

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for May 1, 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), Dan Quinn (transfer station supervisor), Dina Cutting (bookkeeper/secretary), Marcia Armstrong and Nora Gould.
2. The meeting opened with Simon moving 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 consideration of an employee’s performance. Dick seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The Board went into non-public session at 8:01 and returned to public session at 8:38.
3. The April 24<sup>th</sup> public session’s and two non-public sessions’ minutes were approved with the correction of two typographic errors.
4. Simon briefed the Board briefly on the Energy Committee’s plans to hold an “energy day” on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>.
5. Dan, Nora and Marcia joined the meeting to discuss the disposal of trash by the Bargain Barn. After discussing last year’s performance in reducing the amount of trash delivered to the transfer station and the committee’s efforts at recycling, the Board decided to make no changes in the current policy.
6. The following administrative actions were discussed and taken:
  - a. The letter to John Billings addressing his concerns about the taxable property inventory was reviewed and signed.
  - b. Dina asked for clarification about handling disability pay and benefits. It was decided to continue past practices on this issue.
  - c. It was agreed that the Town would install, if NHDOT would furnish, signs reserving three spaces in the park-and-ride lot for commuters.
  - d. In a discussion with Dan and Dina, it was decided to utilize transfer station and parks/cemeteries employees to implement the logging and breaching of beaver dams under the revised “Post Pond Water Release Policy”.
7. Simon briefed the Board on the activities of the Town Offices Building Committee:
  - a. The revised “purchase and sale” contract was reviewed and signed.
  - b. The Board authorized Michael Woodward to negotiate a revised lease on the Pike house.

c. The committee had reviewed three proposals for the construction management of the project and recommended Estes & Gallup Builders, Inc. as both technically qualified and the lowest cost. The Board was pleased to award the contract to a local Lyme company.

8. The below listed yield taxes for storm damaged timber were reviewed and abatements of the tax approved:

a. Peter & Janice Treadwell	Map 408 Lot 47.1 & 47.2	\$577.85
b. Karen Sanders Trust	Map 408 Lot 71.1	\$19.28
c. Jane Palmer	Map 410 Lot 10.1	\$1,064.13
d. Alexander Crary	Map 401 Lot 7	\$3,366.55
e. Bliss Lane Realty Trust	Map 410 Lot 20 & 45	\$1,732.19
f. Jeanie McIntyre & Geoff Little	Map 407 Lot 111	\$1248.14
e. Ben & Patty Hudson	Map 407 Lot 101	\$59.72
f. Gary & Karen Phetteplace	Map 407 Lot 130	\$6.50
g. Jane Meyer & Wendy Blau	Map 416 Lot 20 & Map 407 Lot 80	\$1,829.26
h. Bailey Hill Lane Trust	Map 410 Lot 22	\$41.81
i. Bliss Lane Realty Trust	Map 410 Lots 14 & 33.2	\$379.90
j. David Roby	Map 410 Lot 10.2	\$544.83
k. Bliss Lane Realty Trust	Map 409 Lot 45	\$243.44
l. Owl's Roost Realty Trust	Map 410 Lot 9.2	\$623.80
m. Robert & Lynn Vaughan	Map 407 Lot 98	\$157.09
n. Donna St. Peter	Map 407 Lot 94	\$111.95
o. Pat Hill	Map 408 Lot 44	\$251.56

9. The below listed yield taxes were reviewed and assessed:

a. John Kosca	Map 407 Lot 119	\$482.64
b. George & Barbara Tullar	Map 406 Lot 31	\$465.80
c. Richard & Lucie Bourdon	Map 402 Lot 21	\$1,328.52
d. William Nichols	Map 418 Lot 3	\$48.60

10. The Board briefly reviewed the draft "Emergency Management Ordinance" and voted to send it to a Public Hearing to be held at 8:00 AM on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the start of the regular Board of Selectmen's meeting.

11. At 9:55 Simon moved 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 consideration of an employee's performance. Dick seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The Board then went into non-

public session. The Board returned to public session at 10:08 having voted by roll call vote not to make the minutes of the non-public session available to the public.

12. After a short discussion, the Board departed for Concord to testify before the House Finance Committee on an amendment to a bill (SB 321) under consideration at a House public hearing. Upon arriving in Concord, the Board met with Bernie Benn (Hanover/Lyme Representative and vice-chair of the Finance Committee) and then presented the attached testimony before the Committee.
13. The Board returned to Lyme at 3:12 PM and recessed until 11:00 AM on Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Fire Station.

R. G. Jones  
recorder

Attachment: May 1, 2008 letter to Members of the House of Representatives

**TOWN OF LYME  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
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**Simon L. Carr  
Charles R. Ragan  
Richard G. Jones**

May 1, 2008

Members of House of Representatives

Members of the Senate

**Rectification of Administrative Error for the Town of Lyme**

For Town Meeting 2008, the Town Office Building Committee proposed a warrant article of \$1,309,000 which included a bond sum of \$925,000. This was proposed for the purchase of land and building and the construction of new town offices.

The Selectboard held a public hearing on the warrant article on January 30 and voted at their meeting on January 31 to place this article on the warrant. Both the public hearing and the Selectboard meeting were correctly warned and noticed.

On February 12 the Budget Committee held a public hearing at which all the money articles, including the town budget and the bond were considered. Notices were posted on the town's notice boards within the correct timeframe. However, the newspaper notice was not published until February 7. Under RSA 32:5 and RSA 33:8-a I, this means our newspaper notice was not valid. The bond did pass at town meeting with a vote of 234 to 105 (69%) and the other money articles all passed with votes, varying from affirmative voice votes to 80% majority. We have now been notified of the error in submitting the notice and have to correct this.

We are asking the legislature to rectify the procedural defect that we have committed. We have both our town budget and our bond at risk. We would ask that you accept this amendment which would rectify what was a short defect of timing.

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Simon L. Carr, Chair

Charles R. Ragan

Richard G. Jones

Approved: May 2, 2008  
Amended: May 8, 2008

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