

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for July 30, 2009

1. At 8:03 am Simon opened the meeting. The following attended all or parts of the meeting: Simon Carr (chair), Dick Jones (member), Charles Ragan (member), Diana Calder (assessor), Dina Cutting (administrative assistant), Dan Quinn (transfer station supervisor) and Jeff Valance (school principal).
2. Diana came in to discuss several assessing issues:
 - a. The NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) has completed its monitoring of Lyme's assessments. No significant discrepancies were noted on the properties sampled.
 - b. The database has been updated to delete duplicate assessment cards for lots in multiple ownership.
 - c. Due to the small number of "qualified sales", DRA will use both 2008 and 2009 sales data to determine the equalized assessed valuation for Lyme. This will continue to be a concern in completing the revaluation next year.
 - d. She has completed her inspections of all but 121 of the 860 improved parcels and sufficient funds are available to complete the revaluation next year without additional appropriations.
3. Dan came in to discuss two issues:
 - a. The Board confirmed that recycling is mandatory in Lyme.
 - b. The Board confirmed that recycling of both compact florescent and regular florescent light bulbs would continue to be at no charge in order to reduce the likelihood that they would not be disposed of properly.
4. Jeff came in to discuss the school's solar energy project. The School Board has accepted a very generous gift from American Capital Energy to install a 15.4kw solar electric system on the school gym's roof. Federal stimulus funds will pay for 30% of the cost, and the company is donating the remaining 70%. Dick moved and Simon seconded a motion to grant a municipal exemption for the project from Lyme's land use regulations, which carried unanimously. Dick then moved and Charles seconded a motion to waive the building permit fee and return the check for it to American Capital Energy, which passed unanimously.
5. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of July 23rd were approved as submitted.
 - b. The manifest was reviewed and approved.
 - c. Dick briefed the Board on last week's Planning Board meeting.

- d. Simon briefed the Board on the Federal broadband stimulus meeting. No Federal stimulus funds will be available for Lyme as they are limited to “shovel ready” projects.
 - e. The tax anticipation note with Mascoma Bank was reviewed and signed.
 - f. The closing statement for the purchase of the Young property was reviewed and signed. The total cost of the purchase is \$46,041.44, which will be paid in total from donations, the Conservation Fund and the Town Forest Maintenance Fund.
 - g. A letter thanking the members of the Transportation Study Committee for their work was approved.
 - h. The “Communications and Computer Systems Policy” was approved.
 - i. The 6-month budget review spreadsheet was reviewed and discussed in preparation for next week’s Budget Committee meeting.
6. The meeting adjourned at 9:53.

R. G. Jones
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