

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for November 5, 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), Diana Calder (Assessor), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant), Dan Quinn (Transfer Station Supervisor) and Nancy Snyder.
2. Dan came in to discuss applying for a grant from NH the Beautiful for half the cost of purchasing a storage container for tires to replace the current rental. If the grant were awarded, the cost to the Town would be \$1,650, and the Town would avoid the current rental fee. The Board approved and signed the grant application.
3. Nancy came in to discuss the street lighting at the foot of Sand Hill by the Lyme Inn. She felt that an additional street light was needed to replace the former light owned by the Inn. The Board agreed to have the Planning and Zoning Administrator review the Inn's site plan's exterior lighting requirements before it would take any action on possibly having the Town replace the Inn's former street light.
4. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. The regular and non-public session minutes of October 29<sup>th</sup> were approved as submitted.
  - b. The manifest was reviewed and signed.
  - c. A timber tax of \$92.03 for Jim Mason (map 411 lot 11) was assessed.
  - d. The following 2009 property tax abatements were approved to correct administrative errors:

i.	Dan and Barbara Lynch	map 407 lot 66	\$ 8,604.44
ii.	Helen North	map 404 lot 12	\$ 3,598.60
iii.	David Washburn	map 402 lot 33	\$ 1,975.46
iv.	Houser Trustees, Megan and Robert	map 409 lot 998	\$ 500.00
  - e. Dick briefed the Board on Monday's Conservation Commission meeting. A major concern was the filling of water bars and cutting of a new unauthorized trail in Town's Trout Pond Forest apparently for use by mountain bicyclers.
  - f. Simon briefed the Board on the Anniversary Committee's meeting. After some discussion, it was agreed that it would be more appropriate for the Recreation Commission to explore a connecting path between the Common and Post Pond recreation area.

- g. The Board discussed Wednesday's Budget Committee meeting. It was agreed to review the Board's proposed budget at next week's meeting.
- 5. At 8:35 Dick moved and Simon seconded a motion to go into two non-public sessions; both under authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(c) "matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person". The motion carried unanimously and the Board went into non-public session. At 8:47 the Board returned to public session having approved a hardship abatement of \$373.12.
- 6. The Board discussed several ongoing and pending issues. It agreed that an engineer should be hired to examine and propose solutions to the condensation problems in the highway garage, that no action to change the current cemetery management organization should be undertaken, and that amending the Town's fiscal year was not practical due to the transition costs.
- 7. Diana came in to discuss the issues that led to the administrative errors associated with the tax abatements approved earlier in the meeting. The apparent cause was the bridge software between the tax billing and assessing programs. It was agreed that she and Dina would investigate alternative software to avoid the problems in the future.
- 8. The meeting adjourned at 10:00.

R. G. Jones  
recorder