

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for January 20, 2011

1. At 8:00 AM Dick opened the meeting. The following attended the meeting: Dick Jones (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Simon Carr (member), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant), Shaun O'Keefe (Police Chief), Marlene Green and Blake Allison (Trustees of the Trust Funds).
2. Marlene and Blake came in to discuss how funds from the Bessie Hall Trust should be addressed. The capital is held in private trust with the income being paid to a trust fund administered by the Trustees of the Trust Funds and is specifically to go to the town towards the cost of fire fighting. This has accrued to approximately and \$12,600. The Board and Trustees discussed how this should be handled and agreed that, this year the Board should recommend that the interest accrued in the past year, \$2,315.95 should be appropriated and that the Board and Fire Department should discuss addressing this for the future. The Board also agreed that this appropriation should be part of the regular article for withdrawal from the Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds and did not need to be a separate warrant article. The Board confirmed that the chair of the Trustees should hold a key to the Selectmen's Office, to enable the Trustees to carry out their work as efficiently as possible.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. The minutes of January 13<sup>th</sup> were approved with a number of corrections.
  - b. A 2010 manifest to the value of \$18,200.99 was reviewed and approved.
  - c. A Current Use update was signed for Reservoir Pond Associates Map 402 Lot 7.1.
  - d. Dick reported on the Planning Board public hearing of January 13, which addressed the petitioned amendment to the Zoning Ordinance covering co-housing. This does not appear to resolve their issues and the petitioners are hoping to withdraw the amendment.
  - e. Simon reported on the Budget Committee's meeting of Wednesday January 19. The committee voted to recommend both the School and Town budgets as submitted. However, concerns had been expressed over both the highway department and library budgets and it was anticipated that there would be challenges to these budget lines at town meeting.
4. The Board reviewed the money articles on the draft warrant:
  - a. The articles for the Town Operating Budget, the appropriation of funds from the unassigned fund balance for the Recreation Facilities and Bridge Capital Reserve Funds had already been voted unanimously in favor.
  - b. The article for the appropriation of funds to be added to the Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust funds had already been voted unanimously in favor.
  - c. Following the earlier discussion on the withdrawal of funds from the Bessie Hall Trust Fund, the article for the withdrawal of funds from Capital Reserve and Trust Funds will

need to be voted once the total sum has been determined.

- d. The article to authorize the execution of a promissory note to pay the Lyme Water Association \$480 per year for the next twenty years was reviewed. Simon proposed and Charles seconded that this be recommended. The motion passed 2-1 Dick voting against.
- e. The Board voted unanimously to recommend the articles withdrawing funds from the Cemetery Maintenance Gifts and Donations Fund, Independence Day Celebration Special Revenue Fund and Blisters for Books Expendable Trust Fund.
- f. There was a discussion on the articles for the discontinuance of the Lyme Center Academy Building Restoration and Town Offices Building Capital Reserve Funds and, if the articles pass, whether the remaining funds should remain in the general fund. The Board voted unanimously to approve the appropriation of appropriate sums from the general fund to the Public Works Facility Capital Reserve Fund.

5. At 9:21 AM Charles moved and Simon 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 probable future 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. Charles updated the Board on the issues surrounding a likely hardship abatement. No decisions were made
- b. The Board returned to public session at 9:27 AM.

6. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Simon Carr  
Recorder