

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for September 18, 2008

1. At 8:00 am Simon opened the meeting. 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), Betsy Eaton (librarian), Stephen Campbell (library trustee), Mardi Bowles (library trustee), Judy Russell (library trustee), John Kuniholm (library trustee), Ann Baird (library trustee) and Bill Lewis.
2. The Board met with Pauline to discuss and take appropriate action on the following:
  - a. The “Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit” has evolved to be more like a large mutual assistance network based in and conducting training in the Concord area. It has significantly changed for the local organization that Lyme joined several years ago and no longer meets the Town’s needs. (Lyme has police mutual assistance agreements with Thetford, Hanover, Orford and Canaan.) After a discussion, Dick moved and Simon seconded a motion to withdraw from this organization and authorize Pauline to submit the resignation notice called for by its by-laws. The motion passed unanimously.
  - b. The draft “Boat Launch” ordinance was discussed. It was agreed to schedule a public hearing on this ordinance on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 am.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. The September 11<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as submitted.
  - b. The manifest was reviewed and approved.
  - c. Gary Petteplace was appointed to the Energy Committee for a term to expire in March 2009.
  - d. The following yield taxes were assessed:

i.	Roy VanVleck	map 416 lot 8	\$ 187.73
ii.	Charles Lahr	map 201 lot 134	\$ 204.10
  - e. The intent to cut for Connie Wilmot on map 402 lot 85 was signed.
  - f. Simon briefed the Board on the progress on the new Town offices and the below actions were taken in this regard:
    - i. The construction management contract with Estes and Gallup Builders Inc. was reviewed and signed. It puts a maximum cost on the construction of \$646,659.

- ii. The Board authorized Simon to fill out and sign the application to the State for reimbursement of part of the costs associated with removal of the underground oil tank.
  - iii. Dick moved and Charles seconded a motion to waive the fee on the building permit. The motion passed unanimously.
- g. The sale of a cemetery memorial garden lot to Jane Fant for John Beesley was approved and signed.
- h. Dick informed the Board that the daffodil bulbs from NH The Beautiful have arrived.
- i. Dick led a discussion of last night's Budget Committee meeting. They recommended a goal of a maximum increase in the Town budget of inflation less 1% not including the bond payments associated with the new Town offices. In the discussion it was noted that several items, eg health insurance, energy and welfare, would likely have to increase at a greater rate. Bill expressed his opinion that the Town's benefit package was overly generous by industry standards and compared to the school's. It was concluded that to meet the Budget Committee's goal, all other expenses would have to be kept to level funding. Dick agreed to draft a memorandum to departments for consideration at next week's meeting.
4. Betsy and the Library Trustees came in for their annual meeting with the Selectmen. The discussions centered about issues involving the relocation of the Town offices. The Board was unable to address many of the trustees' questions as the planning and timing of the move is still undeveloped or unknown. There was also a brief discussion of the trustees' planning for the future use of the vacated spaces in the library building.
5. At 9:32 Simon moved and Dick seconded a motion to go into non-public session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(b) the hiring of any person as a public employee and RSA 91-A:3 II(c) matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation if any person. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote and the Board went into non-public session.
6. At 10:20 the Board returned to public session having voted by roll call vote in the non-public session not to make the minutes of the session available to the public. The only public decision made in the session was tentatively not to fill the part-time clerical position in the Selectmen's office until after the move to the new Town offices.
7. The meeting adjourned at 10:40.

R. G. Jones  
recorder