

Town of Lyme
Special Meeting of the Town Board
March 23, 2011
6:30 PM

Supervisor Aubertine called Tonight's Special Meeting of the Town Board to order at 6:30 PM.

Present at tonight's meeting: Supervisor Aubertine, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Johnson and Bourquin, Highway Superintendent Pat Weston, Doug Rose (transfer site attendant), Nancy Perkins, Harry Staudenmayer, Charlie Mount and five others.

There was a meeting at Attorney Gebo's office on March 21st. ZBA Member Staudenmayer, ZBA Chairman Mike Callahan, and Town Councilman Bourquin met with Mr. Gebo dealing with amendments concerning the Seasonal Mobile Residency Law and amendments to the Town's Local Zoning Law.

In terms of intent with the draft copy from January, nothing much has changed, a few words and minor details. The intent is there.

On the draft copy that Harry submitted, the changes in blue were a result of the meeting; the red lettering indicated where detail to the document needed to be added. There should be an annual permit requirement imposed on travel trailers.

Harry will be contacting DOS and speaking to their attorney to see if there is any case law that would reference the permitting requirements.

Harry went on to say, we have pre-existing conditions on some of these properties, if they are in nonconformity now, cessation sets a period of time for owners to comply. They have discussed giving up to seven years to solve their problems. They feel that seven years total, to bring a property into compliance, is a reasonable compromise. The Town has ignored the law for 20 years.

Harry stated that this is the first time The Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Zoning Enforcement Officer have gotten together on something and came out in unison.

Councilman Johnson would like to see the changes that have been made in blue be reviewed by Attorney Gebo and have him let us know if it meets his approval.

Councilman Bourquin spoke to Dan Canfield at Jefferson County Planning. Mr. Canfield stated that as long as we did not change content or intent of the law, since the time it has been reviewed by the County Planning Board, it does not have to go back to County Planning.

RESOLUTION 2011 – 53: Motion By Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilman Johnson scheduling a public hearing for amendments to the Town of Lyme Zoning Ordinance and the Seasonal Mobile Residency Law on April 13, 2011 at 6:15 PM, pending approval of Attorney Gebo’s review. Four ayes. Motion carried.

Municipal Building Restroom Bid

The Town received one bid from Ed Olson, 301 Hubbell Road, Cooperstown, New York for the renovation of the Municipal Building restroom. USDA has mandated that the restroom become handicap accessible, according to Civil Rights Law.

Mr. Olson turned in two bids, along with the engineered plans submitted by Norm Schreib.

Proposal #1:

Renovate existing restroom to make it handicap accessible:..... \$9,000.00

Note:

1. No formal plans exist.
2. Use existing space and move walls and doorway, renovate to meet code.
3. Move existing bathroom into kitchen space, renovate to meet code.
4. Materials
 - a. Sheet rock interior
 - b. ADA fixtures
 - c. Vinyl flooring with kick plate

- d. Door
- e. Paint

Proposal #2

Put addition on outside of existing bathroom, this will involve a foundation and removal of outside wall.

- 1. No formal plans exist: sidewalls, roof, electrical, plumbing.
- 2. Dimension of addition; 8'8" x 19'4", two toilets, two lavatories.
- 3. Materials: exterior to be standard construction grade materials.
- 4. Materials
 - a. Sheet rock interior
 - b. ADA fixtures
 - c. Vinyl flooring with kick plate
 - d. Door
 - e. Paint

Cost:.....\$17,000.00

Highway Superintendent Weston could not bear to see the Town spend that much money on the restroom renovations; “that's not the way we should be spending tax payers dollars”. Superintendent Weston committed the Highway Department to do the necessary renovations to get the restroom up to code. Construction will start immediately.

RESOLUTION 2011 – 54: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and Councilman Johnson authorizing the Highway Department to do the necessary renovations to the Municipal restroom bringing it into compliance with USDA requirements. Four ayes. Motion carried.

Transfer Site Discussion

Supervisor Aubertine stated that George Perkins will be retiring within the next couple of years. The Town has been blessed to have had honest employees. Looking into the future there is a concern with who will be George's replacement as Transfer Site Superintendent.

Councilman Johnson would like to put the responsibility back on the Highway Superintendent. Councilman Johnson stated that Pat is doing a great job and he realizes it would be an extra burden.

Supervisor Aubertine stated we are having a hard time with replacement employees at the Transfer Site. We need to make their job easier. The Transfer Site employees are going above and beyond what they need to do, the Town Board needs to support them.

The Town should place a sign stating trash must be sorted. Stickers also need to be checked. Supervisor Aubertine was at the transfer site today, three men working, not one of them could check the stickers.

Starting May 1, 2011 the Town Board would like to have the Transfer Site attendants start clamping down. They would like to see residents start sorting their own recyclables and have permits placed on the window of the vehicles, in a location where they will be easily recognized by the attendants. If permits are not visible to the attendants then individuals will be asked to leave without the privilege of disposing of their trash. They will also require clear or white bags.

Highway Superintendent Weston will take a list of what needs to be recycled to the County and ask them to make a new sign. There will also be a sign displaying that the trash must be sorted and separated and that recycling is mandatory.

It is important to have the Village comply with the same set of regulations. If the garbage is not recycled properly then the trash will be left. It will be the residents responsibility to be certain they are complying with the recycling regulations.

George is collecting tipping fees at the Transfer Site every day that it is open. Tipping fees should be brought into the office on a daily basis and given to the Clerk's Office for processing.

For those individuals not having permits, using the excuse they can't get to the Clerk's Office, the Town Board would like to let the attendants hand out applications for transfer site permits, at the Transfer Site, charging \$42 .00, with the two extra dollars being used for postage and processing. The

application and the money will be turned into the Clerk's Office and they will process and send permits out to the taxpayers.

RESOLUTION 2011 – 55: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilman Johnson approving The Transfer Site attendants to hand out applications for transfer site permits and collect \$42 .00 in cash or check; the paperwork and money will be turned into the Clerk's Office on a daily basis, the Clerk's Office will process the paperwork and send out the permit. The Transfer Site employees are required to have residents fill out their own applications. Four ayes. Motion carried.

Transfer Site Superintendent George Perkins feels strongly that charging residents by the bag would be the most effective way to go.

Supervisor Aubertine made a Motion to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:37 PM.

Tonight's Minutes of this meeting are respect fully submitted by,

***Kim Wallace
Town Clerk***