

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for June 3, 2010

1. At 8:00 AM Dick opened the meeting. The following attended part or all of the meeting: Dick Jones (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Simon Carr (member), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant), Patty Jenks (Town Clerk), Pauline Field (Police Chief) and Greg Jenks.
2. Greg Jenks had come in to discuss possible highway department staffing issues. The Road Agent missed his appointment and consequently little meaningful discussion took place.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The public and non-public minutes of May 27th were approved with an amendment to item 2(g) of the public minutes to read "It was regretted that this suit had cost the town more than \$17,000 in legal fees...".
 - b. The manifest to the value of \$7,506.71 was reviewed and approved.
 - c. Dick updated the Board on the most recent Planning Board meeting of Thursday, May 27. It was hoped that a revised draft of the master plan would be available by the next meeting.
 - d. Simon updated the Board on the most recent Anniversary Committee meeting of Tuesday, June 1. Pauline had attended to discuss possible safety issues. Potential members of finance and publicity sub-committees were identified and are to be approached. It was noted that any work on the Rte 10/East Thetford Rd. intersection needed to be completed this year.
 - e. Recreation Area and Chase Beach:
 - i. Two letters concerning the condition of the tennis and basketball courts had been received. It was estimated that temporary repairs would cost \$4,000 and permanent repairs significantly more. It was agreed that the courts are to be closed, until temporary repairs could be undertaken and the expenditure authorized. Notices will be posted that the closure is due to safety issues. The Board authorized Dick to sign letters to the complainants explaining these issues.
 - ii. Due to the chemical milfoil treatment on Lake Fairlee, Thetford Elementary School had requested the use of the Recreation Area and Beach for their 3 thru 8 grades' end of year events on June 9, 10 & 11. They would provide their own lifeguards and would be covered under their insurance. Simon moved and Charles seconded that this request be approved and the motion passed unanimously.
 - iii. Lyme School requested the use of Chase Beach for their regular end-of-year event on June 17. This request was unanimously approved.
 - iv. The Beach will open June 19. It was noted that the two previous requests were before the official opening date and that some clean-up would be necessary ahead of the regular clean-up day.
 - f. A letter had been received from Theresa Mundy regarding the recent increase in the Academy building charges. The Board authorized Dick to reply on their behalf, explaining

the rationale for the increases.

- g. There had been questions on the status of the Transportation Committee. Although they had completed their work by July 9, 2009 it had not been officially stated that the committee was then 'sunsetting'. The Board now confirmed that this was the case. The duties of the committee are now allocated as:
 - i. Promotion and facilitation of ride-sharing, as a form of energy conservation, should now be part of the Energy Committee and their charge should be amended to reflect this. It was noted that the Transportation Committee had already undertaken some work on this.
 - ii. Safety issues are part of the existing Highway Safety Committee's responsibility and Pauline was asked to draft a suitable charge.
 - h. There was a discussion on the web publication of draft minutes. The Board agreed that committee and boards who held meetings at longer than monthly intervals should be permitted to publish draft minutes on the web site. These should be clearly marked as "Draft" and Elise should investigate whether these can be displayed with a different-colored background. There was also a discussion on the web publication of NPS minutes. Providing these are not sealed, there is no problem with such NPS minutes being published on the web. Simon was deputed to investigate combining a meeting's public and unsealed NPS minutes in to a single document.
 - i. Committee and Board Vacancies. There was discussion on the structure and membership of several boards and committees:
 - i. The History Committee has two vacancies. Simon has arranged for the Historians to discuss these and propose members at their next meeting, June 20.
 - ii. Highway Safety Committee. This has representatives from various town departments. It was agreed that this did not require citizen membership, but that the public should be encouraged to attend its meetings.
 - iii. Communications committee is currently moribund; most of its members had been interested in cell phone issues. However, it was felt it should be retained, as there was the future likelihood of it being needed to address potential broadband development.
 - iv. The New Town Offices Committee had been retained for a year after occupation of the building, to allow for any post-occupation issues to be resolved. The members were all thanked at the time of occupation and it has now 'sunsetting'.
 - v. The ZBA has three empty positions for alternates. These are Planning Board appointments and the Board agreed to ask David to publicize on the listserv and to strongly emphasize to the Planning Board the need for these positions to be filled.
 - j. There was a discussion on the Recreation Area By-laws/Ordinance. Dina and Pauline agreed to work together to ensure that the By-laws should be properly formatted.
4. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 AM.

Simon Carr
Recorder