

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for September 3, 2009

1. At 8:00 am Simon opened the meeting and immediately opened the public hearing on the possible designation of Mud Turtle Pond Road and/or Trout Pond Lane as “emergency lanes” under the provisions of RSA 231:59-a. At 8:18 the Board returned to its regular meeting.
2. The following attended all or parts of the meeting: Simon Carr (chair), Dick Jones (member), Charles Ragan (member), Dina Cutting (administrative assistant), Pauline Field (police chief), Blake Allison, Put Blodgett and Lee Larson.
3. The Board discussed the designation of parts or all of Mud Turtle Pond Road and Trout Pond Lane as “emergency lanes” finding the following:
 - a. Mud Turtle Pond Road is a Class VI road for its entire length from Whipple Hill Road to the Orford Town Line having been closed to gates and bars by a vote at Town Meeting in 1976.
 - b. Trout Pond Lane is a Class VI road “by the failure of the town to maintain and repair such highway in a suitable condition for travel thereon for five successive years or more”.
 - c. Both roads provide access to publicly owned lands used by the general public for recreational purposes in the Town Forest or Trout Pond Forest both of which have several miles of trails maintained by the Conservation Commission and, in the case of Mud Turtle Pond Road, a public camping area.
 - d. Road access by emergency vehicles to the trailheads would provide a greater public benefit to the general public than to abutting landowners for both rescue services and forest fire fighting.

Dick moved and Simon seconded a motion to designate Mud Turtle Pond Road an emergency lane from Whipple Hill Road to the Beaver Pond Trail and Trout Pond Lane and emergency lane from Hardscrabble Lane to the Town’s log landing. The motion carried unanimously.

4. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of the August 27th meeting were approved as submitted.
 - b. The manifest was reviewed and approved.
 - c. The Board signed James Hoch’s intent-to-cut on map 404 lot 19.
 - d. Dina briefed the Board on the most recent Recreation Commission meeting. She reported that the soccer season is now underway on the Balch Field, and the Commission is working on an extension of the agreement with Crossroads

Academy on the use of their Shoestrap Road playing field. She also said that some members did not understand their role in the Morrissey et al legal suit. Simon, with the Board's concurrence, said that the Board consulted with the affected Commission chairs, but that the Town's responses to the legal issues would be made by the Board of Selectmen.

- e. Dick briefed the Board on the most recent Planning Board meeting.
 - f. Simon briefed the Board that he had been informed that the expansion of the park-and-ride lot between Stella's and the Mascoma Bank building was one of three "low cost" park-and-ride projects being planned by NHDOT in the UVLSRPC region.
 - g. The Board reviewed and signed the contract with SEGNET, Inc. for internet services for the Town Offices.
 - h. The Board reviewed and signed the "protected price agreement" for winter road salt.
 - i. The Board reviewed and signed the contract with Springfield Fence Company for cemetery fencing.
 - j. Dina reported that she is still getting additional information/proposals on possible solutions to the condensation/mold issues in the Town Highway Garage for inclusion in the 2010 budget.
 - k. The Board discussed guidance to departments on preparation of their 2010 budget requests. Specifically department heads should plan on no pay increases, identify possible overtime reductions, and identify possible service reductions with their attendant cost savings.
5. At 9:20 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 an application for a hardship abatement. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to public session at 9:40 having made no decisions.
6. The meeting adjourned at 9:41.

R. G. Jones
recorder