

Town of Lyme
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 11, 2016; 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Aubertine called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M., offered the opening prayer, then led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at the meeting: Supervisor Aubertine, Councilmen Bourquin and Villa, Councilwoman Gosier, Town Clerk Kim Wallace, Jefferson County Legislator William Johnson, Assessor/Water Board Chair Marsha Barton, Executive Assistant Robin Grovesteen; Charle Mount, ABS President Ned Jones, Mr. Jones' son and another ABS employee, Richard Wallace

Supervisor Aubertine stated that a motion was necessary to designate Robin Grovesteen as acting secretary to take minutes of the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2016- 63: Motion by Councilman Bourquin to appoint Robin Grovesteen to act as secretary for the meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Gosier; four ayes; motion carried

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Ned Jones of Advanced Business Systems expressed his concern regarding the Town's decision to replace the copier sold by his company. He recited his professional and business qualifications and requested information to substantiate the need for new equipment. Mr. Jones stated that he had conducted a review of the service records that showed very few issues and only minimal service requests. He went on to give a history of the ABS copier purchase and mentioned that grant money had helped to keep the cost to a minimum. Both Supervisor Aubertine and Town Clerk Wallace stated their respective recollections regarding various issues with the machine; Councilman Bourquin and Councilwoman Gosier spoke to defend both the purchase and the veracity of Clerk Wallace. At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Jones inquired as to whether or not the Town would be selling the old copier and offered to buy it the following day for \$1,000. Supervisor Aubertine responded that the town would be advertising the sale as required by policy and inform him of the results.

County Legislator William Johnson responded to questions posed by members of the Town Board: Councilman Villa asked about the status of the County moving to Single Stream Recycling. Mr. Johnson was uncertain of where that stood at present. Discussion regarding the merits of that system ensued. Councilman Villa mentioned the recent increase in sales tax revenue, though Mr. Johnson said that it was actually the same as last year, relative to the overall financial situation. Supervisor Aubertine inquired about the status of the Wilson property. Mr. Johnson informed the Board that the closing on the property was scheduled for

June. When asked about the County's decision to join the Solar Consortium, Mr. Johnson said that no firm decision had yet been made. There followed give and take regarding specifics of the consortium agreements. Supervisor Aubertine inquired about the possibility of locating the new radio tower on the water tower land. Mr. Johnson replied that it was too late to change the plan.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- Supervisor's Report:

No report was available due to computer issues encountered by Accountant Satterley.

Councilman Villa expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of a Supervisor's Report and stated his opinion that all meeting materials must be disseminated by the Friday before a scheduled meeting, adding that if they were not provided by that deadline, they would not be acted upon.

- Highway Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Weston was not in attendance, but sent his request that an agreement be signed for the expenditure of monies for road work on Old Town Springs Road.

RESOLUTION 2016-64: Councilman Villa moved to approve the expenditure for road work on Old Town Springs Road; Councilwoman Gosier seconded the motion; four ayes; motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: APRIL 2016

Town and Local Shares:	\$3,358.70
Total State, County and Local Revenues:	\$3,660.62
Non-Local Revenue:	\$ 301.92

At this time, Councilman Villa spoke to raise the issue of the permit issuance policy at the Transfer Site, wherein no permits are issued when only one worker is on duty. He has observed a resident needing to make 4 successive visits in order to obtain a permit. He feels that this is a disservice to the residents and the Board agreed that Councilman Bourquin will direct employees to issue permits regardless of the number of attendants on duty. Councilman Bourquin asked for permission to hire someone to be available on an on-call basis. Councilman Villa remarked that no one would be interested in a position with so few hours.

Protracted discussion on this and other problems at the Site resulted in the decision to establish extended summer hours on Sunday between April 1 and October 31, remaining open until 6:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2016-65: Councilwoman Gosier moved to extend the Transfer Site hours until 6:00 p.m. on Sundays between April 1 and October 31, with no increase in payroll, by redeploying the current workforce. Councilman Villa seconded the motion; three ayes/ one nay (Council Villa); motion carried.

Next discussed was the need for surveillance cameras at the transfer site. Bids had been requested in previous years, and it was decided to again publish a Request for Proposal with the same specifications as previously published, supplemented by one additional camera.

RESOLUTION 2016-66: Councilman Villa moved to advertise for proposals for surveillance cameras at the Transfer Site, with submission date of June 8, 2016 by 4:00 p.m. Councilwoman Gosier seconded the motion; four ayes; motion carried.

AUDIT OF THE BILLS

RESOLUTION 2016-67: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilwoman Gosier approving Abstract #9 in the amount of \$10,552.06; four ayes; motion carried

RESOLUTION 2016-68: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilwoman Gosier approving Abstract #10 in the amount of \$98,207.88; four ayes; motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2016-69: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilman Bourquin to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2016 Regular Board meeting as presented by Clerk Wallace. Four ayes; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Assessor's Report:**

Marsha Barton informed the Board of recent proposed changes to the Star program and the subsequent initiative to repeal those changes. Charle Mount discussed the firefighter/EMT exemption, noting that only one exemption (either IRS or Star) may be taken- not both.

Councilman Bourquin inquired about the upcoming BAR Grievance Day, specifically the filing of multiple complaints by one representative on behalf of others.

