

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for May 26, 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) and Fred Stearns (Road Agent).
2. River Road:
 - a. Fred came in to ask about re-opening River Road on a temporary basis. He would want to do this with a six-ton limit, lease jersey barriers from the state and grade a portion of the landside of the road to give approximately 16-18ft. roadway. The Board discussed this and was concerned about the possible liability issues even in this case. They asked Fred to come back with firmer costs on this procedure.
 - b. The Board discussed how to move forward; the potential costs were more than any of the available funds. The likelihood is that no significant funds could be made available before next Town Meeting. The Board should consider all the possible options through the summer and plan for a public meeting immediately after Labor Day. Simon will draft a letter to go as a town-wide mailing explaining this.
 - c. The Board noted the letter from Mr. Hallet, re-iterating the points he made at last week’s Board meeting. They also noted his request regarding notification of meetings for a select group, but considered that this was met by the Board’s minutes and published agendas.
 - d. Councilor Ray Burton and officials from DES will be visiting the site on Friday May 27. Dina will ascertain the likely time so that members of the Board may meet with them.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of the meeting of May 19th were approved as submitted.
 - b. A manifest to the value of \$11,275.70 was reviewed and approved. A separate manifest was signed for the Overseer of Public Welfare.
 - c. Timber Tax Warrants were signed for:

Katherine and Matthew Robinson	Map 416 Lot 24	\$307.92
James and Jane Buchanan	Map 402 Lot 79	\$1,646.58
 - d. Intents to Cut were signed for:
 - i. Scott Steffey Map 409 Lot 99
 - ii. Thomas and Kathryn Green Map 406 Lot 15
 - e. The Board signed the contract with Holden, in the sum of \$2,500 for initial investigation work on River Rd.
 - f. Dina reported that she had received a report from the landowner on the status of clearing up the Dorchester Rd site: further materials had been removed but the field was still too wet to remove any vehicles yet.

- g. There had been a complaint from the public concerning the 50yd dumpsters, especially noting the possible liability issue. Dina will arrange for a sign saying “if you need it, ask for help” to be manufactured for display outside the recycling are.
 - h. We are still awaiting prices for gates to the whole transfer station/highway garage area.
4. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 AM.

Simon Carr
Recorder