

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for February 12, 2009

1. At 8:00 am Simon opened the meeting.
 - a. The following attended all or part of the regular meeting: Simon Carr (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Dick Jones (member) and Tom Heitzman.
 - b. The following attended the public hearing (and the discussion immediately following the hearing) on the COMCAST contract: Simon Carr (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Dick Jones (member), Lisa Burmingham (COMCAST), Corey Hopkins (COMCAST), Frank Bowles, Steve Campbell, Charles Muntz, Bob Sohrweide, Walter Swift and Mike Woodard.
 - c. The following attended the public hearing (and the discussion immediately following the hearing) on Article 2 concerning "Library Revenues" on the 2009 Town Meeting Warrant: Simon Carr (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Dick Jones (member), Marty Bowles (Library Trustee) and Steve Campbell (Library Trustee).
2. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The public session minutes of February 5th and non-public sessions' minutes of February 5th (both sessions) and February 6th were approved as submitted.
 - b. The manifest was reviewed and approved.
 - c. The application of Janet Baker-Smith for an elderly exemption was approved for 2009 only.
 - d. The Intent-to-cut was signed for Peter and Sherlie Dayton on map 410 lots 69 and 80 was signed.
 - e. Charles gave a brief update on the activities of he Recreation Commission.
 - f. Simon gave a brief update on the status of the new Town Offices construction.
 - g. Dick updated the Board on the State's proposed "economic stimulus" highway and bridge projects and the UVLSRPC's draft priorities for the revised State "10-Year Transportation Improvement Plan".
 - h. The Board briefly discussed two pending hardship abatement requests without taking any action on either.

6. COMCAST Public Hearing and discussion:
 - a. At 8:40 Simon opened the public hearing required under RSA 53-C:3-a to consider the suitability of Comcast to supply cable television facilities to a limited area of Lyme, namely 85 Dartmouth College Highway.
 - b. At 9:13 the Board returned to its regular meeting.
 - c. Dick said he was concerned that the present contract was limited to providing service to “The Village at Dartmouth College Highway Condominium Association”. Lisa said that COMCAST could propose an amendment in the future, if it made business sense. Simon moved and Charles seconded a motion to sign the contract and continue negotiations with COMCAST for potential future expansion of the service area. The motion carried with Simon and Charles voting for and Dick against.
7. At 9:25 Simon opened the public hearing on Article 2 concerning “Library Revenues” on the 2009 Town Meeting Warrant. At 9:35 the Board returned to its regular meeting.
8. Tom came to briefly ask some questions about tonight’s Planning Board meeting.
9. The meeting adjourned at 9:39.

R. G. Jones
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