

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for July 14, 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) and Bill Ackerley.
2. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. The minutes of the meeting of July 7<sup>th</sup> were approved with one amendment.
  - b. A manifest for \$16,688.78 was signed.
  - c. An Intent-to-Cut was signed for Rod and Laurel Finley for Map 414 Lot 30.1.
  - d. Simon and Patty reported on the Anniversary Committee meeting of Tuesday July 12. Dinner sales were now picking up. The parade is coming together and Simon asked the board whether, as dignitaries, they wished to walk or ride in the parade. They agreed to ride. There will also be a tethered hot-air balloon behind the school. Dina and Shaun reported that the planned "run from the four corners" was now coming together.
  - e. Charles reported the CIP Committee meeting had been cancelled.
  - f. There was a discussion on the legislature's planned legislation on retirement rates, which if passed could have a significant impact both on employees and on the town.
  - g. Road works:
    - i. Fred had reported that he planned to replace a culvert on River Rd. and would then be working on the under-drainage for Goose Pond Rd for the next two weeks and had prepared a letter to the residents explaining that this work was the second year of a three-year project to repave portions of the road.
    - ii. The Board agreed to ask Fred to get paving prices for those roads initially planned for repaving so that he could go ahead if the under-drainage did not come in as expensive as anticipated.
    - iii. The Board noted DOT's response regarding the High St/Route 10 intersection. There will be no raised island but more signage on the paved section.
  - h. The Board signed the Tax Anticipation Note. This is for \$2.5M at 2.25%.
  - i. The Board approved the bid proposal for the Pike House drainage.
3. At 8:28 AM Charles moved and Simon seconded that the Board go in to non-public session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(a) regarding employee compensation. The motion passed unanimously. Charles, Richard, Simon and Dina all attended the non-public session.
  - a. The Board agreed to employ Lance Goodrich as a temporary highway worker for approximately the next week to assist Fred on Goose Pond Rd. While working as such he

would be paid \$15/hour but his total working week both as Transfer Station Superintendent and highway worker should not exceed 40 hours.

- b. The Board returned to public session at 8:36 AM.
4. At 8:37 AM Charles moved and Simon seconded that the Board go in to non-public session under the authority of RSA 91-A:3 II(c) “matters affecting a person’s reputation”. The motion passed unanimously. Charles, Richard, Simon and Dina all attended the non-public session.
  - a. Dina updated the board on two staff issues.
  - b. The Board returned to public session at 8:43 AM.
5. The meeting recessed at 8:52 AM until 10:00Am to meet with Bill Rossignol of Holden regarding the trees on River Rd.
6. At 10:00 AM the Board reconvened with Bill Rossignol in the town offices and immediately visited River Road. Charles, Richard, Simon and Bill attended this portion of the meeting.
7. The Board reviewed with Bill those trees in the riverbank that were affecting the stability of the bank. Bill will be marking the trees and preparing a sketch plan so that sufficient information is available for a public hearing of the Planning Board “removal of trees in a scenic road” and also so that contractors may bid on the removal of these trees.
8. The meeting adjourned at 11: 20 AM

Simon Carr  
Recorder

River Road Timeline.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event: brief summary. Further information in BOS minutes at Town Offices</b>
April 30/May 1, 2011	Heavy river flow washes out a portion of River Rd.
May 2, 2011	BOS meet in emergency session. Vote to authorize tree-cutting if necessary (scenic road) and vote to close road with jersey barriers.
May 5, 2011	BOS appoint Holden to undertake initial investigation.
May 19, 2011	Holden reported on two possible approaches for re-instating the road. Both options exceed the town's emergency highway CRF. The failure did not fall within FEMA funds.
May 27, 2011	Simon and Shaun meet with Grafton County Commissioner Ray Burton, Rene Pelletier (DES Wetlands Commissioner), Steve Couture (DES), Richard Roach (Army Corps of Engineers) and Bill Rossignol (Holden). It was made clear there were no state or federal funds available, also that no work could extend the bank in to the river. The advice was to move the road and stabilize the bank.
June 10, 2011	Mailing to all residents confirming that the road will currently remain closed. A public meeting will be held September 14 to lay out all the options, but any votes will have to wait until Town Meeting.
June 16 and June 23, 2011	Citizens request that the road be re-opened to single-track traffic. BOS review the costs and ask Holden to consider this option.
June 22, 2011	NRCS visits the Tullar Farm and views the road.
June 23, 2011	Holden reports that the road is not safe, even as a single-line road. NRCS writes to Shirley Tullar giving her possible grant program information. Also concurs in not re-opening the road.
June 27, 2011	Shirley Tullar passes NRCS information to Selectman Simon Carr.
June 28 and June 29, 2011	BOS staff (Dina) contact NRCS, submit initial verbal notification of application for funds, subsequently followed up with emailed notification to ensure application is within 60 day limit.
July 5, 2011	NRCS staff visits the site and discuss the procedures with staff in respect of the town application for funds. Peter Holden and Simon Carr meet with the adjoining landowners and Upper Valley Land Trust to discuss the possible relocation of the road and the effect of this on their land. Following their provisional agreement, Holden will now prepare a proposed scope of work for submission to the Board.
July 14, 2011	The Board meets with Bill Rossignol (Holden) to review which trees should be removed to ensure the stability of the riverbank.