

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for August 5, 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), Patty Jenks (Town Clerk), Pauline Field (Police Manager) and Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant).
2. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of July 22nd were approved with a minor amendment.
 - b. The manifest to the value of \$10,702.85 was reviewed and approved. A separate confidential manifest was signed for Overseer of the Public Welfare expenditure.
 - c. Dick reported on the Conservation Commission meeting of Monday, August 2:
 - i. There had been several trees blown down in the Town Forest, along Mud Turtle Pond Rd. He and Tom Colgan intended to inspect and hopefully clear them on Saturday.
 - ii. Preparatory work for the Trout Brook washout adjoining Route 10 was proceeding. The Conservation Commission was working with the Highway Department to place riprap and then trees above.
 - d. Simon reported on the Anniversary Committee meeting of Monday 26th. It now has a preliminary plan for the weekend's events and will start publicizing them.
 - e. The Board reviewed and signed a letter to a homeowner regarding ditch cleanings, which the homeowner had requested and now wanted removed.
 - f. The Board reviewed and agreed an amended agreement to be sent to the homeowner on Dorchester Road regarding the junkyard issue.
 - g. Following discussions with the property owner adjoining the East Thetford Rd./Route 10 intersection, DOT had determined that individual curb cuts were necessary from each property. DOT had accordingly notified the Board that they intended to proceed with this plan (known as 'Option 3') and would be putting the project out to bid at the end of August.
 - h. The DOT had inspected the Hewes Brook bridges on Goose Pond Rd. The two westernmost culverts were both failing and need replacement. They will be notifying the town of the necessary work required. A temporary repair is in place.
 - i. Chaffee Management Plan and Easement:
 - i. Town counsel had reported on her negotiations with DES and UVLT regarding the plan and easement. DES would not accept any wording permitting work to be undertaken in anticipation of any water level above Mean High Water. The Board agreed that they would not sign an easement on that basis. The Board authorized Dick to email the Recreation and Conservation Commissions advising

them of the need for an alternative property to offer for mitigation.

- ii. We had received an invoice from UVLT for \$5,050 for their work on this easement. The initial request, paid in March 2009, had been for \$3,000 and the Board was concerned at the increase in charges. As the original negotiator with UVLT, Simon was asked to discuss this invoice with them.
 - j. UVLSRPC had requested the town (with other towns in the commission) to provide a representative to the commission's household hazardous waste committee. The Board agreed to ask for volunteers.
 - k. North Country Public Safety Foundation had requested nominations for their annual award. The Board will consider possible nominations.
 - l. Northstar Fireworks had settled with the homeowner whose kayak had been damaged during the Independence Day celebrations. As the fireworks operative had raised the issue of the kayak/canoe rack at the time, the Board agreed to pay fifty percent of the claim and agreed to pay \$550 from the Insurance Deductibles Fund. The revised recreation ordinance will include wording addressing this issue and canoe/kayak owners will be reminded to remove their boats before the Independence Day celebrations.
 - m. The Health Officer had reported on the pollution complaints on Smith Mountain Rd and River Rd. No problem had been found at either location. The Board will write to the Smith Mountain Rd homeowner saying this and noting that Department of Agriculture and DES are both working with the abutter. Dick was authorized to sign on behalf of the Board. Charles will contact the abutter on River Rd.
 - n. Dick moved and Simon seconded that up to \$10,000 be taken from the Emergency Major Equipment Rebuilding Trust Fund for the rebushing and service life extension for the backhoe. The motion passed unanimously. Fred was also asked to get an assessment on the grader for a service life extension.
 - o. The Energy committee had asked for a meeting with themselves, Dina and a proposed energy auditor. The Board agreed that Dina should attend the meeting but also emphasized that the committee should not apply for any grants without first getting Board authorization. Dina will ensure they receive the current grants policy.
 - p. Transfer Station: It appears unlikely that the possible applicant for the third attendant will follow it up. There was a discussion on how the position should be filled and it was agreed to advertise it. Dick will cover next Sunday, but the present position of the Board covering weekends was unacceptable.
3. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Simon Carr
Recorder