

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for November 19, 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), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant) and Pauline Field (Police Chief).
2. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of November 12th were approved with minor changes to paragraph 2(g).
 - b. The manifest was reviewed and signed.
 - c. The Board reviewed the application for a 2008 and a 2009 tax abatement by Peter and Janice Treadwell on map 408 lot 47.2000. The issue involved the treatment of land placed in current use but, due to administrative error, was taxed at the non-current use rates, and the timeliness of the application. Dick moved to approve a 2009 tax abatement of \$2,183.78 but disapprove the requested 2008 tax abatement. Charles seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 2 to 1 with Dick and Charles voting in favor and Simon voting against.
 - d. Dick briefed the Board on last week's Planning Board meeting and Simon on the Energy Committee's meeting.
 - e. The Board approved Dina's vacation request for the remainder of this year and for her to carry over up to 32 hours of vacation time to next year.
 - f. The Board approved and signed a letter to NHDOT to request "no parking" signs be placed on the Grafton Turnpike at its corner with the Dorchester Road.
 - g. Pauline briefed the Board on a hazardous tree on River Road approximately 1/2 mile north of East Thetford Road in the "scenic road" section of River Road. Simon moved and Charles seconded a motion to declare it a "hazard" and have it removed by a commercial contractor. The motion carried unanimously.
 - h. The Board appointed Linda Goodrich a "Supervisor of the Checklist" through March 2010.
 - i. The Board discussed a draft possible "Temporary Traffic Order" on use of unpaved Class V roads during "mud season". It was agreed to seek Town Consul input before proceeding further.
 - j. The Board discussed Wednesday evening's Budget Committee meeting and possible cuts to reach their target operating budget. It was agreed to propose a \$600 cut in the solid waste collection bin rental line and examine the cost savings across the board 5 hour/person cut in overtime hours.

3. At 9:22 Dick moved and Simon seconded a motion to go into non-public session under the 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 employee annual performance appraisals. The motion carried unanimously and the Board entered non-public session. It returned to public session at 10:08.
4. The meeting adjourned at 10:08.

R. G. Jones
recorder