

**Lyme Planning Board Minutes
December/08/2011**

Board Members and Staff Present: David Roby, Chair; John Stadler Vice Chair; Simon Carr Select Board Representative; Vicki Smith Member; Tim Cook Member; Sam Greene Alternate; David Robbins Planning and Zoning Administrator

Board Members Absent: Freda Swan Alternate; Ben Kilham Alternate

Members of the Public Present: Colin Robinson, Michael Mundy, Tami Dowd, Darrell Torrey.

Chairman Roby opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Item 1: Acceptance of minutes from November/10th /2011

The board had a short discussion concerning a change suggested by Freda Swan. The Board decided to accept the wording as submitted.

John moved to accept the minutes as submitted.

Tim seconded the motion.

Chairman Roby called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 2: Colin Robinson, to request that the Board consider, and recommend that the Zoning Ordinance be amended at Town Meeting to repeal Sect. 5.13E.2

Colin Robinson, on behalf of Dowd's Country Inn, requested the Board consider eliminating the separation distance requirement of 400 feet between the wells of the Lyme community water system and sewage disposal systems. This requirement is proving to be burdensome to the Inn with their plans for expansion. Colin provided a letter from Dana Arey, Engineer for the Lyme Water Association, stating that the State only requires a 175 foot separation and that the 400 foot separation was not necessary.

Mike Mundy, the vice president of the water association agreed that the larger separation was not needed and that the Water Association did not have any objections to reducing or eliminating the Town required separation.

The Board discussed the need to protect the public water supply wells within the Lyme Common area and throughout the Town. The general consensus of the Board was that these wells were an important resource to the Town and that the Zoning Ordinance should recognize the existence and the importance of all the wells supplying water to the public.

The Board decided that instead of eliminating the separation distance, they would recommend at the March 2012 Town Meeting a change to the Zoning Ordinance that

would reduce the minimum separation between public water system wells and sewage disposal systems to the state standard.

Section 5.13. E. 2. Would be rewritten as:

The minimum distance between sewage disposal systems and the wells that serve public water supply systems shall be as established by the State.

The map in Appendix E. would be updated to include the locations of all the public water supply wells registered with New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

The Board decided that the first public hearing should be held during the Planning Board's regular meeting on December 22nd, 2011. If it is determined to be necessary after the first hearing, a second hearing date would be set for January 26th, 2012. The Chairman asked the Planning and Zoning Administrator to Notice the first hearing.

Item 3: Master Plan

Chairman Roby had been working on the final edits of the plan and felt that it was almost ready for public comment.

The Board recommended to release the draft master plan during the first week in January and to schedule the first public hearing on January 26th, 2012. The announcement will be sent by a town wide public mailing, and an announcement on the website and on the Lyme Listserv. Simon agreed to simultaneously post a disclaimer on the listserv explaining why the Board members could not join the discussions on the listserv because it could be considered an unwarned meeting.

Item 4: Other Business

David Roby suggested the Board hold a public forum concerning the allowed uses along the portion of NH State Route 10 south of the common to the Hanover town line. There has been some recent public debate about the uses along this corridor and chairman Roby wanted to make sure that the Board had up-to-date information as to the will of the town for this area. He felt that holding a public forum in conjunction with the release of the draft master plan would provide additional guidance to the Board as to what the community desired for appropriate development for this section of Lyme.

At 9:02pm Simon moved to adjourn the meeting.

John seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

David A. Robbins

Lyme Planning and Zoning Administrator.