

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for September 11, 2008

1. At 8:00 am Simon opened the meeting with a minute of silence in memory of the victims of the 9-11 attacks.
2. The following attended all or part of the meeting: Simon Carr (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Dick Jones (member), Dina Cutting (bookkeeper/secretary), Nancy Grandine (overseer of public welfare) and Pauline Field (police chief).
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. The September 4<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and public hearing minutes were approved as submitted.
  - b. The manifest was reviewed and approved.
  - c. The tax exemption certification for Fair Point Communications was reviewed and signed.
  - d. Paul Mayo's oath of office form as a regular member of the Planning Board through the next Town election was signed.
  - e. Simon briefed the Board on the progress on the new Town offices. Items discussed included forwarding the construction schedule to the Planning Board (the final item required by RSA 674:54) and that demolition has started. Simon moved that the new Town Offices project be granted a municipal exemption from the requirements of the Lyme Zoning Ordinance and Site Plan Review Regulations. Dick seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  - f. Dick briefed the Board on Monday's Conservation Commission meeting. A consultant has been hired for preparation of the wetlands permit application for the second and third "castor masters", which will be paid from the Conservation Fund. The formation of a committee to study the possibility of a path/trail from the Common to the new Town Offices and Post Pond was discussed. It was agreed that this should be a committee appointed by the Selectmen and would provide an opportunity for the Recreation and Conservation Commissions to work together toward a common goal.
  - g. A draft letter on providing administrative police services to Orford, while they are recruiting a new police chief, was approved and Simon was authorized to sign it on behalf of the Board.
  - h. Brief general discussions on personnel position descriptions, reviewing applications for the clerical assistant position, the boat launch facility at Post Pond and changes to the Personnel Policies were conducted with no actions taken.

4. Nancy came in to discuss several welfare related items.
  - a. She recommended that Lyme adopt the standard guidelines with some modifications. Charles moved and Simon seconded a motion to adopt the proposed Lyme Welfare Guidelines. The motion carried unanimously.
  - b. Nancy reported that she has expended all the funds in the Town Poor Expendable Trust Fund and approximately \$500 over this year's operating fund appropriation in meeting the Constitutionally required Town welfare needs to date. An additional \$15,000 may be needed to meet these required expenses for the remainder of the year. The Board asked Dina to examine the expenditures to date to identify possible areas where the Board could cut other departments' funding to meet the welfare costs.
5. The meeting adjourned at 9:48.

R. G. Jones  
recorder