

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for October 28, 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), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant), Fred Stearns (Road Agent), David Smith and Shaun O'Keefe (Police Sergeant).
2. Fred came in discuss highway issues:
 - i. Goose Pond Rd over Hewes Brook. The State has issued a notice saying that the road should be closed. We had received an estimate from Daniels, but they do not anticipate carrying out the work before next July or August. The Board discussed closing the road immediately and agreed that Dina should contact the state to investigate alternative approaches. It was emphasized that closure of the road would involve detours of up to ten miles, much over dirt roads.
 - ii. Fred had gotten estimates for selling one truck. The value of #5 (2001) was quoted at \$9,000 and #4 (2004) \$13,500. The Board agreed that at these values, keeping a truck as spare made more sense than selling it.
3. David Smith came in to report on materials that he had been removing from the Dorchester Rd. junkyard and the plans for future clearance. Given the progress to date, Dick moved and Simon seconded that legal proceedings would be held in abeyance, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. A monthly report from Martha Smith (by phone or letter, necessary) on progress.
 - b. Progress continues at the same rate on reducing materials and vehicles held on the property.
 - c. No new materials to be brought on to the property.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of October 21st were approved as submitted.
 - b. The manifest to the value of \$21,612.59 was reviewed and approved. A confidential manifest was approved for Overseer of Public Welfare expenditure.
 - c. A yield tax assessment for \$117.09 was signed for Joanne Messineo; Map 415 Lot 5.
 - d. Dick signed a number of thank-you letters for donations to the Pumpkin Festival.
 - e. Dick reported on the Recreation Commission of October 25th:
 - i. They had re-affirmed their requirement for soccer participants to use mouthguards.
 - ii. Tom Yurkorsky will be standing down, next March, due to time constraints, but

will remain as a citizen member on the beach and ballfield subcommittee.

- iii. The pedestrian/bike path sub-committee had asked for support on their push to put through a path from the common to Post Pond. The Board affirmed for their support for this part and also for a link from it to the Town Offices.
 - iv. The fence protecting Trout Brook at the Route 10 pull-off will be put up in the next two weeks. The split rail fence is being donated and the actual work will be undertaken by Recreation Commission members.
 - v. Dina reported on informal contacts with DES regarding the issues with mitigation wetlands for the ballfield project. Both DES and UVLT were actively working on possibilities to resolve this project.
- f. Simon reported on an additional Anniversary Committee meeting of October 25th: significant publicity will be coming out in the next two weeks.
 - g. Set-up for the election will be 5:00 PM November 1st. On election day Charles will take 7-11AM, Dick 11AM-3PM and Simon 3PM-7PM at the election.
 - h. Dick reported that Blake Allison had volunteered to coordinate measures to eliminate Eurasian Milfoil from Post Pond. The Board agreed that representatives from both the Recreation and Conservation Commissions should be appointed to work with him and the other pond abutters. It was noted that a citizen had been erecting signs at the boat launch. The Board agreed to write to him, that while they appreciated his action, it needed to be coordinated within the town's effort to eradicate the milfoil.
 - i. An estimate had been received for work to separate the vault heating to a separate zone. Dick moved and Charles seconded that up to \$1,000 should be expended on this work from the Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. The motion passed unanimously.
 - j. The Town of Orford had written asking for the town to perambulate the Orford-Lyme town line.
 - k. PSNH had proposed an option to turn off street lighting at midnight. Dina will investigate the possible costs and saving. Shaun was concerned at the possible safety risk.
5. The Board reviewed the departments' budget requests and discussed a proposed operating budget. Dina will enter these numbers for the board to approve.
6. At 10:31 AM Dick moved and Charles seconded that the Board enter non-public session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(c) to consider matters affecting the reputation of a person. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote. The following attended the initial non-public session: Dick Jones (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Simon Carr (member) and Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant).
- a. The non-public session recessed at 10:47 AM and reconvened at 1:00 PM at the Hanover Public Safety Building. This session was attended by Dick Jones (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Simon Carr (member) and Nick Giaccone (Chair, Lower Grafton County

Prosecutorial Association).

- b. The non-public session recessed at 1:44 PM and reconvened at 2:10 PM at the Lyme Town Offices. This session was attended by Dick Jones (chair), Charles Ragan (member) and Simon Carr (member).
- c. The Board returned to public session at 2:43 PM having voted to seal the minutes indefinitely.

7.The Board signed an application for a grant to modify the Fire and Fast Squad radios to be frequency compliant.

8.The Board reviewed the operating budget. Simon moved and Dick seconded that an operating budget of \$1,879,623.58 be presented to the Budget Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

9.Dina reported on her conversation with the state regarding the Goose Pond Rd bridge over Hewes Brook:

- a. They have effectively condemned the bridge and their only suggestion was to use a temporary bridge.
- b. She also reported on a conversation with Mark Thompson of Daniels regarding their quotation for replacement of this bridge. He will come in next week to discuss his proposals.
- c. The Board agreed to keep the bridge open until they have met with Mark Thompson. Fred must inspect the bridge every day and, if any deterioration is noted, must close the road immediately. Subsequently he should notify the Selectboard.

10. The meeting adjourned at 3:04 PM

Simon Carr
Recorder