

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for October 7, 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), Fred Stearns (Road Agent) and Bill Ackerley.
2. Fred came in to address highway issues and to discuss his proposed highway budget:
 - a. There had been a complaint about changing the "children playing" signs for pedestrian signs on Baker Hill Rd. Initially the Board had written saying that the signs were being referred to the Highway Safety Committee, who had recommended the change. The Board had agreed to write to the complainant at their meeting of July 1 but this had not been sent. The Board will now send this letter explaining the procedure and decision.
 - b. There had been obstruction of highway workers when grinding roads. The Board discussed ensuring residents are suitably notified when major road work, such as grinding, paving and replacement of culverts, is planned and agreed that notices should be put on listserv/town web site and the church newsletter, together with signs on the actual roads affected.
 - c. There had been a complaint about an ornamental stone wall, on Goose Pond Rd, partially collapsing because of vibrating roller work. The Board agreed to wait until completion of the road works and then review what repair work might be needed.
 - d. A letter had been received from Bill Ackerley, commending the highway crew on their good work in trimming the roadside undergrowth.
 - e. Fred laid out his basic proposals for the highway budget for next year, which included additional materials for the repair of more culverts, than currently planned. He also had proposals for an upgrade to the grader. This would be \$15-20,000 and would keep the grader operating for four more years. This was instead of replacing the grader with a newer used grader for \$265,000 or a new grader for \$366,000.
 - f. At 8:38 AM, Dick moved and Simon seconded that the Board enter non-public session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(a) to consider compensation of town employees. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote. The following attended all of the non-public session: Dick Jones (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Simon Carr (member), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant) and Fred Stearns (Road Agent).
 - i. The Board discussed compensation and their recommendations for compensation with Fred.
 - ii. The Board returned to public session at 8:55 AM.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The public and NPS minutes of September 30th were approved.

- b. The manifest to the value of \$52,855.96 was reviewed and approved. A separate confidential manifest was signed for Overseer of Public Welfare expenditure.
- c. An Intent to Cut was signed for John & Sandra Torget Map 405 Lot 17
- d. The Board approved that Dina sign a letter to Bloods Catering, regarding a function at the Skiway from 3 PM to 10 PM, October 16.
- e. Dick reported on the Planning Board meeting of September 30th, which had addressed possible zoning amendments:
 - i. Definition of Hours of Operation: there was no plan to address this by a zoning ordinance. The Selectboard emphasized that Town Counsel had recommended that an appropriate definition be adopted.
 - ii. There was no necessity to amend the sign ordinance and that therefore Stella's needed to come back to the Planning Board for an amendment to its conditional use permit on this issue.
 - iii. There was a proposal to reduce the distance that a residence could be built from a Class V or better road from 1000ft to 600ft. The Selectboard asked Dick to express their very deep concern that such a proposal should be mooted before the town had had the opportunity to consider a revised Master Plan.
 - iv. The Planning Board intended to propose an amendment to permit small-scale wind power and was reviewing model ordinances for this purpose.
- f. Dick reported on the Conservation Commission of October 4th:
 - i. Permission had now been received to remove the beaver pipe from the abutter's property on Clay Brook. Since receiving permission, weather and stream conditions had not been suitable to carry out the work.
 - ii. The Conservation Commission had made three site visits. One concerned a minimum impact wetlands application on Dorchester Rd. The Board discussed the issue, given that the under-sized culverts had resulted in incidents of flooding and ice back-up onto the Dorchester Rd. However, they felt that it was inappropriate for them to give instruction to the Conservation Commission, other than that the Commission should address the specific wetland impact issues of the application.
- g. Simon reported on the Anniversary Committee meeting of October 5th:
 - i. The Committee had now agreed on a logo and was moving forward on budget, schedules and fund-raising.
 - ii. The Committee had received a suggestion that there be an ecumenical church service on the Common on the Sunday morning of the celebration. The Committee had agreed that there should be no religious services associated with the anniversary celebrations but that they would not schedule any conflicting events while the churches held their services.

- iii. The committee had reviewed the proposal for a play at the Academy Building, in association with the 2011 celebration and concluded that it had no real relevance to the celebrations. As such, Dick moved and Charles seconded that the Academy Building should not be made available free-of-charge for this purpose. The motion passed unanimously.
 - h. The new holder of the Boston Post Cane is Helen Darion. The Board asked Patty if should liaise with Helen in finding a suitable time that the Board could present a commemorative plaque to Helen.
4. At 9:37 AM Dick moved and Simon seconded that the Board enter non-public session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(a) to consider compensation of public employees. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote. The following attended all of the non-public session: Dick Jones (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Simon Carr (member) and Shaun O'Keefe (Police Sergeant).
- a. The Board discussed police payroll with Shaun and advised him on pay proposals for his use in preparing the Police Department budget.
 - b. The Board returned to public session at 10:15 AM.
5. At 10:16 AM the meeting recessed to reconvene at 1:00 PM at the Department of Revenue Administration's offices in Concord.

Simon Carr
Recorder