245.00. Three ayes. Motion carried.

The Highway Department is using the 1990 truck every day to plow, it's getting tired. We are in to our fifth year of the replacement program, Pat is asking the Town Board to consider ordering a new MACK truck immediately. The truck would be delivered in November or December of this year and would not have to be paid for until January of 2016. The cost is approximately \$185,000.00, with Pat utilizing the plow,

sander and some lights from the old truck. We do have to purchase the wings with the purchase of the new vehicles.

RESOLUTION 2015 – 24: Motion by Councilwoman Harris and seconded by Councilman Bourquin approving the purchase of a 2015 MACK truck for the Town Highway Department at a cost of approximately \$185,000.00. The truck will be delivered in November or December 2015 and purchased in January of 2016. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk’s Report – January 2015

Total State, County and Local Revenues:	\$1,507.33
Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$1,385.22

Audit of the Bills

RESOLUTION 2015 – 24: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilwoman Harris approving Abstract #3 in the amount of \$76,140.54. Three ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015 – 25: Motion by Councilwoman Harris and seconded by Councilman Bourquin approving Abstract #4 in the amount of \$112,154.60. Three ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015 – 26: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilwoman Harris approving the Minutes for the January 14, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board as submitted by Clerk Wallace. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Assessor’s Report – Marsha Barton

The Governor is proposing changes with the STAR Program and an eventual "phase out". There is talk that it might pass. It will mean a lot more work for the Assessors. Residents that are now receiving the STAR exemption will continue to do so.

The deadline for exemptions is March 1st. All new exemptions must be received by that date, along with renewals.

The Assessors are completing the work for the 2015 Tax Roll. Over two million dollars have been added at this point.

Municipal Water Board Report – Marsha Barton

Revenues for the Water Facility for 2014 are \$7,792.75; total expenses are \$2,137.61, leaving a profit for 2014 of \$5,655.14.

An inspection of the Three Mile Bay Water Tower was done on January 14th and there was no ice build-up at that time. The mixer is working well.

Youth Committee Report – Charlie Mount

The basketball program is going well with both boys and girls involved. There are some new people coaching.

ZEO/CEO Report – Jim Millington

Jim would like to see the Planning Board look at property maintenance, he has given some of his ideas to them.

New Business

Approval of Organization Contracts

The State Comptroller's Office has informed Supervisor Aubertine that if an organization from within the Town receives allocations from a "line item" appearing in the Town's Annual Budget, that organization must have a written agreement or contract with the Town that should be renewed annually.

RESOLUTION 2015 – 27: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilwoman Harris approving the contracts and having a copy sent to the Lyme Garden Club, the Lyme Community Foundation, the Chaumont – Three Mile Bay Chamber of Commerce and the Lyme Heritage Center. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Ski Club Request for Insurance Sponsorship

Lyme Central School is interested in starting the ski club program up again. They have not had one for the past few years. They would like to continue as before, under the umbrella of the Town's insurance. Supervisor Aubertine has contacted Mike Gillette in regard to the request and the opinion of the insurance provider is that

RESOLUTION 2015 – 28: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilwoman Harris agreeing to provide the insurance necessary for the Ski Club Program, having it fall under the Town's Youth Commission Insurance. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

RESOLUTION 2015 – 29: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilwoman Harris terminating and discontinuing the contract with the Chaumont Masonic Lodge stipulating that the Town will no longer pay for the monthly electric bill. The Town will send a letter explaining the changes. Three ayes. Motion carried.

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With a Motion offered by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilwoman Harris tonight's meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Three ayes. Motion carried.

The Minutes of tonight's meeting are respectfully submitted by,

*Kim Wallace
Town Clerk*