

**Lyme Planning Board Minutes  
September /24/2009**

Board Members and Staff Present: John Stadler Co-vice Chair; Paul Mayo Co-vice chair; Dick Jones Select Board Representative; Vicki Smith Member; David Robbins Planning and Zoning Administrator

Board Members Absent: David Roby Chair; Freda Swan Alternate; Ben Killham Alternate

Members of the Public Present: Rich Brown

John opened the meeting at 7:03pm

**Item 1: Acceptance of minutes from September /10/2009**

Vicki moved to approve the minutes as with corrections submitted by Dick and John.

Dick seconded the motion

Dick and John voted to approve the minutes. Paul and Vicki abstained because they were not present at the meeting. The minutes were approved.

**Item 2: Capitol Improvement Plan**

The Board discussed the following four items of the CIP:

1) The Highways Department's request for 2 small dump trucks. The Board discussed the changing needs of the highway department including the need to plow smaller areas, such as the Town's parking lots, where a larger truck would be un-manueverable. The Board decided to recommend 2 small dump trucks at 10 year replacement intervals.

2) Replacement of the fire station. The Board discussed the merits of rehabbing the fire station vs. the replacement of the building. The board determined that they would recommend starting a new Capitol Reserve Fund for the replacement or rehab of the fire station. They also recommended the initial investment of the fund should be \$10,000.

3) Police vehicles. The board decided to recommend 2 fully equipped SUV's costing \$45,000 each with a replacement interval of 6 years. This was in line with the recommendations of the Police Chief.

4) Chase Beach/ Balch Field. The board decided to recommend working with Crossroads Academy to continue with an agreement to use the academy's playing field on Shoestrap Road when Balch Field is too wet.

**Item 3: Master Plan**

The Board review revisions to chapter 1 (Vision) and chapter 3 (Transportation) and started work on chapter 5 (Community Profile). The current draft of chapter 1 is a merged version of the chapter that was written by Dick and a version that was written by Vicki. In reference to chapter 3 the board the following items

1) To include recommendations for traffic calming in Lyme center.

2) The Transportation Advisory Committee's recommendations for expansion of the Park and Ride lot (but not their specific plan).

- 3) How to deal with the Town's potentially dangerous intersections.
- 4) Pedestrian and Bike use of the public ways.
- 5) The board discussed looking into reducing lane size on Dorchester Road and Route 10 north of Lyme common to reduce traffic speed and increase shoulder size for pedestrians and bicycle traffic.

The board started discussions on chapter 5. At this time John noted the time was getting close to 9:00 pm and asked the Board members if they were willing to table the discussions until the next meeting. The other Board members agreed.

**Item 4: Appoint Freda Swan as an alternate Planning Board member.**

Vicki made a motion to appoint Freda Swan as an alternate Planning Board member to a term of 3 years. John seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

John made a request that the following item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting:  
Discuss what types of safeguards are in place to protect the town from large scale agricultural/ industrial use such as a slaughter house.

Dick moved to adjourn  
John seconded the motion  
All members voted in favor.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:57pm

Respectfully Submitted  
David A. Robbins  
Lyme Planning and Zoning Administrator.