

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for December 9, 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) and Shaun O'Keefe (Police Sergeant).
2. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. The minutes of December 2<sup>nd</sup> were approved as submitted.
  - b. The manifest to the value of \$483,995.63 was reviewed and approved. This included \$465,724 for the county taxes.
  - c. A yield tax assessment for \$701.80 was signed for George & Barbara Tullar; Map 406 Lot 31
  - d. Dick reported on the Conservation Commission meeting of Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>:
    - i. Amy Smagula of the Exotic Species Department of DES had presented proposals for dealing with the Eurasian Milfoil in Post Pond. The plan called for education and a field trip in the spring for physical removal of any plants. A contract price had also been obtained for chemical treatment. Should this be necessary, it would be carried out in late August/September and would affect the pond for one day. However, NH had successfully resolved the issue in five ponds without recourse to chemical treatment. Funding for this is covered from boat registration fees.
    - ii. Tom Morrissey had come in with his proposals for a small parcel abutting the pond, which he proposed donating to the Conservation Commission.
  - e. Simon reported on the Anniversary Committee's meeting of December 7<sup>th</sup>. Plans were proceeding and further publicity and fund-raising letters would be going out shortly. From January they would be going to two meetings per month.
  - f. Simon reported on the Building Maintenance Committee's meeting of December 7<sup>th</sup>. They were still getting prices for the Highway Garage Modines but these should be available shortly. The town offices well had been treated and re-tested and was now free of bacteria.
  - g. Dick moved and Simon seconded that land use change tax of \$6,390 be assessed on Scott Bailey's property Map 402 Lot 49. The motion passed unanimously.
  - h. The Board reviewed and signed the annual maintenance contract for the Selectman's office printer with W. E. B. Mason in the sum of \$95.
  - i. The Board considered the procedures necessary to grant an easement to the Lyme Inn for their new well. They agreed to forward the information to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission for their recommendations.

- j. The certification of assessment data for DRA was approved and signed.
- k. The septage agreement with the Town of Hanover was reviewed and signed.
- l. There was a discussion on the “Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy” in the light of a number of complaints following the recent storm. The Board agreed to ask Fred to come in next week to discuss these issues.
- m. The Board discussed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Selectboard and Library Trustees, which the Trustees were currently revising. The Board agreed that there needed to be a clearer description of the issues surrounding maintenance of the library building, both in respect of responsibility and source of funds.
- n. Snow shoveling at the Library was considered. The Board re-affirmed that anyone undertaking such work needed to either be a town employee and covered under the town's insurance or to provide satisfactory certification of insurance, as an independent contractor.
- o. Simon reported on a meeting that Dina, Lance and he had had with Chris Witcher. It appeared that moving all the recyclables to Witcher, together with some other changes, should result in an annual saving of approximately \$5,000. The Board approved this suggestion and authorized Dina to prepare a revised contract to be signed with Witcher. Existing membership of NRRRA will be retained, in order for the town to use any of their programs which are suitable.
- p. Dina reported that the Police Sergeant and Fire Chief had written to DES regarding the issues for emergency vehicles with the closure of Goose Pond Rd. DES had now issued an emergency wetlands permit for the first bridge and Daniels would be commencing work next Monday. Daniels needed to liaise with Fred for clearing of some barriers to give their construction equipment access.
- q. There was a discussion on health insurance options, in the light of Pauline's retirement. The Board confirmed that they would not ask existing employees to change health insurance plans. The two other options, not currently offered, each have two levels and the Board confirmed that they would make available whichever option seemed most appropriate. Pauline will review these and, along with Dina, clarify any issues with LGC so that a final decision may be made next week.

3.The meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Simon Carr  
Recorder