

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for September 25, 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), Don Elder (911 coordinator), Pauline Field (police chief), Mike Hinsley (fire chief), Francesca Latawiec (planning and zoning administrator), Dan Quinn (transfer station supervisor), Wally Ragan (emergency management coordinator), Steve Williams (highway worker) and Bill Lewis.
2. Steve came in to discuss his co-payments for additions to the basic health insurance benefit and earned vacation time. The Board agreed to re-exam his benefits pay base date to insure consistency in applying it to all Town employees with broken service.
3. Dan came in to discuss various transfer station issues:
 - a. The contract with the City of Lebanon for use of their dump was reviewed. Although the Town does not use this dump, many commercial haulers serving Lyme businesses and people do. (In 2007 approximately 56 tons from Lyme went into the Lebanon dump.) After some discussion, the Board signed the contract.
 - b. The transfer station proposed budget was briefly discussed. Dan's request includes a decrease in costs and increase in estimated revenues for 2009.
 - c. Dan reported that he was still reviewing what kind of green bags to buy when the current supply is exhausted and that he did not recommend replacing the stickers, but rather using the punch cards for items not in Town green bags.
 - d. Dan reported that he was investigating getting a small dumpster for aluminum cans to increase recycling revenues.
4. Don, Mike and Wally came in to discuss corrections to the 911 listing. The State's comments were reviewed and a few minor changes were approved to Lyme's existing listings. The Board then signed the 911 agreement, which under State law restricts access to the 911 list.
5. Wally came to discuss Town costs associated with the 27 July to 14 August storms for submission to FEMA. Dina will gather information on the River Road and Dorchester Road washouts for possible submission for reimbursement of up to 75% of the cost to the Town.
6. Francesca came in to discuss the first demerger case under section 4.57 of the Zoning Ordinance. She has drafted her decision document and the Board approved sending it to Town Counsel for review before it is finalized.

7. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The September 18th public and non-public sessions' minutes were approved with minor amendments.
 - b. The manifest was reviewed and approved.
 - c. Nancy and Blake Allison were assessed a yield tax of \$100.92 on map 407 lot 73 for storm damage. Simon moved and Charles seconded a motion to abate the entire tax of \$100.94. The motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Dina, Simon and Dick gave short briefs on the Recreation Commission, Town Offices Building Committee and RPC meetings this week. Dick moved and Simon seconded a motion to approve a payment of \$3,813.44 to the bond consul for services associated with the new town offices bond. The motion carried unanimously.
 - e. A memorandum to all department heads on their 2009 budget requests was reviewed and approved.
 - f. A brief questionnaire on possible distribution and formats of the Town Report was approved.
 - g. Simon moved and Dick seconded a motion not to accept credit card payments for tax bills or other Town charges. The motion passed unanimously.
8. At 10:03 Dick moved and Simon seconded a motion to go into non-public session under the authority of 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.
9. At 10:25 the Board returned to public session having made no decisions in the non-public session.
10. Mike came in again for a discussion of sever fire department issues:
 - a. Only one fire pond/dry hydrant access easement has been recorded. Several others have been executed for dry hydrants. Mike agreed to get these easements to the Town Office so they may be recorded. It was also noted that conditions approved by the Planning Board and/or ZBA during subdivision, site plan review and special exceptions were unclear on the requirement for access easements. The language on these conditions should be clear in the future to require the access easements.
 - b. Maintenance of fire ponds/dry hydrants and sprinkler system installations were discussed briefly.
11. The meeting adjourned at 10:45.

R. G. Jones
recorder