

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for July 28, 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), Fred Stearns (Road Agent), Shaun O'Keefe (Police Chief) and Patty Jenks (Town Clerk).
2. At 8:00 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) to consider an employment issue. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Charles, Simon, Fred and Dina attended the non-public session.
 - a. The Board discussed two candidates for the temporary highway worker position. They agreed to make an employment offer to one of the candidates.
 - b. At 8:18 AM the Board returned to public session.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. Highway Issues:
 - i. Fred reported on the progress of the under-drainage for Goose Pond Rd. He will review the block grant budget once this work was complete.
 - ii. Dina reported that Daniels will be starting work on the second Goose Pond Rd. bridge next Monday. Because of the poor condition of the existing culverts they planned to insert 6" smaller culverts and would be confirming the acceptability of this with DES.
 - b. The minutes of the meeting of July 21st were approved.
 - c. A manifest to the value of \$438,400.76 was reviewed and approved. This included \$300,000.00 for the school and \$97,430.75 for bond repayments and interest. A separate manifest was signed for the Overseer of Public Welfare.
 - d. An intent-to-excavate was signed for Bret Ryan - Whipple Hill and Route 10 pits.
 - e. A Timber Tax Warrants was signed for Thomas Green Map 406 Lot 15 \$477.59
 - f. Simon, Patty and Shaun reported on the Anniversary Committee meeting of Tuesday July 26th. Everything was proceeding and now appeared under control:
 - i. Simon had asked Fred if he would like a town truck in the parade. Fred was considering this.
 - ii. There were some last-minute requests for tents and grills for the lunch-time food vendors.
 - iii. Because of the noise of the hot-air balloon in the ball field, which affect animals, Dina will contact Amy Record to warn her.
 - iv. There will be a walk-through at 5:30 PM today on the common to confirm various details.
 - g. Simon reported on the Planning Board meeting of July Thursday 21st. He had been unable to attend but understood they continued work on the master plan.
 - h. Charles reported on the Recreation commission meeting of Monday 25th. They were

proceeding with plans for the beach area renovation in mid-September. It was confirmed that removal of any buildings needs to go through the correct channels as this is in the shoreland protection area.

- i. River Road:
 - i. The Planning Board public hearing for tree removal is scheduled for August 11th. Holden is meeting with Collis Adams (DES Wetlands) to confirm that the proposals are acceptable.
 - ii. The FEMA disaster declaration for Grafton County referred to the rain event of May 26-30 and therefore we were not eligible for funds. However, we had been advised that FEMA might grant a waiver for us and we were investigating this.
 - iii. We had also been advised that the Army Corps of Engineers also had some funding for issues such as ours but, to date, we had been unable find any information of such funding.
 - iv. A request had been received from a River Rd. resident asking that we undertake a short-term solution of moving a temporary road on to the abutters' property. He had been advised that the Board were already working with the abutters and were endeavoring to craft a permanent solution.
 - j. The Board discussed Dina's procedure for obtaining fuel prices and agreed that this was satisfactory.
 - k. Dina reported on the State's beach inspection. There had been some areas that had been marked down but these were the items due to be tackled in September. Management and training had scored very highly.
 - l. The Board discussed a date for their meeting with the Budget Committee for their six-month review. They agreed that August 17 would be acceptable with August 24 as an alternative. Charles noted that the CIP committee is scheduled for 6:00 PM those days but thought they should be finished by 7:00 PM.
 - m. Shaun registered his concern with the Upper Valley Humane Society and was reviewing our contract with them. He will report back.
4. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM.

Simon Carr
Recorder

River Road Timeline.

Date	Event: brief summary. Further information in BOS minutes at Town Offices
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	Coos and Grafton counties are declared disaster areas for the May 26-30 rain event, but this does not cover the earlier event. The Board will endeavor to see if they can obtain a waiver which would cover the earlier event.