

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

1. At 8:00 am Simon called the meeting to order. The following attended all or part of the meeting: Simon Carr (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Dick Jones (member), Dina Cutting (bookkeeper/secretary), Shaun O'Keefe (police officer) and Bill LaBombard (sexton).
2. The Board discussed with Bill the current and future workload of the cemetery/parks departments in maintaining town grounds. Simon expressed concern about the growing number of properties (Shoestrap Road playing field mowing and future Town Offices) to be maintained and asked if Bill was able to assume the additional workload. Bill felt that he and Daniel could take of the additional workload, but expressed concern when multiple funerals/burials took place or poor weather limited the time available for "regular" grounds maintenance. In addition Bill pointed out the need to clarify the relative rolls and responsibilities of the sexton and Cemetery Commission.
3. The Board then discussed the plans for the Independence Day celebrations with Dina and Shaun.
4. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The June 26th regular minutes were approved with a minor amendment and the two June 26th non-public session minutes were approved as submitted.
 - b. The manifest was reviewed and approved.
 - c. The Simon updated the Board on the status of the new Town Offices. The governor has signed SB 321 into law, work has commenced on correcting the environmental issues associated with the RECREATE property, and the building management contract is under review by Town Counsel.
 - d. Thank you letters were signed to the State Representatives and Senator who assisted Lyme in passing SB321 and to Ross McIntyre for the donation of the canoe rack at Post Pond.
 - e. The letter answering a complaint about Baker Hill Road was reviewed and signed.
 - f. A general discussion of the park-and-ride lot and parking in general around Stella's, the Post Office and Mascoma Bank took place.
 - g. The LISTSERVE and e-mail policies were discussed and a "reminder" memo to board and committee members on the use of e-mail was approved.
 - h. The possibility of public bus service to town was discussed, and it was agreed that Dick would draft a "charge" to form a study committee for future discussion.

5. The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

R. G. Jones
recorder