

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for January 6, 2011

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), Patty Jenks (Town Clerk), Steve Campbell and Tish Smith (Library Trustees).
2. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of December 30th were approved as submitted.
 - b. A 2010 manifest to the value of \$481,006.14 was reviewed and approved. This included \$450,000.00 for the school. A further 2010 manifest to the value of \$321,250.0 for payment to the Trust Funds was approved. A 2011 manifest to the value of \$27,766.31 was reviewed and approved. A confidential manifest was approved for Overseer of Public Welfare expenditure.
 - c. Dick reported on the Conservation Commission's meeting of Monday January 3 and public hearing of Tuesday January 4:
 - i. The Commission voted to give \$16,500 towards the beach and ball field wetlands mitigation property. Together with the funds provided by the Recreation Commission, this means that the mitigation easement and endowment is now fully funded.
 - ii. There is an Eagle Scout project for trails in the Town Forest which will be finished by April.
 - iii. The school is pursuing a conservation grant from the Wellbourne Foundation.
 - d. Simon reported on the Anniversary Committee's meeting of Tuesday January 4. Plans are generally proceeding well and fund-raising initiatives will start shortly.
 - e. Simon reported on the Budget Committee's meeting of Wednesday January 5. This had covered the final School Budget. They had made some cuts to the budget, resulting in a final proposed budget of \$4,927,668. The school was also proposing to create a further trust fund, which would be used for evening out the spikes in the elementary school budget. It was possible that if the warrant article establishing the fund was introduced this year, the actual funds for this might come from any possible surplus in the school budget rather than additional funds.
 - f. Dick moved and Simon seconded that the Board renew Cartographics contract for the maintenance of mapping data. The motion passed unanimously. The cost being \$2,200 for tax map data and \$800 for planning map data.
 - g. The Board agreed that Dick should respond to the NH Municipal Association survey on the pooled purchase of electricity.
 - h. The Board considered Mascoma Valley Health Initiative's search for directors and

agreed that they would not make any official nominations but would ask the Initiative to prepare a public request which would be placed on the listserv.

i. The Board noted that DOT had awarded the East Thetford Rd/Route 10 reconstruction to Weaver Brothers of Concord at a cost of \$188,658.75. The Board expressed concern that proposed completion was August 19, which could impact July 4 celebrations, the Prouty and the Anniversary celebrations and asked Dina to follow this up with DOT.

j. The re-appointments for Ballot Clerks were signed.

3. Tish and Steve came in to discuss the water supply situation at the library. The library's contribution to the repairs to the Lyme Water Association's system is expected to be \$8,000 and Tish asked that an article be put on the warrant for this amount, as the library is a public building. Any further costs would come from the library's endowment. The trustees are working to clarify exactly what the endowment may be used for. It is understood that paying for this share of the repairs means that there would be no necessity for the town to give a mortgage on the property. The Board agreed to include this warrant article.

4. There was a general discussion on the money warrant articles for Town Meeting. Dina will be working with Marlene Green, Trustee of the Trust Funds and DRA to ensure the correct wording for the proposed changes.

5. At 9:22 AM Dick moved and Charles seconded that 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 deny the abatement of a \$6,410.87 tax bill. Instead, the Board asked the applicant to work out a payment schedule with the Tax Collector.

b. The Board returned to public session at 9:37 AM.

6. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 AM.

Simon Carr
Recorder