

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for August 28, 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), Pauline Field (police chief), Elise Garrity (assessing assistant), Harry Glass, Nancy Papademas and Tim Odell.
2. Harry came in to complain about the gating of Cutting Hill Line. Dick explained that as long as the “gate” across a Class VI road was not locked, it was permitted under state law, and that he had the right to open the gate, pass through it and then close it. Charles explained that it had been put up by the logger as a safety matter during logging operations and because of vandalism of some of the logging equipment.
3. Nancy and Tim came in to complain about what they considered illegal encroachment by Baker Hill road onto their property. Simon explained, in general terms, the difference between their owning the land and the Town’s right-of-way for the road. Neither Nancy nor Tim accepted his explanation that the Town was fully within its rights in how it has maintained the road. Nancy said that they had retained a surveyor and attorney who had prepared a letter that the Town would receive in the next few days.
4. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. Elise came in with the MS-1 for review and approved. The report was reviewed and approved. Her request for two vacation days was also approved.
  - b. The August 21<sup>st</sup> public session’s minutes were approved as submitted, and the August 21<sup>st</sup> non-public session’s minutes were approved with a minor correction.
  - c. The manifest was reviewed and approved.
  - d. Dina updated the Board on the progress of the wetlands delineation on the Balch Field. The change order for the Pathways contract in the amount of \$5,950 for the wetlands delineation was approved and signed.
  - e. Simon updated the Board on the new Town Offices project. The property closing will be held tomorrow afternoon.
  - f. Francesca’s suggested fee schedule for ZBA re-hearings was reviewed and approved.
  - g. It was agreed to set-up for the primary election at 5:00 on September 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - h. It was agreed to schedule a public hearing for 8:00 am on September 3<sup>rd</sup> to consider accepting a grant of \$7,000 for a radio for the emergency operations center.

- i. Dina reported that Harvey Frommer's complaint about mosquito infestations was referred to the Health Officer. The Board concurred in his conclusion that spraying should not be undertaken. The Board felt it would be both ineffective and pose adverse environmental impacts from the spraying itself.
  - j. Pauline reported on her discussions with Orford on possible sharing of some police functions. She will set up a meeting with the two Selectboard chairs to discuss the issues.
  - k. The Board agreed to assess ponds as recommended by the Assessor. They will be assessed as increasing a property's value without regard to whether there is an access easement or dry hydrant.
5. The meeting recessed at 9:30 to reconvene at 2:00 pm in the Law Offices of Margaret Jacobs on August 29<sup>th</sup> for the closing on the property for the new Town offices.

R. G. Jones  
recorder