

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for January 31, 2008

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 8:00 AM in the Fire Station training room. The following attended the entire meeting: Simon Carr, Dick Jones, Charles Ragan and Administrative Assistant Carole Bont. Transfer Station Supervisor Dan Quinn, Bookkeeper/Secretary Dina Cutting, Planning and Zoning Administrator Francesca Latawiec, Town Clerk Patty Jenks and Peter Mulvihill attended part of the meeting.
2. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes for January 24 were approved with minor amendments
 - b. The non-public session minutes for January 24 were approved.
 - c. The manifest was reviewed and signed.
 - d. Yield Tax assessments (both storm damage) and Yield Tax abatements were signed for:

i. Tom and Ann Gamble	Map 407 Lot 75	\$2.80
ii. Frederick Gernhard	Map 404 Lot 48.100	\$66.47
 - e. An Intent-to-Cut application was signed for:

Allen and Julian MacDonald	Map 402 lot 7
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3. Patty and Dan came in to discuss transfer station issues:
 - a. There was agreement on requiring public with large (over 33 gal) black bags to provide two green stickers. Patty has 1400 stickers in stock. As the stock reduces, we should plan re-printing and what format/text new stickers might have.
 - b. Dan has the space to include a further small dumpster to handle aluminum cans. The cost for this would be approx \$1350/year but would generate approximately \$2276 of revenue. There is probably not enough money in the budget but it might be possible to amend this as a floor amendment at town meeting.
 - c. Dan asked whether we should be charging for recycling fluorescent light fittings. This would be counter-productive; this is a cost we just need to absorb.
 - d. The transfer station permit-by-notification application was signed.
 - e. It was agreed that the transfer station should do a town-wide mailing, using the flyer with the latest charges and information.

4. There was a discussion on the County Jail proposal. It was agreed that Simon would draft, for immediate signature, a letter to our representatives with copies to Commissioner Ray Burton, State Senator Deb Reynolds and Hanover Town Manager Julia Griffin, expressing our deep concern with the costs of the project. The Board voted to sign this letter, as soon as available.
5. The Boy Scouts' request for flea markets on the Common was reviewed. The Board was in favor, in principle, but held it awaiting the Police Chief's comments.
6. Consideration of the Local Government Center's legal fund challenge to the NH Retirement System Trustees was deferred until next week.
7. Francesca came in to discuss FEMA flood hazard maps. The state has changed the law and these can now be adopted by the Selectboard without the necessity of referring the maps to town meeting for adoption. The Board unanimously voted to adopt the current FEMA flood hazard maps. Francesca will check to see if we can get digital copies for Cartographics to incorporate in the town maps.
8. The energy committee warrant article, as amended by town counsel, was reviewed and it was agreed to place it on the warrant. The Board unanimously voted to not recommend it.
9. Simon gave Carole the information for a warrant article, enabling the numeric tally of board or budget members voting for an article to be reported with that warrant article.
10. Dina reported that Tasco were now working on the panic button installation; some of the equipment can be re-used so there should be a cost saving.
11. Town Offices:
 - a. The public hearing for the bond was discussed. Simon felt that there was sufficient confusion over the two bonds that the warrant article should be written as a single bond for \$925,000. Carole will confirm whether the warning for the hearing is such that we could use a one warrant article. The Board voted to place a single article for \$925,000 on the warrant, unless bond counsel and town counsel said that we should use two articles, in which case we would place two articles on the warrant, one for \$850,000 with a second article for \$75,000 to be voted on, only if the first passes.
 - b. Patty asked the Board to emphasize that the requirement for a town offices committee arose from many requests from the public. This was not a staff-originated idea, although the original suggestion had the broadest support from all departments of the town offices.

12. Chaffee Sanctuary, Clay Brook and Trout Brook:

- a. The Recreation Commission has proposed an additional warrant article re-affirming the need for a specific standard of custodial care in the Chaffee sanctuary. By a majority vote the Selectboard voted to include this as a warrant article. Dick voted against, as he considered an article of this nature should only be included as a petitioned warrant article.
 - b. Peter Mulvihill brought in the original easement signed by Guy and Esther Nichols in 1969 giving the town authority to enter their land to clear structures from Trout Brook, in order to preserve the recreational area of Chase Beach and the ball field. There was a discussion on whether this might still be in force.
 - c. Matt Stevens has responded to town counsel's questions regarding Chaffee issues.
 - d. It was agreed that the Recreation commission may undertake a town-wide mailing under the town's bulk mail permit.
13. At 9:55 AM. Dick moved and Charles seconded a motion to go into non-public session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(c) – “matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person”. The motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote. Bookkeeper/Secretary Dina Cutting, Administrative Assistant Carole Bont, Simon Carr, Dick Jones and Charles Ragan attended the non-public session. During the non-public session Simon moved and Dick seconded that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed, which was carried by unanimous roll-call vote. The Board returned to public session at 10:02 AM. having approved a hardship abatement.
14. The meeting adjourned at 10:08 AM.

Simon Carr
Recorder