## Town of Lyme Board of Selectmen Minutes for May 5, 2011

- 1. At 8:04 AM Charles opened the meeting. The following attended part or all of the meeting: Charles Ragan (chair), Simon Carr (member), Richard Vidal (Member), Patty Jenks (Town Clerk), Shaun O'Keefe (Police Chief), Marselis Parsons and Ray Burton (Grafton County Commissioner).
- 2. Marselis came in to ask about the situation on River Rd:
  - a. The Board explained that they were in the very early stages of considering what was needed
    in terms of engineering studies, assessment of likely costs and necessary shoreland permits.
    As information came through they would ensure that the abutting landowners were kept
    informed.
  - b. Marselis also reported there had been some dumping in his driveway. Shaun will follow up on this.
  - c. He also said that a lot of vehicles were coming up River Rd., having ignored the sign at East Thetford Rd and were then turning in his driveway when they encountered the jersey barriers. The Board agreed that they would send Fred a memo emphasizing the need both to work with Shaun and to have more prominent signs at East Thetford Rd.
- 3. Ray Burton came in to introduce himself to the Board as our Grafton County Commissioner and distributed literature regarding his role and the services provided by the county. Of interest:
  - a. The jail provides clean-up crews under supervision and Glen Libby would be keen to discuss possible services.
  - b. The jail is coming in under budget and is anticipated to be in use within the next twelve months.
  - c. The County is asking for suggestions for use of the old jail.
  - d. The Board discussed the River Rd issues with Ray. He is planning a visit to Piermont with Thomas Baruch, Environmental Services Commissioner and other ESA officials and will endeavor to extend the trip to address our problems.
  - e. The County budget hearing is scheduled for May 18 6:00PM.
- 4. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. The minutes of the meeting of April 28<sup>th</sup> and of the emergency meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> were approved as submitted.
  - b. A manifest to the value of \$45,720.54 was reviewed and approved.
  - c. The Board agreed to make the following committee and commission appointments:
    - i. Energy Committee: Joanna Laro until March 2014

ii. Heritage Commission:

Adair Mulligan until March 2014
Jane Fant until March 2013
Charlotte Furstenberg until March 2013
Ray Clark until March 2012
Laurie Wadsworth until March 2014

Tim Cook until March 2014

Selectboard Representative Simon Carr

iii. Capital Improvement Program Committee:

Michael Woodard until committee work is complete
Manning Rountree until committee work is complete

Selectboard Representative Charles Ragan

d. There were two Current Use updates:

Alternates:

i. Stephen Hewes Map 411 Lot 12 9.8 acres
 ii. Lisa and Kenneth Hayes Map 401 Lot 77 10.2 acres
 These were held over, because it was not clear whether it the applicants had been informed of the different taxation with recreational land.

e. A Timber Tax Warrants was signed for:

Kristina Olenec Map 407 Lot 122 \$56.97

f. Intents-to-Cut were signed for:

i. Smarts Mountain Realtyii. Kristina OlenecMap 415 Lot 22.1Map 407 Lot 122

- g. The Board considered a State form for removing the tree from the Route 10/High Street island, prior to the work being undertaken on the revised intersection and authorized Charles to sign on behalf of the Board, once the form had been revised to cover the re-location. (Subsequently, Charles discussed this with the State operatives. The tree is actually a Norway Maple, an invasive species and as such had to be removed; it will be replaced by two sugar maples in the revised configuration. On the basis of this Charles signed the removal form and a second one for the dead maple in front of the Lela Pike house.)
- h. The Board reviewed and signed a letter to William and Elizabeth Prickett regarding the problems with their bridge and washouts on Dorchester Rd.
- i. Simon reported on the Planning Board meeting of April 28: There had been an informal discussion on a minor subdivision; the result of which would be the separation of possibly polluted land from farmland. This would enable the landowner to sell the larger lot but placed the smaller polluted lot at risk of being abandoned. Because of the conservation benefits of this subdivision the majority of the Planning Board appeared in favor.
- j. A member of the Planning Board had contacted the State to discuss possible work to the Edgell Bridge, which had been raised at a Planning Board meeting. The result of this had been for the State to stop their preparation work on the Edgell Bridge repairs. The Selectboard agreed that the work should proceed as originally planned and also agreed that they would write to the Planning Board instructing them that they are not to contact the

State on anything than Planning Board issues. The memo will also emphasize that the work discussed by the Planning Board would have required a dredge and fill permit, which the Board is not prepared to apply for at this time.

- k. Simon and Patty reported on the 250<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting of May 3:
  - i. The plans for the event are proceeding well. Approximately \$45,000 had been raised already and local businesses had not yet been approached. The schedule is now firming up.
  - ii. The plans call for On the Common to be closed to through traffic. This can be done provided that all property owners agree. Shaun and Patty have prepared a letter asking this. The Board agreed to sign this when available.
- 1. Richard reported on the Conservation Commission meeting of May 2:
  - i. All the trails were cleared except the Town Forest
  - ii. There was a plan to install some split-rail fencing on the Big Rock Trail
  - iii. Green-up day plans were proceeding. He and Blake Allison will collect tires, but will probably pass to Charles to take to the dump on Sunday. Blue bags are only taken on the Sunday and a covering notice needs to go out on listsery and the website.
- 5. Holden had a given a price of \$2,500 for initial work in studying the River Rd washout. Richard moved and Simon seconded that this be accepted and the motion passed unanimously.
- 6. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Simon Carr Recorder