

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for June 5, 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), Dina Cutting (bookkeeper/secretary), Mike Hinsley (fire chief), Patty Jenks (town clerk), Fred Stearns (highway agent) and Dan Quinn (transfer station supervisor).
2. Fred came in to review with the Board the Koskas' proposal for changing the drainage on Highbridge Road as it proceeds past their property. They proposed removing an existing culvert under the road and expanding the ditch on the west side of the road as it passes their property. Both the Board and Fred felt strongly that the culvert should not be removed as the east side ditch would not be able to handle the spring or heavy rainstorm runoff from the hill to the east without washing out major sections of the public road. The Board and Fred agreed that the Town could construct an enhanced ditch, to take the west side runoff, as far as Trout Brook to replace the current two cut-outs diverting the water onto the Koskas' property. However, construction of all or part of this enhanced ditch would require some construction west of the apparent existing road right of way and could not commence until an appropriate easement is received from the Koskas.
3. The new Town Offices bond application and line of credit application for the tax anticipation note were reviewed. Dick moved and Simon seconded a motion to approve these documents. The motion carried unanimously.
4. The following administrative actions were taken:
 - a. The public and non-public session minutes of May 29th were approved with minor corrections.
 - b. The manifest was reviewed and approved.
 - c. The oath of office for Freda Swan as a Planning Board Alternate to 2011 was signed.
 - d. Lou-Anne Conroy was appointed as a Lyme representative to the Upper Valley Subcommittee of the CT River Joint Commissions to 2011.
 - e. The following Current Use applications were reviewed and approved:
 - i. Peter & Janice Treadwell: Map 408 Lot 47.2000
 - ii. Barbara Roby: Map 410 Lot 37
 - iii. Geoffrey Vitt, Trustee: Map 410 Lots 16, 18 & 21

- f. Shelia Dubuque's application for an elderly tax exemption was reviewed and approved.
 - g. Dick briefly reviewed the Conservation Commission's Monday meeting. Items discussed included plans for Trails Day (this Saturday), coordination of trails information with the Upper Valley Trails Alliance, and the need for additional action to implement the revised Post Pond Water Release Policy.
 - h. Dick briefly updated the Board on the progress on the Master Plan and Capital Improvement Program.
 - i. Simon briefly updated the Board on the contamination found when the old oil tank was removed from the RECREATE property (formal report and remedial action by the current owner pends state review).
 - j. Simon reported that the corrective legislation on the noticing of the Budget Committee meeting and Town Meeting notices has passed the Senate and now only awaits the Governor's signature.
 - k. The draft 2007 audit was reviewed. Dick moved and Charles seconded a motion to authorize the chair to sign the letter on behalf of the Board.
 - l. Vacation requests for Elise and Dan were reviewed and approved.
 - m. A complaint about a manure pile potentially posing a health (well contamination) and/or environmental problem was referred to the Health Officer for investigation.
 - n. The "closing" and blocking of Cutting Hill Lane (Class VI section) by a landowner was discussed. The Board decided that the "closed" sign and obstructions should be removed now that the safety concerns associated with extensive logging operations are now over.
 - o. Simon moved and Dick seconded a motion to grant a request from previous Town Counsel to destroy three closed legal files. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Ross McIntyre's proposal to build and donate a canoe/kayak rack for public use on recreation land at Post Pond was reviewed. Dina, speaking for the Recreation Commission, said that the Commission would follow its use to see if any regulations were needed. Dick moved and Simon seconded a motion to accept the donation. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Mike came in to report that both Alan and Wayne Thompson had retired from the Fire Department after many years of service to the Town. In addition, he agreed to

clean up the sand that had been placed in the High Street ditch when cleaning the Fire Department's parking area.

7. At 9:20 Simon moved and Dick 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 unanimously.
8. The Board returned to public session at 9:38 having voted by unanimous roll call vote not to make the minutes of the non-public session available to the public.
9. The meeting recessed at 9:40 to reconvene at 8:15 on June 8th at the transfer station.

R. G. Jones
recorder