

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for November 13, 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 (administrative assistant), Steve Campbell and Lee Larson.
2. Steve and Lee came in to discuss the West Central New Hampshire Broadband project to provide fiber optic internet service to every home and business in an 8-town area including Lyme. The next phase of the project will be the formation of the organization of the eight communities to oversee the project. A warrant article, to establish this organization, is required. (There are not any anticipated tax costs associated with the project for the next few years.) Dick moved and Simon seconded a motion to place an article before the voters at the next Town Meeting to establish the multi-town organization. The motion carried unanimously.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of 10 November were approved as submitted.
 - b. The manifest was reviewed and approved.
 - c. Simon briefed the Board on a meeting with Bob Eaton (NH DOT) on possible realignment of the High Street-Route 10 intersection.
 - d. Simon moved and Charles seconded a motion to nominate Charles Sawyer for an additional term as the Health Officer. The motion carried unanimously.
 - e. Simon moved and Charles seconded a motion to reconsider the donation of fire engine #3 and delay any decision until after a replacement fire engine is procured. The motion carried unanimously.
 - f. The health insurance agreement with the Health Trust was reviewed and approved with the deletion of the most expensive optional insurance policy.
 - g. Dina gave a brief report on the Local Government Center's annual meeting.
4. At 8:45 Simon moved and Dick 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. At 8:49 Board returned to public session having approved a hardship property tax abatement application for \$4,587.32.

5. The Board reviewed and discussed last night's Budget Committee meeting with an emphasis on the COLA amount and health insurance contributions. The Board agreed that it would support the proposed COLA amount equal to the Social Security COLA and not support a change in the health insurance contribution rate for existing Town employees.
6. The meeting adjourned at 9:35.

R. G. Jones
recorder