

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for February 4, 2010

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), Steve Campbell (Library Trustee), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant), Nora Gould (Library Trustee), Pauline Field (Police Chief), Patty Jenks (Town Clerk), Fred Stearns (Highway Agent) and Liz Ryan Cole.
2. Steve and Nora came in to discuss pending plans of the Lyme Water Association to possibly apply for a Federal “stimulus” loan to replace parts of its distribution system. At issue for the Library is, if the loan were granted, it would increase the annual water bill by an estimated \$600 to \$800. The Board advised them that it was too late to make any changes in this year’s Library budget request, and in addition loan collateralization and the multi-year “contract” to repay the loan might require a Town Meeting vote.
3. Liz came in to discuss possible withdrawal of the petition warrant article to change the Zoning Ordinance. Currently she has 41 of the 46 petition signatories signing a petition to withdraw the article. The Board told her that all signatories were required to withdraw the article. Simon then moved and Dick seconded a motion that the Board would withdraw the article from the warrant if all 46 petition signatories sign a withdrawal petition and it is delivered to the Selectmen’s Office by the close of business at 4:00 PM today. The motion carried unanimously.
4. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken (some before and some after the two non-public sessions):
  - a. The regular session’s and all three non-public sessions’ minutes of January 28<sup>th</sup> were approved as submitted.
  - b. The manifest was reviewed and approved.
  - c. The Board briefly discussed last week’s Planning Board, Monday’s Conservation Commission, Tuesday’s Anniversary Committee and last night’s Budget Committee meetings.
  - d. The Board reviewed and signed the Warrant for this year’s Town Meeting.
  - e. The Board authorized the chair to sign a letter to accompany a Highway Safety law enforcement grant application on behalf of the Board.
  - f. The Board signed the NH The Beautiful forms for May’s “Green-Up Day”.
5. At 8:37 Simon moved and Charles 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 a personnel issue. The motion carried unanimously and the Board entered non-public session. It returned to public session at 8:50 having taken action on a personnel issue during the non-public session.

6. At 8:52 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 an application for a hardship abatement. The motion carried unanimously and the Board entered non-public session. It returned to public session at 8:59 having voted to grant the application for a hardship abatement of \$2,075.31 plus interest and fees during the non-public session.
7. The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

R. G. Jones  
recorder