

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for March 24, 2011

1. At 8:00 AM Charles opened the meeting. The following attended part or all of the meeting: Charles Ragan (chair), Simon Carr (member), Richard Vidal (Member), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant), Patty Jenks (Town Clerk), Shaun O'Keefe (Police Chief), Fred Stearns (Road Agent), Stephanie Carney, Teresa Mundy, Sue Kirincich, Lee and Kathy Larson and Tami Dowd.
2. Stephanie, Teresa and Sue came in to discuss the issues of the parking at the Lyme Center Academy Building during mud season.
 - a. Simon expressed, very forcibly, his view that the most recent yoga class should have been cancelled. He was unhappy that the advice from the Selectmen's Office had not been acted upon.
 - b. There was a discussion on how parking could be facilitated for the current classes. Kathy Larson said that there used to be an agreement with the Lyme Center Baptist Church for reciprocal parking. Dina will contact the Trustees of the Baptist Church, to see whether such a reciprocal agreement can be made for the remainder of this mud season. Those classes held after 4pm may use some of Rich's parking lot, as agreed.
 - c. Kathy Larson emphasized that, when the building refurbishment was undertaken, she had given money on the understanding that the building would be open at all times.
 - d. The Board said that they had asked the building maintenance committee to consider the possibility of providing a good all-season parking lot at the Academy Building. It was not clear whether it could be undertaken before next mud season, but the committee would be looking at priorities.
 - e. The Board agreed that, if the parking lot could not be completed before next mud season, the Building would remain closed during the time the roads were posted.
3. Tami came in to explain that she planned to extend her dining room and would like to run a restaurant and serve liquor. The Board voted to approve her proposal to serve liquor at Dowd's Country Inn until 10pm, up to seven days per week. The proposal must now go to the Planning Board for site plan review.
4. Fred came in to raise issues in conjunction with logging:
 - a. Some loggers were hauling without authority even though Elise had contacted all those with Intents-to-Cut to advise that they could not haul without written permission.
 - b. The Board confirmed that they had delegated the Road Agent as the only person who may authorize overweight trucks to move on posted roads. This is a written authorization only. Requests may be made at the Town Garage; phone requests are not acceptable.
 - c. There was a discussion on the advisability of requiring loggers to post bonds. Dina will prepare information on bonds for the Board to review.

5. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of March 17th were approved as submitted.
 - b. A manifest to the value of \$15,533.59 was reviewed and approved.
 - c. The Board agreed that, as last year, Dina should prepare a list of vacant committee, board and commission appointments and publicize it on listserv.
 - d. Charles reported on the Energy Committee meeting of Monday 21st March. They had revised the energy chapter of the master plan and were planning to push “No Idling”.
 - e. The Board signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Library Trustees.
 - f. Charles moved and Simon seconded that Vachon, Clukay & Co. be appointed as auditors. Charles was authorized to sign the appointment.
 - g. Simon and Richard approved and signed the service maintenance contract from Small Engine Repairs for the stand-by generators and the Town Offices and Fire Station.
 - h. Dina reported that Town Counsel had written to DES emphasizing the town’s concern regarding the appeal of the wetlands permit for the beach and ball field and asking that the appeal be denied.
6. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 AM.

Simon Carr
Recorder