

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for May 7, 2009

1. At 8:00 am Simon opened the meeting. The following attended all or parts of the meeting: Simon Carr (chair), Dick Jones (member), Charles Ragan (member), Judy Brotman (budget committee chair), Diana Calder (assessor), Dina Cutting (administrative assistant), Pauline Field (police chief) and David Robbins (planning & zoning administrator).
2. Judy came in to discuss preliminary planning for this year's Budget Committee schedule. After reviewing the proposed schedule, the discussion centered on topics for education of committee members and items that should be accomplished before the committee commenced detailed work on the 2010 budget in the fall. The first meeting was tentatively scheduled for an education and organization meeting on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. The regular and non-public session minutes of April 30<sup>th</sup> were approved as submitted.
  - b. The manifest was reviewed and signed.
  - c. The tax assessment appeal of the Estate of Ken Elder (map 408 lot 59) was reviewed and the board approved a reduction in the assessed valuation of \$41,000 to \$207,700.
  - d. The following withdrawals from current use were approved and land use change taxes assessed:
    - i. Srimalai Nichols      map 405 lot 52      0.11 acres      \$620.00
    - ii. Noreen Estes      map 402 lot 54      0.56 acres      \$11,740.00
  - e. Dick updated the board on Monday's conservation commission meeting and last Thursday's N1H1 virus (swine flu) response planning meeting in Hanover.
  - f. Simon briefed the board on the progress on the new Town Offices. The Police department has moved to their new facilities. The alarm system was discussed and it was agreed to have it monitored by both Hanover Dispatch and Tasco.
  - g. The Department of Revenue Administration's report of the "equalization valuation" of the Town was reviewed.
  - h. The board discussed parking problems at Stella's. David will review the site plan review and conditional use permits for possible non-compliance.
4. David and Dina came in to discuss with the board coordination of building permit and assessing information. Issues discussed included:
  - a. The Zoning Ordinance does not require permits for all construction that may increase the assed valuation of a property. In order to insure that such improvements are picked up, David will give Diana notes of cases he

becomes aware of that do not require permits in addition to copies of the permits issued.

- b. Diana will give notes to David of improvements that she finds on site visits that have not received permits so that “after-the-fact” permits may be processed as appropriate.
  - c. The PA-28 inventory reports were discussed. It was concluded that the cost of their processing was greater than the value of the additional information they provided. The board agreed to not require them in the future.
  - d. Permit fees were discussed without resolution of how to make them more reasonably reflect the value of the improvements.
5. At 9:57 Simon moved and Charles seconded a motion to go into non-public session under authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(c) “matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person” to discuss and act upon an application for a hardship abatement. The motion carried unanimously. The Board returned to public session at 10:09 having voted by unanimous roll call vote not to make the minutes of the non-public session available to the public.
6. The meeting adjourned at 10:10.

R. G. Jones  
recorder