

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for June 23, 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), Patty Jenks (Town Clerk), Duncan Macintosh, Alex Roupinian (Lyme Inn), Peter Holden and Bill Rossignol (Holden).
2. Duncan presented a petition of 136 signatures (not all Lyme residents) asking the Selectboard to re-open River Rd, at least temporarily, as a single lane road. The Board said they were working on the possible options for the road.
3. Alex Roupinian came to explain that he was planning to drill the new well and asked for permission for Inn guests to park on the Common. Dina explained there was a standard application form and method for such applications and that he should get the necessary information form Elise.
4. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of the meeting of June 16th and of the NPS of June 19th were approved as submitted.
 - b. A manifest to the value of \$35,328.22 was reviewed and approved.
 - c. The Board reviewed the tax abatement appeal from NHEC and, on advice from the town's utility assessor, agreed to refuse this.
 - d. Intents to Cut were signed for:
 - i. Richard and Janet Hoyt Map 407 Lot 97
 - ii. William Nichols Map 421 Lot 20
 - iii. William Nichols and Scott Nichols Map 414 Lot 44
 - e. Charles reported on the CIP Committee of Wednesday June 22.
 - f. Charles reported on the Energy Committee meeting of Monday June 20. The new member, Joanna Laro, had attended and was very positive. Plans for the Energy Fair, October 10 were proceeding.
 - g. It was noted that warnings had not been posted when committees changed their regular meeting time/date and it was confirmed that it was the committees' responsibility to notify Elise so that she could post a revised warning.
 - h. There was a brief discussion on the HUD Regional Planning Grant.
 - i. The Board noted the letter from Steffey Maple Grove Fame regarding their Intent-to-Cut and noted that abutting landowners were exempt from the Scenic Road laws.
 - j. The State had been unable to give the Board any clearer indication of when the work to the Edgell Bridge was likely to be undertaken. The Board discussed the issues of work to this bridge and the wider implications of DOT's plan close Route 10 north of town of two

weeks, probably starting around July 19. While Route 10 is closed the only possible town diversion would be River Rd to N Thetford Rd, which is only permissible for vehicles of 6000 lbs. or less. The Board discussed the possibility of having flaggers at the River Rd/Route 10 intersection and having flaggers at the bridge during rush hours, also the possibility of sign in Orford and at the E Thetford Rd showing Route 10 as closed ahead and detours via Route 5. The Board asked Shaun to contact DOT to discuss the concerns and to get further details from them.

- k. The Board discussed sample requests-for-tenders and agreed that these should reference Dina as the town contact, with the appropriate head of department for technical contact.
 - l. The Board reviewed the Dowd's Inn site plan review and agreed to write to the Planning Board, that they had no issues with this application, which they expected to be treated in the same manner as similar establishments in the Lyme Common district.
 - m. The 2011 Dog Warrant was signed.
5. River Road:
- a. The Board noted receipt of a letter from residents nearby concerning the petition to re-open the road as a single lane.
 - b. Peter Holden and Bill Rossignol came in to report that they had revisited the location with their geotech specialist. He had undertaken an initial investigation of the soil under the road and considered that in some areas the bank had failed, as far as the center of the paved surface. Given these conditions, he very strongly recommended that the road not be re-opened even as a single track. He would be writing to confirm this.
 - c. There was discussion on how the road issues were resolved. Charles was concerned that full replacement of the road should not be ruled out. It was emphasized that every possible option needed to be considered and that the Board should offer every option to the town at the September meeting. The aim now was to develop all the possible solutions with good cost indications. Peter Holden will prepare a scope of work for the Board's agreement. He and Simon will also meet with the relevant landowners to discuss the issues in restoring a safe highway.
 - d. Peter reported that he had been fielding calls from residents offering advice regarding River Rd. The Board apologized for this and would put out a message that individuals, however concerned, should not be contacting the town's consultants direct.
6. Dina reported that there were problems with the current Segtel DSL internet connection, which was causing problems especially for the police connection. She said that the current Segtel contract did not expire until December. However by switching to Fairpoint, we would gain the necessary faster speed and the total cost of the Fairpoint connection at the higher speed would be only marginally more expensive than that of remaining with Segtel. The Board approved the switch to Fairpoint, on a single year contract and signed the termination letter to Segtel.
7. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 AM.

Simon Carr
Recorder