

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for July 24, 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), Wally Ragan (emergency management director), Fred Stearns (road agent), Wayne Bates, Wayne Pike, Steve Rich, and Lynn Wheeler.
2. Fred and Wayne Pike came in to discuss the drainage issues on Highbridge Road opposite John Koska's property. The Board had earlier sent Mr. Koska a letter proposing changes to the current culvert/cut-out configuration and made a site visit with Mr. Koska, Bob Sanborn and Fred yesterday morning. Simon reported that over 2" of rain fell last night and that the drainage ditch on the east side of the road above the culvert was not carrying a large amount of water, but the one below it was. Bob had said during the site visit that the culvert had been in place for many years, and Wayne confirmed that it and the cut-out had been in place since at least 1952 – before Mr. Koska bought the property. Both Fred and Wayne felt strongly that the road would wash-out were the culvert and cut-out removed. It was moved to retain the culvert and cut-out, but not require Mr. Koska to apply for a driveway permit and reimburse the Town for a culvert under it. Charles and Simon voted for the motion and Dick abstained.
3. Dick moved and Simon seconded a motion to go into non-public session under authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(e) consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation. The motion carried unanimously, and the board went into non-public session at 8:23. The board returned to public session at 8:28 having decided to refer the matter to Town Counsel.
4. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. Dick moved and Simon seconded a motion to expend \$1,200 for engineering associated with repairs to the Fisher Bridge (River Road over Grant Brook) from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. The July 17th minutes were reviewed and approved with a minor correction and the July 17th non-public session minutes were approved as submitted.
 - c. The manifest was reviewed and approved.
 - d. The following were appointed to the "Transportation Study Committee" through November 2008: Dan Brand, James Graham, Kevin Peterson and Jeff Valence.
 - e. Dina updated the Board on the status of the Balch Field improvement project.

- f. Simon updated the Board on the New Town Offices project. Dick moved and Simon seconded a motion to waive a security deposit for the current tenant of the Pike House. The motion carried unanimously.
 - g. Dick updated the Board on the Lyme Center Academy Building Committee's public meeting concerning the playground equipment at the building.
 - h. Wally came in to inquire about the status of the corrections to the 911 road map.
 - i. The Board briefly discussed proposed changes to the "Personnel Policies" covering workers' compensation and disability insurance issues.
 - j. The Board agreed to refer a complaint concerning the police department to the Police Chief and have Simon send a letter to the complainer that if he wished to meet with the Board, he could request an appointment during a regularly scheduled meeting.
5. Lynn Wheeler, candidate for Grafton County Register of Deeds, came in to introduce herself to the Board.
 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 affecting the reputation of an individual. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board went into non-public session at 8:48. The Board returned to public session at 9:03 having voted by unanimous roll call vote not to make the minutes of the non-public session available to the public.
 7. The meeting adjourned at 9:05.

R. G. Jones
recorder