

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for January 13, 2011

1. At 8:00 AM Dick opened the meeting. The following attended the meeting: Dick Jones (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Simon Carr (member) and Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant).
2. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. The minutes of January 6<sup>th</sup> were approved with a minor change.
  - b. A 2010 manifest to the value of \$15,443.92 was reviewed and approved. A 2011 manifest to the value of \$383,120.87 was reviewed and approved. This included \$350,000.00 for the school.
  - c. An Intent-to-Cut was signed for Matt and Kate Robinson Map 416 Lot 24.
  - d. An assessment of \$40.00 for Land Use Change Tax was signed for Meguerian Miekle Map 402 Lot 40.
  - e. Following a review of the assessment on Map 413 Lot 22, Dick moved and Simon seconded a tax abatement of \$897.16. The motion passed unanimously. As the property had changed hands during the year, Dina will confirm with both buyer and seller as to whom the abatement should be due.
  - f. Simon reported on the Building Maintenance Committee's meeting of Tuesday January 11. The committee is planning on preparing a suggested schedule for both routine and major maintenance for all town buildings.
  - g. Simon reported on the Budget Committee's meeting of Wednesday January 12. This had discussed the final School Budget of \$5,047,249.27. The committee had had a preliminary vote on this budget which passed 7-1.
  - h. Simon moved and Charles seconded that the Board approve and sign the revised contract with C. M. Whitcher Rubbish Removal LLC for the hauling and disposal of all materials from the transfer station during 2011. The motion passed unanimously.
  - i. There was a discussion who was responsible for the correct display of the Town's flags. The Board agreed that:
    - i. The cemetery flags should not be displayed during the time that the cemetery was closed to burials. At other times the Sexton shall be responsible for their display. Lights need to be installed so that they may be correctly displayed.
    - ii. The Sexton shall also be responsible for the Common flag.
    - iii. The Police Department shall be responsible for the Post Pond flag.
    - iv. The Fire Department shall be responsible for the Fire Station flag.

- j. Dina is following up directly with DOT on the work dates for the East Thetford Rd/Route 10 reconstruction. DOT had originally stated that this would be carried out in April/May but were now proposing to carry out the work when the school had closed for the summer. The Board agreed that the work should not be undertaken between July 1 and August 7.
  - k. The Board reviewed the heating and ventilation work being carried out in the Highway Garage. This was authorized in December 2010 and the Board agreed that, with the available funds in the Highway Department's 2010 budget, this work should be funded from that budget.
3. Dina reported on information from Colin Robinson concerning the library water supply from the Lyme Water Association. All Lyme Water Association members are going to be billed a \$40.00 additional monthly fee, \$480.00 per year over 20 years. Because of the issues with the town signing a mortgage on the Library the Water Association will not be requiring this from the Town. Instead, the Association will be asking the Board to sign a promissory note. As this is a multi-year commitment, the Board agreed that it would need to be the subject of a warrant at Town Meeting. Dina will check appropriate wording with DRA and Town Counsel.
4. There was a discussion on the draft warrant for Town Meeting.
5. The amended DES permit for the beach and ball field reconstruction was signed. Because of a generous land owner's donation to Upper Vally Land Trust the mitigation requirements had been met for the beach & ball field permit. The Recreation Commission will be considering the timetable for the beach work at their next meeting.
6. At 9:05 AM Simon moved and Dick 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 reconsidered a request for a hardship abatement and voted to grant the abatement of a \$6,410.87 tax bill, together with fees and interest.
  - b. The Board returned to public session at 9:16 AM.
7. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 AM.

Simon Carr  
Recorder