

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for July 21, 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), Shaun O'Keefe (Police Chief) and Patty Jenks (Town Clerk).
2. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. The minutes of the meeting of July 14<sup>th</sup> were approved.
  - b. As Dina was away there was no manifest. However, should there be the need for any payments to be made, it was possible that Dina might come in briefly to prepare a short one. In this case the Board should come in to sign it.
  - c. Charles reported on the Energy committee meeting of Monday, July 18. The Peregrine energy report had been reviewed by the committee and a copy passed to the building maintenance committee. They would probably also be passing it to the CIP committee.
  - d. Simon, Patty and Shaun reported on the Anniversary Committee meeting of Tuesday July 19. Dinner sales were now picking up and now exceeded 500. The committee had asked that the Selectboard attend the opening ceremony at 4:45PM on Friday evening as well as riding in the parade at 9:00AM Saturday. There was still a need for further volunteers to handle parking in the pit and ferrying from the pit to the common.
  - e. Simon reported on the Planning Board meeting of July Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. A lot line adjustment had been approved.
  - f. River Road:
    - i. There was a discussion on the removal of trees. This needed authorization either by the Selectboard giving the Road Agent or by a public hearing of the Planning Board. The Board agreed that this should be by means of a Planning Board public hearing and asked David if this could be scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. The Board noted that Governor Lynch had asked the President to declare Coos and Grafton counties disaster areas from the April 26-May 1 rain event. If approved it would make the road eligible for FEMA funds.
  - g. The Board reviewed Fred's request to use Lance Goodrich for an additional 20hrs over the next two weeks on the River Rd south and Goose Pond Rd projects. This would be overtime but, as Lance is already working 10-15hrs/week at the transfer station, he would effectively be working between 40/50hrs overtime on the highway project. The Board agreed this but felt that Fred should be aware of the implications.
  - h. The Board signed the agreement to take possession of the 'Those Guys' tents for the duration of the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration event.
  - i. The Board had received a letter from one of the Orford perambulators that the post at the Lyme/Orford/Wentworth/Dorchester corner was missing and needed replacement. The

Board agreed to let Orford undertake the replacement.

- j. Shaun registered his concern with the Edgell Bridge and asked that, during the repair work, the gable openings should be reduced in size so that only passenger cars may pass through.
3. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 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.
July 15, 2011	Governor Lynch asks the President to declare Coos and Grafton counties disaster areas from the April 26-May 1 rain event. If approved it would make the road eligible for FEMA funds.