

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for June 16, 2011

1. At 8:00 AM Charles opened the meeting and immediately opened the public hearing on the Police Department proposal to purchase a speed measurement and traffic control device. At 8:14 AM the Board returned to its regular meeting.
2. 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), Patty Jenks (Town Clerk), Fred Stearns (Road Agent), Duncan Macintosh, Bob Hall, Sue and Greg Hanlon and Wayne Tullar.
3. Simon moved and Richard seconded that the Board accept the grant and matching donation to the total of \$6,290. The motion passed unanimously and Charles signed the necessary paperwork.
4. Dina explained the proposals for this year's pond program. There would be nine lifeguards plus Torrey Cutting as pond program supervisor. Two of these would be senior lifeguards (one with EMT basic). There would also be six counselors at \$7.25/hr (minimum wage) together with further volunteer counselors. The Board approved the proposals.
5. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. The minutes of the meeting of June 9<sup>th</sup> were approved as submitted.
  - b. A manifest to the value of \$36,243.73 was reviewed and approved. A separate manifest was signed for the Overseer of Public Welfare.
  - c. Shaun reported that he had received a request to use parking at the beach for a wedding party in August. The Board agreed that this was not acceptable and recommended that the applicant contact the abutter to the planned party location.
  - d. The Northstar fireworks permit for July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend fireworks was signed.
  - e. The Board agreed that they would not use the DRA PA-28 form.
  - f. Richard reported on the Building Maintenance Committee meeting of Tuesday June 14. It was emphasized that this committee is tasked with giving advice to the Selectboard on major building maintenance. The committee had prepared draft bid documents for town use and the Board will review them next week.
  - g. Charles reported on the Capital Improvement Program Committee of Wednesday June 15. They will be meeting weekly on Wednesdays and will be talking with all the heads of departments. They are concerned with likely road costs and would like to get advice from engineers on likely costs.
6. River Road:
  - a. Following the town-wide mailing regarding River Road, several residents came in to express their concerns about the continuing closure of River Rd:

- i. Duncan Macintosh was concerned about the additional eight miles he was driving and also considered his house had lost \$200,000 by the closure.
  - ii. Sue and Greg Hanlon had concerns about the additional mileage they were incurring.
  - iii. Bob Hall considered that a single-lane roadway could be implemented but that a fence rather than Jersey barriers would mean less load on the roadway. He also considered that the bank could be stabilized with riprap.
  - iv. Wayne Tullar is farming 60 acres of Cooke and Mudge land south of the closure and is unable to seed some fields or harvest his crop, because of his inability to get to them without taking agricultural equipment on Route 10.
- b. There was discussion on these issues but it was emphasized that, because of the costs, any solution would be taken by the whole town. It was also emphasized that any solution had to meet with DES and Army Corps of Engineers approval. The summer would be taken in developing possible solutions to a public meeting in September.
  - c. Subsequent to the main discussion, the Board discussed with Fred the costs of re-opening a single-lane roadway with barriers blocking off the bank side area and lights. Initial costs are probably in the \$26-30,000 range but Fred will see if he can get other prices. The Board will also discuss with Holden whether such a temporary solution is safe.
7. Transfer Station:
- a. Two estimates for gates at the transfer station/highway garage had been received. The Board agreed that the cost would be divided equally between the Transfer Station and Highway budgets and authorized Dina and Fred to proceed on getting the gates installed.
  - b. Dina reported on the issues with the 50-yard dumpsters. The current proposal is to obtain 30 gal drums for the public to drop their recyclables in to and for the transfer station staff to load these into the dumpsters. The Board approved this suggestion on a trial basis; if it does not work out, then Whitcher would have to bring in 30-yard dumpsters, which would be more expensive.
  - c. Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission had asked Lyme to host a lunchtime transfer station. The Board approved this request.
8. At 9:47 AM Charles moved and Richard seconded that the Board go in to non-public session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(a) disciplining of a public employee. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote. Charles, Richard, Simon, Dina, Shaun and Patty attended the non-public session.
- a. The Board discussed a complaint from a member of the public and agreed to recess the non-public session until Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM at the Transfer Station.
  - b. The Board returned to public session at 9:59 AM.
9. At 10:11 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 a legal issue. The motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote. Charles, Richard, Simon and Dina attended the non-public session.

- a. The Board discussed a current legal case and authorized Dina to contact an attorney.
  - b. The Board returned to public session at 10:18AM.
10. The meeting recessed at 10:18 AM, to reconvene at the Transfer Station on Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

Simon Carr  
Recorder