

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for August 4, 2011 Session 1

1. At 8:03 AM Charles opened the meeting. The following attended part or all of the meeting: Charles Ragan (chair), Richard Vidal (member), Simon Carr (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 21st were approved.
 - b. A manifest to the value of \$45,862.97 was reviewed and approved.
 - c. The draft audit for 2010 was reviewed.
 - d. Simon, Patty, Dina and Shaun reported on the Anniversary Committee meeting of Tuesday July 26th. Everything was proceeding and now appeared under control:
 - i. Dinner bookings were now in the 900s.
 - ii. The schedule for specific Selectboard attendances was discussed.
 - iii. The “run-in” is under control and will happen immediately before the opening ceremony.
 - iv. There was a concern with steps and railings for the little stage.
 - e. Simon reported on the Planning Board meeting of July Thursday 28th:
 - i. The lot line adjustment for Peter Treadwell had passed.
 - ii. Colin Robinson on behalf of Dowds Country Inn had requested that the Planning Board and ZBA have a joint meeting regarding her restaurant application. The Board had refused this as they considered the zoning issue should be resolved before taking up the site plan review.
 - f. Richard reported on the Conservation Commission meeting of Monday 1st. The main issue was the Nature Conservancy’s planned conservation of SE Lyme, Canaan and Dorchester. The Conservancy was looking for \$12.5M to conserve this land.
 - g. The 2004 Freightliner highway truck had required \$3,655.37 repairs for the fuel pipe. Simon moved and Richard seconded that this amount be taken from the Emergency Major Equipment Rebuilding & Maintenance Trust Fund. The motion passed unanimously.
3. At 8:45 AM the meeting recessed until 9:00 AM to meet with Bill Rossignol (Holden) and Collis Adams (DES).

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.
August 4, 2011	Collis Adams (DES) meets with the Board and Bill Rossignol (Holden) and accepts the schedule of trees to be removed with minor amendments.