

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for December 16, 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), Fred Stearns (Road Agent), Russell Stearns, Scott Bailey, Steve Williams and Bill LaBombard (Highway Department).
2. Fred and the Road Crew came in to discuss the various complaints and issues arising from the two recent storms, which had the combination of earlier warm days and freezing rain, resulting in ice on frozen ruts under subsequent light snowfall. The Board emphasized that they relied on the Road Agent and Road Crew's judgment in how the roads were treated during a storm. It was also emphasized that the Snow Removal and Ice Treatment Policy provides the basic requirements on how plowing should be undertaken and that reference to this is the town's first line of defense in respect of any possible liability issues. The crew reported that they had been threatened by residents, when plowing. If this re-occurs they should notify the police immediately.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of December 9th were approved as submitted.
 - b. The manifest to the value of \$55,182.08 was reviewed and approved.
 - c. Intents-to-cut were signed for:

Robert and Jane Meyer	Map 416 Lot 12
Smarts Mountain Realty	Map 415 Lot 22
 - d. Charles reported on the Safety Committee of December 9th: the town is basically in good shape, Shaun has taken over as chair of the committee and Dan Lynch is now the Library representative.
 - e. Charles reported that John Snell from the State had inspected all the town buildings for the energy audit and would be making recommendations in due course.
 - f. Dick reported on Planning Board public hearing of December 9th:
 - i. They had approved three amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, to be put before the voters at Town Meeting.
 - ii. A public hearing for the petitioned amendment for Co-housing had been scheduled for January 13th.
 - g. Dick reported on the Conservation Commission site visit of Monday, December 13th for the parcel proposed for the ball field wetlands mitigation. The parcel appeared to be very satisfactory. The commission had not committed themselves as to whether or how much they would be prepared towards the costs of placing this in conservation. It was understood that the closing was scheduled for the first week in January and it was requested that, should the Commission consider that a public hearing be required to

donate funds, it should be done as expeditiously as possible.

- h. Dick reported on the UVLSRPC Transportation Advisory Committee's meeting of December 14th, which had primarily considered the Safe Routes to Schools project and had approved Lebanon's project.
- i. Simon reported on the Budget Committee's meeting of December 15th. The school had presented their initial budget. This anticipated a likely 7% increase, with an overall 12% increase in elementary school population. The School Board were investigating why there had been such an increase. The School Board will present their final budget at next meeting of the Budget committee, January 5th. No preliminary vote will be taken on the school budget until the following meeting.
- j. Dina reported on the Recreation Commission's meeting of December 14th. The ball field project costs were just on budget. She emphasized that should there be significant changes, the commission may feel it necessary to ask the Board to increase the proposed amount to be put in to the Capital Reserve Fund. The Commission had approved an initial payment of \$5,000 to UVLT for the work necessary preparatory to placing the mitigation parcel in a conservation easement. This had been funded by donations.
- k. The UVLSRPC agreement for Household Hazardous Waste for 2011 was signed. The scheduled days at Lebanon are July 16th and October 15th.
- l. The Board re-affirmed their policy that links to non-local businesses should not be made available on the town web site.

4. At 9:14 AM Dick moved and Simon seconded that the Board enter non-public session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(a) to consider compensation of public employees. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote. The following attended the non-public session: Dick Jones (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Simon Carr (member) and Pauline Field (Police Manager).

- a. The Board resolved Pauline's final compensation with her.
- b. The Board returned to public session at 9:29 AM.

5. At 9:31 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. Dick Jones, Charles Ragan, Simon Carr and Dina Cutting attended the non-public session.

- a. The Board discussed a hardship abatement and voted to abate a \$2490.18 tax bill and to waive interest and fees.
- b. The Board returned to public session at 9:36 AM.

6. Dick moved and Charles seconded that the Board re-affirm their policy that there should be no carry-over to the next year of excess earned time off. The motion carried unanimously.

7. It was confirmed that there would be no meeting on December 23rd. The next regular meeting of the Board will be December 30th.

8.The meeting adjourned at 9:42 AM.

Simon Carr
Recorder