

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for March 19, 2009

1. At 8:03 am Simon opened the meeting. The following attended all or part of the meeting: Simon Carr (chair), Dick Jones (member), Charles Ragan (member), Dina Cutting (administrative assistant), Pauline Field (police chief) and Ray Burton (Grafton County Commissioner and Governors Councilor).
2. Ray Burton came in to discuss Grafton County government. Highlights included:
  - a. the design for the new county jail is currently being revised to decrease its capacity from 206 to 162 beds and delete the originally proposed the psychiatric unit;
  - b. the county nursing home is operating at capacity with a short waiting list and at its most recent inspection received no discrepancies, and
  - c. the commissioners are working on their proposed budget for the coming year with a goal of no increase in appropriations.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. the minutes of March 12<sup>th</sup> were approved as submitted;
  - b. the manifest was reviewed and signed;
  - c. an application for a \$3,253.97 grant for increased police speeding patrol hours was approved;
  - d. the annual maintenance contract on the selectmen's office copier with Lyndonville Office Equipment for \$845.00 was signed;
  - e. the MS-2 "report of appropriations actually voted" was reviewed and signed;
  - f. the Arbor Day proclamation was reviewed and signed;
  - g. Garry Thrasher's application for a veteran's tax credit was disapproved as he did not serve on active duty for the required time during the qualifying dates;
  - h. Helen North's application for an elderly tax exemption was reviewed and approved;
  - i. the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the Lyme Historians, Inc. for their use of the Academy Building was signed;
  - j. Simon updated the Board on the Energy Committee's energy fair;
  - k. Simon updated the Board on the progress on the new Town offices building;
  - l. Dick updated the Board on the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee's meeting earlier this week;
  - m. the Board discussed Wednesday night's meeting with the Historians and Nadine Peterson of the NH Division of Historic Resources on the possible creation of a Lyme Historic Commission;
  - n. the contract with E-ONE for \$231,000 for a new fully equipped fire truck was discussed and it was agreed to sign it this week following some additional review

- to confirm that its terms were the same as the contracts for the two previous trucks;
- o. Dina briefed the Board on the mold in the highway garage (which was determined not to pose a health hazard) and improvements to the garage's ventilation system; and
  - p. the Board acknowledged receipt of a petition from 29 persons requesting the gravel portion of the Dorchester Road be closed to all but residents from March 1 to May 1 and agreed to hold a public meeting on this request at a later date.
4. The Board discussed various board and committee vacancies. The following appointments were made to the Energy Committee:
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| Carola Lee      | to March 2012 |
| Gary Petteplace | to March 2012 |
| David McManus   | to March 2012 |
5. At 9:35 Simon moved and Dick seconded a motion to go into non-public session under authority of RSA 91-A:3(e) consideration of pending claims or litigation. The motion carried unanimously. At 9:40 the Board returned to public session having authorized Town Consul to respond to the claim.
6. The meeting adjourned at 9:45.

R. G. Jones  
recorder