Town of Lyme Board of Selectmen Minutes for June 12, 2008

- At 8:00 am Simon opened the meeting with the following attending all or part of the meeting: Simon Carr (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Dick Jones (member), Dina Cutting (bookkeeper/secretary), Patty Jenks (town clerk), Wally Ragan (emergency management director), Sue MacKenzie, Alan Newton, and Peter Walsh (CT Valley Spectator).
- 2. At 8:00 the Board commenced the public hearing on the proposed "emergency management ordinance" and returned to its regular meeting at 8:10. Dick then moved and Simon seconded a motion to approve the "emergency management ordinance" subject to changing "EMD" to "LEMD" throughout the document. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3. The following administrative actions were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The Public Hearing Minutes of May 29th, Public and Non-Public Session minutes of June 5th and Public and Non-Public Session minutes of June 8th were approved as submitted.
 - b. The manifest was reviewed and approved.
 - c. The following "intent to cut" applications were approved:

i. Gary Phetteplace Map 407 Lot 130

ii. Kimberley Taylor Map 407 Lot 36

- d. Dina's requested vacation and comp time was approved.
- e. The property tax appeal of the New Hampshire Electric Co-Operative was reviewed and denied on a motion by Simon seconded by Charles and a unanimous vote.
- f. The "issue" of widening Town Roads during routine ditch maintenance was discussed with no action taken by the Board.
- g. Dina brought up several proposed changes to the "recreation area by-laws" that the Recreation Commission would be discussing at their next meeting. These included: closing the areas from dusk to dawn unless an activity is approved in advance by the Recreation Commission (eg the Independence Day fireworks) and including items from previous editions that had been inadvertently omitted. The Board decided to notice a public hearing on the changes for next week's regular meeting at 8:00 on June 19th.

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- h. Further discussion of the drainage of Highbridge Road in the vicinity of the Koska property took place. Issues not previously discussed included the scenic roads designation of the road and boundary stonewalls and their impact on any proposed action.
- i. Staffing of the Transfer Station was discussed with the selectmen agreeing to fill in as needed.
- j. The Bargain Barn's request to have the fee for disposal of electronics at the Transfer Station waived was denied because electronics recycling is by a private contractor (not a Town service fee which the Board may waive). This led to a discussion of waiving fees at the Transfer Station in general. It was agreed that fees would be waived for trash picked up as a part of the annual Conservation Commission "Green-Up Day" and the CT River Watershed Council's "River Clean-Up Day".
- k. The "boundary" between the recreational (Chase Beach and Balch Field) and conservation (Chaffee Sanctuary) lands was discussed. The two properties have been merged into a single "lot", and the Board agreed that management issues would be better served if they were "demerged" either by correcting the tax maps or under section 4.57 of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 4. The meeting adjourned at 9:28.

R. G. Jones recorder

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