

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for July 9, 2009

1. At 8:02 am Simon opened the meeting. The following attended all or parts of the meeting: Simon Carr (chair), Dick Jones (member), Charles Ragan (member), Joanne Colburn (tax collector), Dina Cutting (administrative assistant), Pauline Field (police chief), Patty Jenks (town clerk), Fred Stearns (road agent) and Bill Vigneault (Pike Industries).
2. Joanne came in to discuss two issues:
 - a. Information on hardship tax abatements – It was agreed that Dina would provide Joanne a paper copy of any applicable selectmen’s non-public session minutes to due with tax abatement applications.
 - b. Tax billing for lots with multiple owners – The change to generating a single tax bill for each lot (which avoids multiple counting by the software) will mean that the tax collector will not receive a proportional bill for each partial owner. It was agreed to use the “rebill” software option to generate a bill (for the entire tax due on the lot) for each partial owner.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The public and non-public session’s minutes of July 2nd were approved as submitted.
 - b. Two manifests were reviewed and approved.
 - c. An intent to cut for Robert and Jane Buchanan on map 402 lot 74 was signed.
 - d. The road agent’s vacation request for July 9th and 10th was approved.
 - e. The Independence Day celebration was discussed focusing on improvement next year in parking and observation of the safety zone.
 - f. The Transportation Study Committee’s report was discussed. The committee’s recommendations and their disposition are:
 - i. Promote Ridesharing – Information on Upper Valley Rideshare will be posted on one of the town office’s lobby bulletin boards.
 - ii. Commuter Parking – Expansion of the existing park-and-ride lot in Lyme Village was not considered a solution. Dick reported that the State’s property on Route 10 north of the village was one of the new park-and-ride locations recommended to NHDOT by the Regional Planning Commission on May 12th after their extensive study of possible locations in the entire Upper Valley Lake Sunapee region.

- iii. Expand the Committee's Scope – The Transportation Study Committee was apparently unaware of the existing Highway Safety Committee, and those interested in pursuing other transportation safety issues should work with that existing committee.
 - g. The Board reviewed and discussed a "Budget Plan" handout for the next Budget Committee's meeting on August 5th at 7:00 pm.
 - h. The Board wishes to gratefully thank Jim Mason for his outstanding display case for the Boston Post Cane in the town offices lobby.
- 4. The bids for this year's paving projects (Baker Hill and Pinnacle roads) were opened. Three bids were received. Dick moved and Charles seconded a motion to award the contract to the low bidder Blacktop, Inc for \$71.35 per ton. The motion carried unanimously.
 - 5. The meeting adjourned at 10:10.

R. G. Jones
recorder