

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for February 10, 2011

1. At 8:15 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) and Patty Jenks (Town Clerk).
2. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of February 3rd were approved with minor corrections.
 - b. A manifest to the value of \$43,844.78 was reviewed and approved.
 - c. Simon reported on the History Committee meeting of February 7. There will be an informational meeting at the Library, February 23 to introduce the proposal for a Heritage Commission.
 - d. Simon reported on the Building Maintenance Committee meeting of February 7. One Modine gas heater was now operational and making a significant improvement to heat recovery and ventilation in the Town Garage. Ice dams were still causing problems with the Lela Pike house.
 - e. Dick reported on the Conservation Commission meeting of February 6.
 - f. Dick reported on the UVLSRPC meeting of February 8 and the Transportation Project Status Report. The E. Thetford Bridge is now scheduled for 2016 and the E. Thetford Rd/Route 10 intersection work will be undertaken this year.
 - g. DOT had notified of the planned shimming of Route 10 from the Hanover town line to Dorchester Rd, scheduled for this summer. The Board asked Dina to notify them of the need for them to work around the major activity dates of the Prouty and 250th Anniversary celebrations.
 - h. Patty raised the issue of the requirements of RSA 540:1 which requires some landlords to register with the town. As there are major gaps in defining how this law should be enforced, the Board agreed to take no action at this time.
 - i. The issue of Intent-to-Cuts and the reference in the Zoning Ordinance to deer yards. Dina and Elise are working on a revised letter, which will go out with all future Intent-to-Cuts, reminding landowners of the need to be aware of the restrictions on cutting in deer yards. It was recognized that the current zoning ordinance maps do not accurately show the deer yards and that the best method of tracking deer yards was by working with the landowner and the town forester.
 - j. Charles reported on the Snowmobile Club's Chicken Barbeque scheduled for February 19 at the school. He and Shaun will liaise on any traffic issues.
3. The issue of complaints and abuse to the Highway crew was discussed. There were two separate issues: the actual treatment of the crew and clarifying the limits of work being undertaken on the roads.

- a. It was unacceptable for the crew to be subjected to any harassment or abusive complaints, whether by phone in person. Any such harassment must be reported to the police, who would follow it up under police rules. Dina and Shaun will draft a memo, to go out to all staff, emphasizing the need for all staff to notify the police in a timely manner of any harassment.
- b. It was clear that members of the public did not understand the limits of work being undertaken by crews, both Town and State, in plowing and maintaining roads. To ensure that this could be clearly stated and enforced, the Board asked Shaun to review the issues which could or should be addressed by a town ordinance on road plowing and other road maintenance and to bring his proposals back to the Board at a later date. He should liaise with the Road Agent in considering possible issues.

4. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Simon Carr
Recorder