

Town of Lyme

Board of Selectmen

Minutes for January 27, 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) and Scott Steffey.
2. Scott came in to discuss a warrant article to discontinue Davis Lane. This is a class V road from Washburn Hill Rd to Scott's property and has not been maintained by the town for some years. The Board agreed unanimously that this should go on the warrant without the need for petitioning.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of January 20th were approved as submitted.
 - b. A 2010 manifest to the value of \$43,325.83 was reviewed and approved. A separate confidential manifest was reviewed and approved for the Overseer of Public Welfare.
 - c. An Intent-to-Cut was signed for Alfred and Paula Balch Map 415 Lot 30.
 - d. Dick and Dina reported on the Recreation Commission meeting of January 24. Both the basketball and ski/snowboard programs were over cost and the Commission was considering how to re-organize these and to also encourage more volunteer assistance. The Board also discussed a possible bulk mailing regarding progress on the beach and ball field and agreed that, as there was a significant money article on the warrant, this mailing should not be done until after town meeting, when the timetable would be more clearly known.
 - e. Dina reported that the contractor hoped to re-open the Goose Pond Rd bridge by January 31. The Road Agent would need to do some grader work before re-opening.
 - f. The Board discussed the recent implementation of town email addresses. The Board had a concern with staff and officers not providing a suitable service to members of the public, by all means available, and agreed that staff and officers needed to be set up and to respond satisfactorily by all means that the town makes available.
 - g. The Board gratefully recognized Fred's 35 years of service to the Town and signed a letter to him.
 - h. Dick moved and Simon seconded that the promissory note to pay the Lyme Water Association \$480 per year for the next twenty years be signed. The motion passed unanimously and the note was signed. The note is conditional upon the relevant warrant article passing at Town Meeting.
 - i. The Board noted that the NH Supreme Court had decided in the Town's favor on the court case involving Baker Hill Road. The Board agreed to add a note regarding this to the Selectboard report.

4. The Board reviewed the draft warrant:

- a. Article 2: The petitioners for the co-housing zoning amendment wish to withdraw. The Board discussed the issues. Town Counsel's recommendation is that the Board should only withdraw it if the petitioners can get all signatories, except those now unavailable for specific reasons, to sign. The time line is also critical in that it was planned to send the ballots for printing on Friday. Dina will clarify with Patty if these can be held back and, if so, what would be the final deadline. The Board cannot withdraw it, after the warrant is signed Thursday February 3.
- b. Article 8: Withdrawal of funds from Capital Reserve and Trust Funds of \$31,366. Dick moved and Simon seconded that this be recommended and the motion passed unanimously.

5. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 AM.

Simon Carr
Recorder