

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for August 12, 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), Pauline Field (Police Manager), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant), Nancy Grandine (Overseer of Public Welfare) and Wallace Ragan (Emergency Management Director).
2. At 8:01 AM Dick opened the public hearing on the adoption of the revised Recreation Areas By-Law.
3. At 8:10 AM Dick closed the public hearing. Dick moved and Simon seconded that the revised Recreation Areas By-Law be adopted with minor amendments. The motion passed unanimously.
4. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. The minutes of August 5<sup>th</sup> were approved minor amendments.
  - b. The manifest to the value of \$726,523.33 was reviewed and approved, including \$600,000 for the school.
  - c. An Intent-to-Cut was signed for Katherine Perkins Gray Map 409 Lot 67  
It was noted that this intent-to-cut included a portion of a winter deer yard.
  - d. Simon reported on the Building Maintenance committee's meeting of Monday, August 9. They had identified the highest priority issues and intended to make proposals to the Selectboard by mid-September, so that the work could be undertaken this fall. They would then continue with assessing future costs so as to have proposals to make to the Board and the Budget Committee.
  - e. Dick reported on the UVLSRPC Transportation Advisory committee's meeting of Wednesday, August 12.
  - f. One possible volunteer had come forward for the UVLSRPC's household hazardous waste committee.
  - g. Simon reported on his discussions with UVLT regarding the cost overrun on the Chaffee Management Plan and Easement:
    - i. They had overlooked that they should have reported once the costs reached the prepaid amount. They considered that they would have been in budget if they had not had to undertake unanticipated work agreeing the wetlands delineation with DES and our engineers.
    - ii. It was critical that, before any work was undertaken on an alternative property, there be a meeting between UVLT, the town and the town's engineers on the precise scope of work required.
    - iii. The Board discussed the cost of this abortive portion and agreed that it should be

met by the Recreation Commission fund for this project.

- h. US Census Bureau had requested a Health Insurance Cost Study. Dina will undertake this provided it only requires minimal time.
  - i. Charles reported on the progress of replacing the over-mature tree on the Common, with which the town parks staff will assist.
  - j. Freda Swan had asked to display some pictures of conserved Lyme properties in the Conference Room and the Board agreed to this.
  - k. Dennis Thorell's contact for forestry services was reviewed and signed.
5. A new property in Hanover is being constructed with access from Goose Pond Rd. and potentially could be given a Lyme 9-1-1 address. Hanover Dispatch is aware that it should be the responsibility of Hanover and our 9-1-1 co-ordinator should work with Doug Hackett of Hanover Dispatch to find a suitable solution that ensured an efficient response without Lyme being billed for an out-of-town property.
6. At 9:00 AM Nancy Grandine came in to discuss the Allowable Levels of Assistance payments. These had not been reviewed since September 2008 and she asked that the Board approve the levels. She noted that she had now included weekly and daily rates in addition to the monthly rates and that she had also included some specific conditions for items other than food and shelter. Dick moved and Simon seconded that the rates be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Wallace Ragan came in to say he had received and was reviewing the latest draft of the Hazard Mitigation plan. The Board agreed to make a copy available at both the Town Offices and the Library for public review and to publicize this on the town website and listserv.
8. There was a discussion on the payment for the stabilization of Trout Brook bank adjoining the Route 10 pull-off. A majority of the Board considered that, as the Conservation Commission had considered that the Chaffee Wildlife Sanctuary extended to the south side of Trout Brook and the recent delineation of the Chaffee had been based on that, the cost of this work should be born by Conservation Commission funds.
9. The State DOT had made some recommendations on methods for the repair of the Goose Pond Rd. bridge culverts. Fred will be checking on the likely cost for engineering investigation.
10. At 9:31AM Dick moved and Simon seconded a motion to go into non-public session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(a) and (b) to discuss the compensation of and hiring of public employees.
- a. The Board discussed the process in hiring a new police officer and accepted the procedure as explained by Pauline.
  - b. The Board voted that Danny Currier should be paid \$10.50/hr as a seasonal parks and cemetery worker.
  - c. The Board was concerned at the hours being worked by the seasonal cemetery workers and

agreed that the sum of the hours worked by the two cemetery workers should not exceed 24 hours per week, excluding the other work involved in cleaning town buildings. The Board was also concerned that these workers were undertaking Highway work, before all the outstanding parks and cemetery work had been completed.

- d. Transfer Station staffing was discussed. One possible candidate had been given an application form.
  - e. The Board returned to public session at 9:59 AM.
11. The Board discussed the carryover of vacation days and voted not to permit any carryover of days beyond that authorized by the personnel policy.
  12. The meeting recessed at 10:07 AM to reconvene with the Recreation commission at the Lyme Center Academy Building 6:00 PM Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Simon Carr  
Recorder