

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for June 10, 2010

1. At 8:02 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), Fred Stearns (Road Agent), Jedidiah Smith, Jeff Lehmann, Peter McGowan and Tom Goodrich.
2. At 8:04 AM Dick moved and Simon seconded a motion to go into non-public session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(b) "the hiring of any person as a public employee" to consider hiring for the Transfer Station and the Highway Department. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote and the Board went in to non-public session.
  - a. There was a discussion with a candidate of the necessary and specific conditions under which the candidate might be employed at the Transfer Station. The Board did not take any decision on the candidate's appointment.
  - b. The Board discussed staffing needs for the Highway Department with Fred and agreed with Fred that he would investigate whether the possible candidate would be prepared to work 40 hrs/week from December 1 to April with overtime as necessary and then cover other department members' vacation time through the summer. The maximum annual hours to be 1000.
  - c. At 8:43 AM the Board returned to public session.
3. Highway Department Issues
  - a. Dick raised the issue that he had complaints regarding ditch-cleaning, both in respect of big rocks being left in ditches and the grader cutting in to tree roots. Fred noted the issues.
  - b. Fred asked that we get bids for carrying out asphalt work on portions of Acorn Hill Rd, Baker Hill Rd, River Rd and reclaiming Goose Pond Rd from four-corners to Pico Ln. He will give Dina the exact details.
4. Jeff Lehmann came in to register a complaint regarding the dump at the foot of Franklin Hill Rd. The Board had written to the landowner in January regarding the issue and had subsequently spoken with a family member regarding this. Jeff was concerned that there had been further materials being brought in. The Board undertook to follow up on the issues.
5. Peter McGovern and Tom Goodrich came in to discuss the temporary closure of the tennis and basketball courts:
  - a. Peter noted that the meeting agenda had not been published prior to the meeting. Dina will check on why this had not happened.
  - b. Dick summarized the issues with the cracks in the courts. He emphasized that, once the town had been notified of any danger to the public, it was duty bound to take all necessary steps to protect the public. In this respect, the town has a higher duty of care than that of an individual.

- c. There was significant discussion on liability, but the Board was not prepared to permit any opening of the courts, even with players accepting liability in any form.
  - d. Since notification of the issue representatives of the Recreation Commission, as the responsible town body, had contacted a specialist contractor who had estimated the temporary repair to be in the region of \$1,000. It had been hoped that the contract would be available for the Board to sign at this meeting; however, it had not been received. Charles moved and Simon seconded that Dick, as chair, be authorized to sign a contract, on behalf of the town, for temporary repairs up to the value of \$2,000. Funds to come from existing appropriations, donations and Capital Reserve Funds. The courts to remain closed until the completion of repairs. The motion passed.
6. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
- a. The minutes of June 3<sup>rd</sup> were approved with minor corrections.
  - b. The manifest to the value of \$29,443.81 was reviewed and approved.
  - c. Dick updated the Board on the most recent Conservation Commission meeting of Monday, June 7th. and the recent UVLSRPC Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.
  - d. Simon moved that the Board approve and sign the agreement with the Dorchester Selectboard regarding plowing into Dorchester on Dorchester Rd. Dick seconded this and the motion passed unanimously. The agreement was duly signed.
  - e. Dick moved and Simon seconded that the Board approve the re-formatted Recreation Commission by-laws. The motion passed unanimously.
  - f. We had received an invoice for mowing in the cremation garden area of the cemetery from an outside individual. As we have town staff available and this is part of their duties, Dick moved and Simon seconded that the invoice be disallowed. The motion passed unanimously.
  - g. There was a discussion on road name signs. If the road is listed within the emergency 9-1-1 listing then the town should be providing and installing the signs.
7. The Board received Pauline's resignation as Police Chief on the grounds of disability with deep regret and appreciation for her work in developing the Police Department. This will take effect from the end of June.
8. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Simon Carr  
Recorder