

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for April 3, 2008

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 8:00 AM with the following attending all or part of the meeting: Simon Carr (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Dick Jones (member), Carole Bont (administrative assistant), Dina Cutting (bookkeeper/secretary), Patty Jenks (town clerk), Sharon Greatorex (deputy town clerk), Elise Garrity (assessing assistant), Dan Quinn (transfer station supervisor), Francesca Latawicz (planning and zoning administrator), Steve Maddock (chair, transfer station committee), Pete Bleyler (transfer station committee), and Marya Klee (transfer station committee). No members of the general public attended the meeting.
2. The meeting started with a discussion of issues involving the operation of the transfer station and role of the Transfer Station Committee.
  - a. Major operational items discussed included: the after normal hours use of the paper dumpster to dispose of unsold paperbacks from the Library's book sale, which (if any) holidays the transfer station would be closed, possible combining of the glass and containers/plastic containers, and possible addition of a separate container for cardboard. Dan will further investigate these and report back to the Board.
  - b. The future role of the Transfer Station Committee was discussed. It was agreed that its members had done an excellent job in getting the station up and running and obtaining its state license. Although at some time in the future a committee may be required if a new transfer station or combined operation with Orford is considered, it was agreed that the present committee had fulfilled its charge. With the concurrence of the members present, the Board then decided to disestablish the Transfer Station Committee.
3. Elise came in to discuss the "Inventory of taxable Property" (PA-28) forms returned to date. She reported that we are getting a low return rate and about 20% that are returned do not include census information or are not signed by all the property owners. The Board agreed that since this is the first time in many years we have required the reports that we would accept incomplete forms this year.
4. The public session minutes of March 27<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> were approved as submitted. The non-public session minutes of March 27<sup>th</sup> (three sessions) and March 31<sup>st</sup> were approved as submitted.
5. The following administrative actions were taken:
  - a. Dick moved and Simon seconded a motion to appoint Mike Woodard to the New Town Offices Committee for a term to March 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Appointment orders for Margot Maddock as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term to March 2011 and John Stadler to the Planning Board for a term to March 2009 (both Planning Board appointments) were signed.
  - c. The addendum to the purchase and sales agreement for the Recreate property (New Town Offices) to change the closing date from May 15<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup> was approved and signed.
  - d. Two property tax assessment appeals were reviewed and approved:
    - i. Kevin and Leonore Roads (map 402 lot 32) reduced assessed valuation from \$512,100 to \$416,800 in accordance with the assessor's recommendation
    - ii. Richard Wade (map 408 lot 56) reduced assessed valuation from \$264,982 to \$199,500 in accordance with the assessor's recommendation.
  - e. No action was taken on the request to grant a non-exclusive limited service area franchise to COMCAST pending a review of the legal issues involved in granting one to serve only very small number of residences.
  - f. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to participate in the Local Government Center's "Wage and Benefits" survey this year.
  - g. The manifest was reviewed and approved.
  - h. Dina reported that the safety issues with the wood pellet boilers in the Highway Garage have been corrected; that the agreement with Crossroads Academy for use of their Shoestrap Road playing field was being reviewed by the school's attorneys, and that the audit was scheduled for completion this week.
  - i. The Board briefly discussed the status of the Coyle/Pushee "fence" with Francesca.
  - j. The Board agreed that the Town should not charge any fee for the "demerger" of lots under section 4.57 of the 2008 amended Zoning Ordinance.
6. At 9:13 Simon 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" for discussion of two hardship abatement requests. At 9:41 the Board returned to the public session having approved hardship abatements of \$8,293.00 and \$2,325.92 and voting by roll call vote not to make the non-public session minutes available to the public.
7. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 AM.

R. G. Jones  
recorder