

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for June 24, 2010

1. At 8:00 AM Dick opened the meeting. The following attended parts 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), David Robbins (Zoning Administrator) and Diana Calder (Assessing Agent).
2. Diana reviewed the current status of assessing:
 - a. NHEC had appealed their 2008 assessment to the court. The hearing is set for Jan 12, 2011. They had also appealed their 2009 assessment. Dick moved and Charles seconded that this appeal be denied. The motion passed unanimously and the Board signed the denial.
 - b. There was a discussion on the issues of assessing and Diana emphasized that current sales numbers were not high enough to give good statistical samples. She was seeing an increase in “deferred maintenance” and an increase in outbuilding construction.
 - c. The Board should be aware that 2011 is a certification year, when the State requires town-wide re-assessment.
 - d. She noted that there was a new, discretionary agricultural buildings exemption and the new HB1554 energy districts bill, which the Board needed to be aware of.
3. David came in to discuss the parking issue at Stella's. There was a discussion on the parking requirements based initially on the May 24, 2007, site plan drawing. Subsequently the approved layout of June 28, 2007 was located. The requirements are for 41 car-parking spaces including 2 ADA-compliant. David noted that there were 36 marked spaces but also a further 10 unmarked spaces. The Board agreed that David should review the approved site plan drawing and prepare a letter to Stella's noting the discrepancies (including the likely need for an as-built plan) for the Board to sign.
4. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of June 17th and 18th were approved and the NPS minutes of June 17th was approved.
 - b. The manifest to the value of \$17,282.85 was reviewed and approved.
 - c. Dina reported on the clean-up of Chase Beach and the re-opening of the tennis/basketball courts. The Board expressed their appreciation to the Recreation Commission in getting the courts repair expedited.
 - d. Charles reported on the latest Energy Committee meeting of Monday 21st June. They are pushing several initiatives to heighten energy use awareness.
 - e. Simon reported on the status of the History Committee. In future this will meet four times a year and will advise Elise beforehand so that the meetings may be properly noticed.
 - i. Dick moved and Simon seconded that Linda Southworth and Laurie Wadsworth be

appointed to the committee for three-year terms. This passed unanimously and the Board signed their appointments.

- f. Charles and Dick reported on the Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting. A revised draft had been prepared for review.
 - g. Dick moved and Charles seconded the acceptance of the Highway Safety Committee charge. The charge was accepted unanimously.
 - h. Dick moved and Simon seconded that the agreement with Crossroads Academy for use of their Shoestrap Rd ball field until 2014. The motion passed unanimously and the Board signed the agreement.
 - i. The Board agreed to approve the ARC quote for air-conditioning work in the Selectmen's Office and authorized Simon to sign contract on the Board's behalf.
 - j. Dick moved and Simon seconded that the Prouty be permitted to use the 'Little Common' for their rest-stop for July 8 thro' July 10.
 - k. The Board confirmed that Dina may authorize Academy Building use on the basis of the discussion at the meeting of June 17th. The revised LCAB policy will be prepared in due course.
 - l. Fairpoint Communications had asked to use town space for their DSL announcement. They may not use town offices, but can use the Academy Building at the usual rental.
5. There was a discussion of some of the issues regarding Pauline's new contract. Town Counsel should have a draft available on Friday.
6. The meeting recessed at 10:12 AM to reconvene at the Town Offices at 3:00 PM Monday 28th June.

Simon Carr
Recorder