

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for September 23, 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), Patty Jenks (Town Clerk), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant), Shaun O'Keefe (Police Sergeant) and Alex Bird.
2. Alex Bird came in to discuss his application for a liquor license at the Lyme Inn and the Board's letter to the Liquor Commission. The Board had written, in response to a Liquor Commission letter, confirming that they had stated that the agreed hours of operation of the Inn had been set as 6AM to 10PM. Alex's concern was that this meant no dispensing of liquor beyond 10PM. It was clear that there was confusion over the definition of "Hours of Operation". The Board had originally been told this meant serving till 10:00PM with the option, on prior notice, to operate occasional later functions. Dina had been deputed to talk with the Commission and reported on what she had been told was the effect of the letter. It appears that the Commission had advised her and Alex in very different manners. In view of the confusion, the Board agreed that they would talk with Town Counsel and endeavor to provide clarification before Alex's appearance before the Liquor Commission scheduled for Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. The public minutes of September 16<sup>th</sup> were approved with minor amendments.
  - b. The manifest to the value of \$9436.16 was reviewed and approved. A separate confidential manifest was signed for Overseer of Public Welfare expenditure.
  - c. Dick reported on the Conservation Commission workday of September 19<sup>th</sup>:
    - i. The Big Rock conservancy area steps had been rebuilt, with thanks to a local contractor for help with materials.
    - ii. Christmas trees had been planted at the ends of the rip-rap, repairing the Trout Brook washout. David is now working on a work statement for DES to complete this project.
  - d. Charles reported on the Energy Committee meeting of September 20<sup>th</sup>:
    - i. A Plymouth company was offering free energy audits for residents.
  - e. Simon reported on the Budget Committee meeting of September 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Board considered some of the options arising:
    - i. He had explained the possibility of a fiscal year change to the committee. There had been some discussions on the benefits or otherwise of doing this. The committee suggested a cost/benefit study but it did not appear that there would be significant savings. A more likely benefit might be achieved by moving to twice a year tax collection.

- ii. The committee suggested that, given the underfunding of some CRFs, the Board should consider strengthening them from the unassigned fund balance.
  - iii. The committee asked the Board to publicize the continuing push from the State and County to pass costs back to the towns.
  - iv. The committee had been asked for recommendations for the Board in creating the budget. The majority feeling was for the operating budget to remain as close to level funding as possible.
- f. Simon reported briefly on the LGC Budget workshop of September 21<sup>st</sup>.
4. Dorchester Road Junkyard:
- a. An abutter had notified the Board that they had been wakened by a truck hauling materials in after midnight. Dina was asked to write to them, asking them to notify Hanover Dispatch of any further occurrences.
  - b. A letter had been received from Martha Smith, outlining her proposals and timeline for cleaning up the property. Dick moved and Simon seconded not to accept the proposal as submitted, on the basis that the proposal did not address the issue in a timely manner, did not deal with need to remove specific materials as listed under the statute and did not address the issue of the abandoned vehicles. The motion passed unanimously and the Board agreed to refer the issue to Town counsel.
5. At 9:37 AM the Board went in to non-public session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(a) to consider compensation of town employees. The following attended all of the non-public session: Dick Jones (chair), Charles Ragan (member) and Simon Carr (member).
6. The Board returned to public session at 10:15 AM having voted that the minutes should not be made available to the public until the Board has reached a final decision on staff compensation for the 2011 town budget.
7. The meeting adjourned at 10:16AM.

Simon Carr  
Recorder