

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for November 4, 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), Pauline Field (Police Manager), Mark Thompson (Daniels Construction), Matt Belden (Daniels Construction) and Colin Robinson.
2. Mark Thompson and Matt Belden of Daniels Construction came in, with Fred, to discuss possible approaches to repairing the first two bridges over Hewes Brook, the first of which had been condemned by the State:
  - a. The State were prepared to issue a minimal impact wetlands permit, providing that there had been no flooding over the road, which there had not been. This permit will be issued within 30 days from application. Daniels would need to employ an engineer to apply for the permit, although it might be possible for Dave Robbins to apply for it. The application should cover both bridges.
  - b. Daniels had based their estimate on summer working and would need to submit an additional estimate for winter working. They would also require the town to be responsible for the costs involved in a storm washout.
  - c. They will submit the three additional estimates to the town by the beginning of next week and the Board agreed that their meeting would be recessed so that they could meet to review and approve the estimates as soon as they are available.
  - d. The Board agreed that they would plan on the repair of the first bridge immediately and the second bridge as soon as practicable next spring. Daniels would be able to keep the second bridge open, while working on it. The expected life of the repairs would be 25-30 years.
  - e. Dick moved and Simon seconded that the bridge be closed to all traffic. The motion passed unanimously. Fred asked that he defer closing the bridge until Friday 9am. Daniels anticipated the work taking 2-3 weeks and that therefore the bridge would not re-open until the new year.
  - f. Fred will place "Bridge Closed" signs at Route 10, Rennie Road and Baker Hill/ Goose Pond Rd Intersections. He will also liaise with Hanover highway department. Dina will put notices out and notify the school and dispatch.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. The minutes of October 21<sup>st</sup> were approved as submitted.
  - b. The manifest to the value of \$32,066.14 was reviewed and approved.
  - c. Dick moved and Simon seconded that two tax abatements correcting administrative errors be signed. The motion passed unanimously. The properties being:

Cindy Wilkesman Map 407 Lot 13	\$473.50	Incorrect acreage
Scott Bailey Map 402 Lot 49	\$5,829.60	Construction not started.

- d. Dick reported on the Conservation Commission of November 1<sup>st</sup>:
  - i. DES had confirmed they would be addressing the Eurasian Milfoil issue in Post Pond. Their Exotic Species Department under Amy Smagula would be preparing a control plan, which should be available by December.
  - ii. The two beaver pipes had not yet been removed. The Board registered their concern that the window of opportunity to do this this year had almost disappeared.
- e. There was brief discussion on the Budget Committee meeting of November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- f. The Board agreed that they would consider possible representative to perambulate the Orford-Lyme town line with Town of Orford representatives.
- g. The Board approved and signed a proof for new small trash bags to be provided by Resourceful Bag & Tag Inc.

4. Dina reported on conversations with UVLT and both Collis Adams and Lori Sommer of DES regarding a possible alternative property for the ball field wetlands mitigation. To date, there had been no indication of likely costs and Dina emphasized that the Recreation Commission would consider the costs very carefully. The Board agreed that they were in agreement with the concept of using a private landowner's property as mitigating lands, if approved by DES.

5. Subsequent to finalizing the proposed operating budget, the Board had received budget requests from several organizations for funds from the town. The Board authorized Dick to write letters and a memo to the organizations, saying that we had finalized our budget, but that they could attend the Budget Committee's public hearings to make their case for including their budget requests and that their requests would be considered if submitted in a timely fashion next year. The organizations are:

Energy Committee	\$470.00
Red Cross	\$500.00
Mascoma Valley Health Initiative	\$1,281.75

6. There was a discussion of the proposals for Capital Reserve Funds and anticipated revenues. Simon proposed and Dick seconded the Capital Budget as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Dina will enter the numbers in the budget spreadsheet for submission to the Budget Committee and Simon will also present the spreadsheet showing the plan for Capital Reserve Funds for the next ten years.

7. Colin Robinson came in, in his role as President of the Lyme Water Association, to explain the current situation:

- a. They had held a Special General Meeting on Wednesday November 3 to consider repairs to the water system, at which they had voted to go forward in taking up a State Drinking Water Loan. This is a low interest loan to an engineered design and the preliminary funding has been approved.

- b. The State requires that such loans be secured. As the Water Association has no major assets, this would typically be by an assignment on every property served by the Association, which would include the Library. It was believed that the town owned the land and the Library Trustees the building.
  - c. Colin asked whether Town Meeting had granted general or specific authority to the Selectboard to convey projects. It was believed that they had only been granted specific authority and that therefore the Board would have to take a proposal to Town Meeting in March to assign the Library property as part of the loan security.
8. At 10:24 AM Dick moved and Simon 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 part or all of the non-public session: Dick Jones (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Simon Carr (member) and Pauline Field (Police Manager).
- a. The Board returned to public session at 12:01 AM having voted to seal the minutes indefinitely, except to the participants of the non-public session.
9. Dina reported that Daniels had suggested using steel plate to keep the Goose Pond Road bridge open. Subsequently, Daniels withdrew this suggestion, as not being practicable to plow and not being safe in the event of rain and subsequent freezing.
10. At 12:05 PM the Board recessed, to re-convene at the Town Offices at some future date, to be confirmed. The re-convened meeting to be solely for the consideration and possible approval of Daniels' additional estimates for work on the Goose Pond Road bridges.

Simon Carr  
Recorder