

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for October 21, 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) and Shaun O'Keefe (Police Sergeant).
2. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of October 14th were approved.
 - b. The manifest to the value of \$277,681.98, including \$250,000 for the school was reviewed and approved. A confidential manifest was approved for Overseer of Public Welfare expenditure.
 - c. A yield tax assessment for \$1,163.64 was signed for James Fields and Harry Roberts; Map 407 Lot 54.
 - d. Dick reported on the Planning Board meeting of October 14th: this was occupied with the Pinnacle Project's petitioned zoning ordinance amendment. The Planning Board had expressed concerns about significant portions of the amendment and the Pinnacle Project was considering these.
 - e. Charles reported on the Energy Committee's meeting of October 19th: they considered the energy software package too time-consuming and were wanting town staff to undertake the data inputting. The Board agreed that the staff had enough work and could not take on this additional commitment.
 - f. Simon reported on the Budget Committee meeting of October 20th:
 - i. Heads of departments had presented their budget requests. These had been reasonably well received, but it had been emphasized that these were on the departments' proposals and the Selectboard's proposed budget would be presented in two weeks.
 - ii. The tax rate had been set. It was \$19.17 compared to \$18.94 in 2009. It was emphasized that this rate had only been maintained at the cost of using \$350,000 from the unassigned fund balance and there was no possibility of such a sum being used in future years.
 - g. The property tax warrant in the sum of \$6,110,630.07 was reviewed and signed.
 - h. The public utility revaluation contract was reviewed and, after minor amendments, was signed.
 - i. The Local Government Center's 3-year agreement for property liability, workers' comp and unemployment comp was reviewed and signed.
 - j. The Historians had offered a gift of \$655.71 from their Old Home Days account to the

250th anniversary committee. There was some uncertainty on the possible timing of such a gift, which Dina will check on. Dick proposed and Charles seconded that the gift be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

- k. The possibility of donating the Common 'holidays' tree to Dartmouth had been raised. Dina will investigate possibilities and practicalities of this with Bob Thebodo and Michelle Balch and report back to the Board.
 - l. There had been a request to permit the transfer station redeemables to go towards a local school sports equipment fund. Historically, these had been used by a Lyme resident to support a school in Laos and the Board agreed that this should continue to be the case. Accordingly the request was refused.
3. At 8:55 AM Dick moved and Simon seconded that the Board enter non-public session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(e) to consider litigation. 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 Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant).
- a. The Board discussed town counsel's advise regarding a recent court case. Simon moved and Dick seconded that the plaintiff's costs, as determined by the court, be paid out of the legal expense line of the budget. This motion passed unanimously.
 - b. The Board returned to public session at 9:08 AM.
4. There was a discussion on the Board's proposed budget. The Board agreed to create a draft Selectboard budget using the departments' figures, but using the payroll figures that the Board had previously discussed. The Board will review this next Thursday.
5. At 9:22 AM Dick moved and Charles seconded that the Board enter non-public session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(a) to consider litigation. 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), Patty Jenks (Town Clerk) and Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant).
- a. There was a discussion on the pay for a staff member and it was agreed that Patty's proposal should be incorporated in the draft budget.
 - b. The Board returned to public session at 9:30 AM.
6. The meeting recessed at 9:45 AM until 10:30 AM.
7. The Board returned to session at 10:30 AM for the presentation of the Boston Post Cane to Hellen Darion and a reception. The fourth grade and 30 members of the public attended the presentation, during which Mrs. Darion told some stories of her life and answered questions.
8. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Simon Carr
Recorder