

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for April 28, 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), Shaun O'Keefe (Police Chief), Lance Goodrich (Transfer Station Superintendent) and Bradford May.
2. Lance came in to discuss a number of transfer station issues:
 - a. The Board was concerned that all transactions at the transfer station should only be by means of green bags or pink tickets.
 - b. There were also some concerns of children within the fenced area. Lance said this had been significantly reduced since the recent notice. It was also noted that there was some removal of materials from dumpsters. The staff operate an informal "swap shop" whereby possibly usable goods are not put for a week, but once in the dumpster, no one should be removing materials.
 - c. Following the recent complaints, there was a discussion regarding the 50cu.yd. dumpster. While the Board recognized that the savings that Whitcher was likely to achieve by double pulls and the larger dumpsters were significant, it was felt that this should not be at the expense of safety. Lance will talk with Whitcher about this and arrange for future dumpsters to be no more than 40cu.yd.
 - d. There had been three instances of illegal dumping when the station had been closed on Easter Sunday. As the closure notice had only gone out on listserv three days before, it was felt inappropriate to prosecute. Shaun will write to them.
 - e. There were a number of discrepancies in the current transfer station regulations and the flier. Lance and Elise will work on these. Once revised regulations are available they should be put on the town website and notification put out on listserv.
 - f. There was a discussion regarding parking at the highway garage/transfer station, dumping and larger scale remove of sand from the sand pile (a bucket or two per household is permitted – loading a sander is not). To resolve this the Board agreed to ask Fred to re-instate the chains across the entrance. Dina will also contact First Student regarding the second school bus which was being parked there.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of the meeting of April 121st were approved with a minor amendment.
 - b. A manifest to the value of \$4,419.63 was reviewed and approved. A separate manifest for the Overseer of Public Welfare was also approved.
 - c. A Current Use update was signed for Richard Drew Map 405 Lot 14 13.30 acres.
 - d. Timber Tax Warrants were signed for:
 - i. Rumbaugh Family Trust Map 407 Lot 29 \$766.06

ii. Smarts Mountain Realty Map 415 Lot 22 \$1,996.61

- e. The Board reviewed the tax appeal from Marlene Richter, Map 402 Lot 102 and Diana's assessment. Simon moved and Richard seconded that the tax assessment be reduced by \$49,600. The motion passed unanimously.
 - f. The Board discussed the issue of washouts on Dorchester Rd, where a driveway bridge had caused washouts for some years. They agreed to write to the landowner expressing their concerns and the issue of the landowner's liability for the town's expense in maintaining the road. Dina and David will prepare a draft for review by town counsel.
4. The Board congratulated Shaun on his successfully gaining an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice, effective from Friday April 28.
 5. At 9:08 AM Charles moved and Simon seconded that the Board go in to non-public session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(b) to consider the hiring of an employee. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote. Charles, Richard, Simon, Dina and Shaun attended part or all of the non-public session.
 - a. Shaun briefed the Board on his discussions with a possible replacement for Michael Dion. The Board discussed the terms under which Shaun could make a formal offer and authorized him to do so.
 - b. The Board considered an employee and agreed that this employee fell within the personnel policy's definition of a part-time employee.
 - c. The Board returned to public session at 9:47 AM.
 6. At 9:48 AM Charles moved and Simon seconded that the Board go in to non-public session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(e) to consider pend litigation. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote. Charles, Richard, Simon, Dina and Shaun attended the non-public session.
 - a. The Board discussed a pending legal case.
 - b. The Board returned to public session at 9:54 AM.
 7. At 9:58 AM Charles moved and Simon seconded that the Board go in to non-public session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(c) matters which could affect the reputation of a person. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote. Charles, Richard, Simon and Dina attended the non-public session.
 - a. The Board considered a tax abatement on the grounds of hardship. After discussion, Simon moved and Richard seconded that the Board grant a tax abatement of \$3,662.09 and waive interest and fees.
 - b. The Board returned to public session at 10:09 AM.
 8. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Simon Carr
Recorder