

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for April 22, 2010

1. At 8:06 AM Dick opened the meeting. The following attended the meeting: Dick Jones (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant), Patty Jenks (Town Clerk), Pauline Field (Police Chief), Bob Eaton (NHDOT), and Doug King (NHDOT).
2. Bob and Doug (both from the Enfield NHDOT District Office) came in to discuss several road issues with the Board:
  - a. The Town Offices' curb-cut onto High Street is in fact "grandfathered" as it existed for many years as a residential/commercial driveway in its present location. (The residential curb cut permit cited earlier by NHDOT for was for Spring Hill Lane.)
  - b. High Street/Route 10 Intersection: The State will do the engineering design for safety improvements (primarily to improve sight distances) and provide any needed materials, including paving. The Town will provide the State with any changes to the right-of-way (all on Town owned land) needed for the new intersection and work with the State on the actual construction. A site visit was conducted and various alternatives were discussed. When a preliminary design is developed, the State will again meet with the Board.
  - c. North Thetford Road: This last year extensive drainage improvements were made. Plans for this summer's construction include reclaiming the existing pavement, placing a foot of gravel over the western 9/10 mile of the existing roadbed and repaving the entire road from the River Road to Route 10. Improvements to the sight lines at the intersection with Route 10 will also be made by some reconfiguration of the intersection. The State will look at possible additional sight line improvement through reduction of the rise on the northwest side of the intersection.
  - d. Route 10 washout by the Balch Field: Bob and Doug planned to make a site visit to the site to examine the problem following their meeting with the Board.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. The minutes of April 15<sup>th</sup> were approved as submitted.
  - b. The manifest was reviewed and approved.
  - c. Intent-to-Cut applications for William Ploog on map 407 lot 55 and for Trudy Rumbaugh on map 407 lot 29 were signed.
  - d. A yield tax assessment was signed for Harriet Philips for \$ 81.05 for timber harvested on map 404 lot 1.
  - e. Dick and Pauline briefed the Board on Wednesday night's Regional Planning Commission – NHDOT working group meeting on reconfiguration of the East Thetford Road – Route 10 intersection. Three alternatives were discussed, and it was agreed to proceed on the preliminary design of the third (which

was very similar to the concept recommended by the Town's Traffic Safety Committee). A Public hearing will be scheduled for early June.

- f. Charles briefed the Board on the most recent Energy Committee meeting. The committee continues work on the heat losses from the Academy Building and Fire Station and is hoping to hold an "energy fair" on the Common next summer.
  - g. The "green-up day" registration with New Hampshire the Beautiful was signed. They are out of "blue bags" for this year. Dick moved that the Transfer Station waive fees for clean-up trash on May 8<sup>th</sup> whether it is in a "blue bag" or not. Charles seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.
  - h. The Board accepted Dan Quinn's retirement request with regrets for the outstanding job he has done to bring the Transfer Station into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He has agreed to continue and help train his replacement past his nominal retirement date as necessary. Advertisements for both his and Miles's replacements were approved.
  - i. The annual maintenance contract with W. B. Mason for the Town Clerk Office's copier in the amount of \$ 295 was signed.
  - j. The MS-65 "Auditor's Report of Expenditures and Receipts" for 2009 was signed.
  - k. Dick briefed the Board on two complaints he had received about the increased fees for use of the Academy Building. After discussing the issues, the Board decided to keep the fees at their new levels.
  - l. Dina briefed the Board on the addition of assessing data to the Town's web page. Once the April 1<sup>st</sup> data is available the following will be made available on-line: property owner's name, property's street address, land's assessed value, building's assessed value and total assessed value.
  - m. Don Elder has agreed to assume the duties of the Town's Fire Warden. Charles moved and Dick seconded a motion to recommend his appointment to the State. The motion carried unanimously.
  - n. An elderly property tax exemption was approved without discussion as both Dick and Charles had previously independently reviewed the application and felt that no discussion was necessary.
4. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 AM.

R. G. Jones  
recorder