- **Municipal Water Board:**

Marsha Barton discussed the status of painting the water tower. A few estimates have been received, but they are continuing to gather information and await additional

quote. There is some work needed on the exterior. Gregor Smith, of Bernier Carr, is planning to view the inside in order to make his recommendations regarding necessary maintenance.

- Planning Board:
Supervisor Aubertine read an email regarding the status of the Zoning Law update
- Youth Committee :
Charle Mount requested payment of league fees and umpire fees.

RESOLUTION 2016-70: Councilman Villa moved to make payment for league fees to the 1000 Islands Baseball Conference in the amount of \$165; Councilwoman Gosier seconded; four ayes; motion carried

Mr. Mount then presented an update on the teams and coaches in place for the summer season. There was then discussion on finding a replacement for Linda Adams who will not be returning this summer. Stephanie Doney will canvas first at the school.

RESOLUTION 2016-71: Councilman Villa made a motion to pay Rob Goutremout the sum of \$225 for umpire fees (prepaid); Councilwoman Gosier seconded the motion; four ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Mount reminded the Board of the Varsity Club's fundraiser, "Family Fun Day," scheduled for May 22 at Lyme Central, from 11-2 p.m.

- ZEO/CEO Report:
Supervisor Aubertine read from the report as follows:

Total Permit Receipts (April, 2016)	\$1,100
RV Permit (YTD)	\$ 800
Total All Permits (YTD)	\$3,340

NEW BUSINESS

- Can Am Softball Tournament Request: Mike Lennox asked to reserve the Morris Tract Field for July 22-24. He will send the necessary insurance documents.

RESOLUTION 2016-72: Councilwoman Gosier made a motion to approve his request and was seconded by Councilman Villa. Four ayes; motion carried.

- Opening of Generator Bids: Supervisor Aubertine stated his decision to table the issue of the generator bids until the next meeting. Councilman Villa requested Robin Grovesteen to prepare a comparison chart of bids received.
- Temporary ZBA and BAR Appointments:

RESOLUTION 2016-73: Councilman Bourquin moved to appoint Derryl Johnston to a temporary position on the BAR. Councilman Villa seconded the motion; four ayes; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2016-74: Councilman Bourquin made a motion to forward Bob Locey's application to the ZBA for review, interview and recommendation regarding appointment to the Board. Councilwoman Gosier seconded the motion; four ayes; motion carried.

- Summer Recreation Vacancy:

RESOLUTION 2016-75: Supervisor Aubertine made a motion to publish a vacancy announcement in the newspaper for the summer recreation program position. Councilman Villa seconded the motion; four ayes; motion carried.

(Charle Mount will provide Robin Grovesteen with a job description.)

OLD BUSINESS

- Mowing Bids:

Bids were received from two property maintenance services as follow:

Yard By Yard (Adam Brown, owner): \$15,500 for Ballfields & abandoned Cemeteries (2-year bid)
\$270 per mow for Three Mile Bay Cemetery

JW Property Services (Joe Watson, owner): \$13,600 for Ballfields & abandoned Cemeteries

RESOLUTION 2016-76: Councilman Bourquin made the motion to accept the bid from Yard By Yard for the mowing of the Three Mile Bay Cemetery. Councilwoman Gosier seconded the motion; four ayes; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2016-77: Councilman Bourquin moved to accept the bid from JW Property Services for the mowing of the ballfields and cemeteries. Councilman Villa seconded the motion; four ayes; motion carried.

- BOCES Solar Consortium-Power Purchase Agreement: Much discussion transpired on the merits of the consortium, resulting in the following:

RESOLUTION 2016-78: Councilwoman Gosier moved to sign the agreement to join the solar consortium. Councilman Bourquin provided the second; four ayes; motion carried.

- Land Purchase Update: Supervisor Aubertine and Councilman Villa both mentioned inquiries received from residents regarding the identification of the land purchase under consideration. It was agreed that another article would be prepared by Supervisor Aubertine and Robin Grovesteen for submission into the Lyme Light to further inform the public of the details of the property and efforts made by the Board to date in the interest of transparency.
- Water District #2- Adopt Final Order:

Following discussion on the satisfaction of all legal requirements, and noting that no reply was entered for permissive referendum, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION 2016-79: Councilman Villa moved to adopt the final order for the extension of Water District #2. Councilman Bourquin seconded the motion; four ayes; motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Richard Wallace addressed the Board to express his opinion on the earlier presentation of Mr. Ned Jones. Mr. Wallace stated his position that the Board should defend the integrity of its employees and should not allow personal attacks to persist beyond the time necessary for a citizen to state his case.

RESOLUTION 2016- 80: Councilman Bourquin made a motion to advertise the copier for sale and to forward the newspaper notice to Supervisor Aubertine for his dissemination to area businesses. Councilwoman Gosier seconded the motion; four ayes; motion carried.

Charle Mount asked if fire departments can become members of the solar consortium. Councilman Bourquin will inquire and get back to Mr. Mount.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel Matter; Section 6 of Public Officer's Law

RESOLUTION 2016-81: Supervisor Aubertine moved to enter into Executive Session under Section 6 of the Public Officer's Law; Councilman Villa seconded; four ayes; motion carried.

Board entered into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2016-82: Supervisor Aubertine moved to return to open session; Councilwoman Gosier seconded; four ayes, motion carried.

Board reconvened the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilwoman Gosier; four ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Grovesteen