

**Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen**

Minutes of Emergency Selectboard Meeting for May 2, 2011

1. At 11:30 AM Charles opened the emergency meeting, which he had called to address the issues with the washout of the bank on River Rd. The following attended the initial portion of the meeting: Charles Ragan (chair), Simon Carr (member), Richard Vidal (Member), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant) and David Robbins (Zoning Administrator).
2. The Board discussed briefly the issues of the washout on River Rd. Because this is a scenic road, any work to trees requires either a public hearing of the Planning Board or, in emergency, a written authorization to the Road Agent or his designee. In addition the washout is within the Shoreline protection area and subject to DES control. The Board voted to give written authority to the Road Agent and designee, subject to DES Authorization.
3. The Board confirmed that David should be the point person for all DES contact. Shaun and Fred should be responsible for any safety issues.
4. David said that he had applied to DES for an emergency permit; they were unlikely to permit this for more than 100ft of the shoreline and, in all likelihood would require an engineering study before granting a full permit.
5. At 11:40AM the Board recessed to meet at the washout site. The following attended this portion of the meeting: Charles Ragan (chair), Simon Carr (member), Richard Vidal (Member), David Robbins (Zoning Administrator), Fred Stearns (Road Agent), Russell Stearns, Scott Bailey and Steve Williams (road crew), Shaun O'Keefe (Police Chief), Allan Hanscomb (DOT) and Denis Ford (DOT).
6. It was agreed that no work could be undertaken until a permit had been received. There was a discussion on the safety of traffic on the road, given that it was unclear how much of the roadway might have been compromised by the various washouts along the bank. With the anticipated additional rain this week, the Board considered that it would be unsafe to permit traffic. They accordingly voted to close the road between Carola Lea's and Marselis Parsons' properties (498 – 522 River Rd) and asked Fred to put up barriers at these locations together with signs at North Thetford Rd and East Thetford Rd. They also asked him to contact the Orford road agent and ask him to place a "Road Closed Ahead" sign at the intersection of River Rd and Route 10.
7. Shaun will arrange for dispatch to reverse 9-1-1 call to all residents on River Rd, Lamphire Hill Ln, North Thetford Rd, Breck Hill Rd and Gregory Rd.
8. At 12:30PM the Board recessed to continue the meeting at the Town Offices. The following attended this portion of the meeting: Charles Ragan (chair), Simon Carr (member), Richard Vidal (Member) and Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant).
9. The Board signed the authority to Fred for any tree cutting.
10. The Board reviewed the road closed notices with Dina; to go out on the website, listserv and in the newspaper.

11. If, as anticipated, DES required an engineering study, the Board asked Dina to contact those engineers regularly used by the Town, to get an idea on costs.
12. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Simon Carr
Recorder