

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for October 16, 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), Diana Calder (assessor), Dina Cutting (bookkeeper/secretary), Pauline Field (police chief), Patty Jenks (town clerk), Shaun O'Keefe (police officer) and Joie Finley Morris and Angel Jackson (both of Tri-County Community Action).
2. Joie and Angel came in to discuss Tri County Community Action's 2009 budget request of \$752. They noted that in the last year, their agency provided \$13,048 in assistance to 47 Lyme households and did not receive any direct Town support. (Previously they had been housed at LISTEN and now are on their own.) After discussing their programs, the Board agreed to consider their request as a part of its review of the 2009 budget requests from non-governmental organizations.
3. Patty came in to discuss awarding of the Boston Post cane and her 2009 budget request.
 - a. She reported that we have lost Mr. Carmichael, the current holder of the cane, and she recommended it be awarded to Mrs. Edson as Lyme's oldest current resident who has lived in town for more than 10-years. Simon moved and Dick seconded a motion to award the cane to Mrs. Edson, which passed unanimously. Patty agreed to coordinate an appropriate awards ceremony.
 - b. The Board then discussed with Patty her 2009 budget request. The major changes are deleting the funds for "breaking in" a new town clerk, increased hours for the deputy clerk associated with the new motor vehicle registration procedures and changes in the breakdown of the election related expenses.
4. At 9:00 Dick moved and Charles seconded a motion to go into non-public session under the authority of 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.
5. At 9:30 the Board returned to public session having made no decisions during the non-public session.
6. Diana came in to discuss various assessing related issues. After discussing the background, Simon moved and Charles seconded a motion to grant property tax relief of \$225.95 plus interest to John Lehet (map 407 lot 88). The motion carried with Simon and Charles voting for the motion and Dick against.

7. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The October 9th public and non-public sessions' minutes were approved with minor corrections.
 - b. The manifest was reviewed and approved.
 - c. Dick briefed the Board on Commissioner Campbell's presentation to the Regional Planning Commission on the major issues facing the NHDOT.
 - d. Simon briefed the Board on the progress of the Town Offices Building Committee.
 - e. The Board discussed various staffing alternatives and the fire department's 2009 budget request without reaching any conclusions.
8. Shaun came in to discuss the traffic safety and parking situation at Stella's associated with the construction in the parking area. Pauline agreed to further investigate the situation and take appropriate action to address the safety issues.
9. At 10:38 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 of any person. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote and the Board went into non-public session.
10. At 11:10 the Board returned to public session having made no decisions during the non-public session.
11. The meeting recessed at 11:10 until 1:00 PM on Monday October 20th at the town offices.

R. G. Jones
recorder