

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for June 26, 2008

1. At 8:00 am Simon called the meeting to order. The following attended all or part of the meeting: Simon Car (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Dick Jones (member), Dina Cutting (bookkeeper/secretary), Elise Garrity (assessing clerk), Patty Jenks (town clerk), Shaun O'Keefe (police officer), Dan Quinn (transfer station supervisor) and the following members of public: John and Kristin Patton.
2. 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 a discussion of an operational issue involving the transfer station. The motion was unanimously approved and the Board went into non-public session 8:10 am. The Board returned to public session at 8:28 having taken no action during the non-public session.
3. Both immediately before and after the above non-public session the following issues related to the transfer station were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. It was agreed that LISTSERVE would be used to disseminate information involving the transfer station and that Dan could respond to questions by e-mail.
 - b. It was agreed that anyone coming could take part in the electronics recycling (by paying the vendor’s fee by cash or check), but that it would be advertised as for Lyme and Orford residents.
 - c. Staffing levels at the transfer station were briefly discussed.
4. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The June 19th public hearing and non-public session minutes were approved as submitted and the regular minutes approved with amendment.
 - b. The manifest was reviewed and approved.
 - c. The unlicensed dog warrant was reviewed and approved.
 - d. The letter response to John Koska’s request to remove a culvert and re-route the drainage on a section of Highbridge Road was discussed and approved. Dick reported taking to the Road Agent and his concurrence in the proposed changes.
 - e. Charles reported that the fire department was looking into disability insurance for its members injured when responding to a fire and would be asking the Town to pay for it as part of their 2009 budget, that retirement ceremonies for Wayne and Allen Thompson would be conducted as a part

of the Independence Day picnic, and that Tim Estes had been elected the deputy fire chief.

- f. Simon reported on the removal of the oil tank on the RECREATE property and that the proposed remedial environmental action is still waiting for state approval.
 - g. The agreement with Crossroads Academy for use by the Town of their Shoestrap Road playing field was signed.
5. John and Kristin Patton came in to discuss their appeal of the assessment of their property at 85 Highbridge Road. They felt that several of statistical factors in the property assessment program were incorrectly applied and that the resulting assessment of their property was too high. Their appeal had been previously reviewed by the Town's assessing agent, and she recommended adjusting the "pond" and "view" factors downward, but did not recommend any other adjustments. The Pattons stated they felt that the "model is being unfairly applied to our property" and that the "issue of equality and proportionality" was not reflected in their assessment. The Board disagreed with their contentions, noting that they had recently paid considerably more than the appraised value of the property and the assessment accounted for current use land properly. By unanimous agreement the Board only approved an adjustment of the "pond" factor and reduced their assessment from \$1,007,484 to \$944,800.
6. 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" for a regular personnel performance review. The motion was unanimously approved and the Board went into non-public session at 10:18 am. The Board returned to public session at 11:12 having completed the performance review.
7. The meeting adjourned at 11:20.

R. G. Jones
recorder