

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for August 11, 2011

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), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant) and Patty Jenks (Town Clerk).
2. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. The minutes of the meetings of August 4th were approved.
 - b. A manifest to the value of \$381,901.55 was reviewed and approved. This included \$300,000 for the school.
 - c. There had been no meeting of the 250th committee:
 - i. Simon and Patty confirmed that there would be a wrap-up meeting on Tuesday, August 30th and that there would also be a commemorative booklet produced. Everyone was extremely pleased with the way the event had gone off.
 - ii. A commendation from Governor Lynch had been received. It was assumed this had been through Michael Hinsley's good offices and it was hoped this could be hung in the town offices.
 - d. Richard and Dina reported on the Building Maintenance committee, which had had a joint meeting with the Energy Committee and Peregrine on Tuesday, 9th:
 - i. There had been discussion on how to make our buildings more energy efficient, but there did not appear to be much funding available for this.
 - ii. There was a discussion on prioritization of projects. This was especially critical as there had been an expectation that the LCAB parking lot would be undertaken this year to enable it to be open year-round. The Board agreed that Dina should work with Jim Jenks to obtain costs for an initial lot sufficient to facilitate year-round parking.
 - e. A report from Harper Environmental had been received regarding the monitoring wells at the town offices. This recommended to DES that no further action be taken and we were now awaiting the DES confirmation of this.
 - f. The NH retirement contribution from employees was raised from 5% to 7% at the beginning of July. Due to an error, we had not been informed of this. The total discrepancy was \$1300 and the Board whether this should be reclaimed from the employees. Charles moved and Richard seconded that this be paid from town funds. The motion passed unanimously.
 - g. The contracts with HTE Geotech and with Holden Engineering for the next stage of River Rd work were signed.
 - h. The contract with W.B. Mason for the fire station copier maintenance for a total of \$98 was signed.
 - i. A letter from a Post Pond abutter had been received concerning the pond water level. Dina was authorized to reply.

- j. It was noted that the Energy Committee was planning holding an energy fair at the same time as the final flea market in September. The Board agreed that this was inappropriate, both from the point of view of over-crowding and also from the loss of revenue to the Scouts from the Energy Committee inviting traders to display for free. Charles agreed to discuss the issues with the committee at their next meeting.
 - k. Dina reported that she had been in contact with Robert Russo of the Army Corps of Engineers. They have no available funds in their current fiscal year, but it was possible they might agree to assisting with the bank stabilization up to 65% of the total cost and that the town portion can be in kind. Dina will prepare a letter requiring their assistance and the Board authorized Charles to sign it.
 - l. Dina reported that DES were not happy with the amended proposal for the Goose Pond Rd bridge and Daniels were working with them to provide a satisfactory solution.
 - m. Charles reported on the issues with a Dorchester Rd driveway culvert. The Board re-confirmed their previous decision that any damage to the road due to this culvert would be billed to the property owner.
 - n. Dina was asked to talk to the Dorchester Rd junkyard resident as soon as she returned from vacation.
3. The meeting adjourned a 9:28 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.
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.