

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for December 2, 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), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant), Pauline Field (Police Manager), Jeff Snelling and Alex Roupinian.
2. Alex Roupinian came in to discuss the issues he was facing with the well at the Lyme Inn. The current well has been drilled in the center of the building and is at the end of its working life. He is working with Pathways and Second Wind on replacing this. There is only one possible position for a new well, which is within the setbacks. He has applied to the ZBA for a variance and is scheduled for their December 16 meeting. Because the well is for a public building, it requires a 125ft protective radius, which would encroach on to the Common as well as several other abutters. He is working with all the abutters to get well protective area easements and had brought a copy for the Board to review. The Board will ask Town Counsel both to review this easement and to consider whether such an easement could be granted by the Selectboard.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of November 18th and 23rd were approved, with a minor correction.
 - b. The manifest to the value of \$521,444.91 was reviewed and approved. This included \$500,000 for the school.
 - c. An intent-to-cut was signed for Kristina Olenec Map 407 Lot 122
 - d. An intent-to-excavate was signed for R. Brett Ryan Map 407 Lot 86.1
 - e. A yield tax assessment for \$9.40 was signed for David Salem; Map 408 Lot 57.3
 - f. Dick reported on the Planning Board meeting. The Board was proposing to bring three amendments to the Zoning Ordinance forward to a public hearing. It had also agreed that the proposed amendment concerning co-housing would have be put forward as a petitioned warrant article.
 - g. Dick and Dina reported on the Recreation Commission meeting of November 15th:
 - i. There was concern that some programs were not breaking even. The commission was reviewing the fee structure and was also considering the possibility of other fundraising.
 - ii. The potential ball field wetlands mitigation parcel investigation was proceeding. DES had indicated that it meets their requirements and the UVLT meeting had been positive. The landowner did not want to go public until they had written confirmation of the parcel's acceptability.
 - h. Following a discussion on funding from the unassigned fund balance, Dick moved and Simon seconded that separate warrant articles to take funds from the unassigned fund balance be prepared for town meeting. The motion passed unanimously. \$50,000 to be taken for the Recreation Facility Fund and \$125,000 for the Bridge Reserve Fund.

- i. There was brief discussion on the Budget Committee meeting of December 1st. The advisory vote on the Selectboard's proposed budget had passed, despite concerns from some committee members at the Selectboard proposing a CPI-related pay increase.
 - j. Dick moved and Simon seconded that Andrea Colgan be appointed to perambulate the Lyme-Orford town line as the Town of Lyme representative in the 2010-2011 season. The motion passed unanimously.
 - k. A request to park a Hanover school bus in the closed section of Goose Pond Rd., between Route 10 and the Hewes Brook bridge was refused.
 - l. Daniels had requested a covering letter confirming the lack of flooding on Goose Pond Rd. to be submitted with their wetlands application. Dina was instructed to write confirming the knowledge given by the Road Agent and other old-time residents at the Selectboard meeting of November 4.
 - m. A request to delay payment of taxes, on the basis of lack of knowledge of the due date, was denied. If there was any hardship, this should be resolved by a request for a hardship abatement.
 - n. Dick moved and Simon seconded that the the Board approve and sign the Treasurer's investment policy. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Jeff Snelling asked about the possibility of recreational vehicles using the closed portion of Shoestrap Road. This was closed permanently, due to the danger from the road collapsing totally. The Board is responsible for setting a policy for such use, but was unwilling to permit recreational vehicles on the closed section due to the possible liability issues.
 5. At 8:50 AM Dick moved and Simon seconded that the Board enter non-public session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3 II (c) "matters affecting the reputation of an individual" to consider an application for hardship abatement. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote.
 - a. The Board discussed a hardship abatement and voted to waive \$2,395.11 of a \$6,395.11 tax bill and to waive interest and fees until June 30, 2011.
 - b. The Board returned to public session at 9:03 AM.
 6. There was a discussion on health insurance options, in the light of Pauline's retirement. Currently the town offers two different health insurance options with employees making use of both. There are two other options which could be made available and Dina will investigate what these offer and report back to the Board, together with any possible variations that might be available in one of the existing options.
 7. Dina reported that she had received a report from the landowner on the current progress in cleaning up the Dorchester Rd junkyard and the materials removed.
 8. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 AM.

Simon Carr
Recorder