

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for March 18, 2010

1. At 8:00 am Dick opened the meeting. The following attended all or parts of the meeting: Dick Jones (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Simon Carr (member), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant), Pauline Field (Police Chief), Patty Jenks (Town Clerk), Fred Stearns (Road Agent), Russell Stearns and Steve Williams (Highway Dept.).
2. The results of the write-in votes for the open three-year position of Trustee of the Trust Funds was a tie with Blake Allison and Dan Lynch each receiving 4 votes. On advice from the Secretary of State's office, it was necessary to use chance to break the tie. Dick produced a 1941 British half-crown which Simon tossed and which came up heads for Blake. Blake was therefore deemed to have won the position as Trustee.
3. The Board reviewed the proposal for purchase of the 1-ton dump truck's equipment and agreed to award the contract to Howard P. Fairfield in the amount of \$42,483.41.
4. There was a discussion with the police chief and road crew concerning parking, primarily on the triangle area of the Dorchester Road and Grafton Turnpike intersection, but also covering parking in the traveled lane in other areas of town. Pauline and Charles will take these issues to the Traffic Safety Committee (due to meet after the Selectboard meeting).
5. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of March 11th were approved with the change that para 4 related only to Fire Chief term limits.
 - b. The manifest was reviewed and approved.
 - c. A yield tax of \$45.97 was assessed Carola Lea on map 414 lot 16.
 - d. The 2010 NHDOT information report was reviewed and signed with some minor discrepancies noted.
 - e. Freda Swan has resigned as Commissioner of UVLSRC. The Board accepted her resignation with regret and noted her many years of service to the Commission with appreciation.
 - f. The Report of Appropriations Actually Voted (MS-2) was reviewed and signed.
 - g. The Selectmen's office copier maintenance contract, for \$845.00, with W.B. Mason (AKA Lyndonville Office Equipment) was reviewed and signed.
 - h. Letter responses:
 - i. The board authorized Simon to sign a response to Manning Rountree's letter concerning possible developments on Acorn Hill Road.
 - ii. Dick will draft a letter to Bill Waste as moderator of Town Meeting,

referencing Helen Skelly and others' complaints concerning treatment of public within the voting area at town meeting.

- iii. Dick will draft an acknowledgement of Tony Ryan's letter regarding the Dorchester Road/Grafton Turnpike intersection.
- i. The Board accepted Brian Rich's resignation as Forest Fire Warden with regret and noted his work over many years. Dina will draft a letter of thanks.
- 6. There was discussion on maintenance of the Pike House, especially regarding flooding in the basement. Charles has adjusted the sump pump set-up, which should not now block. Dina has proposed to the tenant that, should she be away, she notify Charles so that he may monitor any risk of flooding. It was noted that there were also areas of water damage from roof leaks which need to be addressed.
- 7. Dina had prepared a list of vacancies on town boards and committees. The board agreed that this should be sent out on listserv and posted on the town website with an invitation for anyone interested to contact the town offices.
- 8. The auditors have now carried out their audit; there is a discrepancy of \$24,000 from 2007, relating to which funds the initial deposits for the purchase of 1 High Street, and Dina is working with them to confirm precisely which funds their earlier transfers relate to.
- 9. The meeting adjourned at 9:50.

Simon Carr
recorder