

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for December 10, 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), Patty Jenks (Town Clerk) and Tim Cook.
2. Tim came to discuss his concerns about the Highway department's budget. The Board agreed to gather information on how Lyme's department's budget compared to other neighboring towns' highway budgets, but felt that this was an item for much more data gathering and study before taking any action.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. The regular and non-public sessions' minutes of December 3<sup>rd</sup> were approved as submitted.
  - b. The manifest was reviewed and signed.
  - c. The tax appeal on map 408 lot 75.1000 was reviewed. In accordance with the assessor's recommendations, the Board unanimously approved a decrease in the assessment from \$627,400 to \$534,400 and the resulting 2009 property tax abatement of \$1,762.42.
  - d. The Board discussed provisions made for support of the Supervisors of the Checklist and concurred in Dina's and Patty's recommendations.
  - e. The Board discussed complaints surrounding a "junkyard" on the Dorchester road and agreed to take the first step by writing a letter to the property owner.
  - f. The Board discussed a request to plow and permit parking on the Common for the Congregational Church's Christmas Pageant. The Board unanimously agreed that the request could not be granted as (this year unlike in the past) the Common is not yet frozen and granting the request could lead to extensive damage.
  - g. Dick briefly updated the Board on Tuesday's Transportation Advisory Committee's meeting.
  - h. The Board approved a letter to the NHDOT District Engineer forwarding Pathways Engineering's proposal for redesign of the Route 10-High Street intersection for state action since both roads are state highways.
4. The meeting recessed from 9:00 to 9:50.
5. At 9:50 Simon moved and Dick 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

performance reviews. The motion carried unanimously and the Board entered non-public session. It returned to public session at 10:21.

6. The meeting adjourned at 10:22.

R. G. Jones  
recorder