BOARD OF FINANCE

Regular Meeting

The Lyme Board of Finance held a regular meeting on Tuesday February 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lyme Town Hall, Lyme, CT 06371.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Hagan Chair, Judith Duran, Peter Evankow, Kathryn Wayland, Jarrod Leonardo, David Brown, Susan Tyler (alternate present but not seated, Bob House (alternate present but not seated, Bruce Anderson (alternate present but not seated), and Jennifer Thomas Secretary

Also Present: Steven Mattson, First Selectman

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Public Comment

Wayland recused herself from this portion of the meeting to speak as a private citizen representing Reynolds’ Garage and Marine. Wayland also stated that she will recuse herself from any future vote relating to hiring additional personnel at the recycling center as it may be perceived as a conflict of interest. Wayland read into the record a statement dated 02/25/2020. Wayland noted communication was made by the First Selectman in January expressing concern that Reynolds’ Garage and Marine has, at times, exceeded the recycling limits at the Hamburg recycling center and requested the business coordinate trips to the recycling center with the town’s crushing schedule or explore an outside commercial contract. Wayland stated that the First Selectman has brought to the board of finance the possibility of hiring additional personnel to staff the recycling center if the coordination with a commercial business cannot be worked out. Wayland pointed to the increase in home delivery from companies like Amazon and other home occupations as other sources contributing to the volume of recycling and is interested in the supporting data that points to Reynolds’ Garage and Marine as the primary cause of possible additional personnel.

Hagan thanked Wayland for the comment and Wayland reentered the meeting as a regular member.

Approve the minutes from the February 11, 2020 meeting

Hagan called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2020 meeting. Brown made the motion, seconded by Leonardo, and the minutes were approved.

Selectman’s discussion of fiscal year 2020/2021 capital budget

Steven Mattson presented the board with the proposed fiscal year 2020/2021 capital budget. The proposed capital budget shows a decrease of 4.6%. The board discussed several items including bridge projects, continued savings into special funds, and donations into affordable
housing and open space. This proposed budget includes several line items that may change, including the final budgets for Lyme/Old Lyme shared facilities and bridge estimates. Hagan called for any additional questions from the board and thanked the First Selectman.

Old Business
Hagan asked the board if there were any additional questions regarding the operating budget presentation that was given on February 11, 2020. There were no questions.

Hagan stated he would be happy to enter executive session if any board member would like to continue the discussion from the executive session on February 11, 2020. The board did not feel the need to enter executive session.

New Business
Hagan requested that the regular meeting date of March 17, 2020 be moved due to a conflict. After discussion, the board agreed to move the March 17, 2020 meeting to March 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lyme Town Hall.

Adjournment
Hagan called for a motion to adjourn. Duran made the motion, seconded by Evankow, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Thomas, Secretary