

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for September 27, 2012

At 8:00 AM Simon opened the meeting. The following were present for part or all of the meeting: Simon Carr (chair), Richard A. Vidal (member), C. Jay Smith (member), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant, Shaun O'Keefe (Police Chief).

1. Approved the minutes of September 20, 2012 with corrections.
2. Matters Arising: Discussed meeting tonight in Warren with Secretary of State discussing recent decisions with regard to LGC and insurance refunds. Discussed Cemetery issues regarding maintenance (mowing/trimming). Cemetery Commission/Trustees will submit a budget for maintenance of the cemeteries. Town will get bids for other areas (parks/Town office/common/schools/etc). Will send a letter to Bill Labombard. Also we have an elected Sexton until next March and nothing can change with that until then.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. No manifest.
 - b. Reviewed and signed intent to cut for Peter and Catorina Presland-Byrne – Lamphire Hill Lane – Map 403 Lot 31-41.
 - c. Signed a Warrant for the files regarding the Land Use change for David & Christen Roby – Map 410 Lot 5, which the Selectboard had previously reviewed and signed and for which a bill had been issued and paid.
 - d. Discussed Commissions and Committees using e-mail other than name@lymenh.gov for official town business. We pay for this service and it is to be used for all official correspondence. Will send a memo to Department Heads and Commission/Committee Chairs reminding them that only name@lymenh.gov accounts are to be used for official town business and that correspondence/calendar information for the Lyme website must be in the proper format.
 - e. Discussed the status of the legal budget line expenses. We are slightly over budget and with several cases pending we will be over budget for this year. Much of the litigation is expected to carry over into 2013 as well and we will need to look carefully at the legal expenses line item for next year's budget. Will review the line item in more detail next week.
 - f. Received a memo from Chief O'Keefe regarding the budget committee discussion on the public safety budget. Will discuss next week after the Board has a chance to review the memo.
 - g. Committee and Commission Reports: Recreation Commission: Dina noted that 196 children had signed up for soccer and they will be playing at Crossroads Academy Field. Briefly discussed the status of the work on the ball field. Simon reported on the Heritage

Commission: Housing study continues and will be looking at houses in eastern Lyme next. Discussed the zoning ordinance which contains language requiring consultation with the Conservation Commission on certain building/renovation projects. Wondering what could be added to require consultation with Heritage Commission on renovation of buildings older than a certain age. It was decided this would be better served by a rule put in the Planning Board/Zoning Board procedures rather than an ordinance.

- h. Discussed Class VI roads. Need to have a written policy/guideline for building on any Class VI roads. Discussed Shoestrap Road and need for additional signage. Also need to make people aware that anyone making any improvements to any Class VI road, including plowing the road in winter, requires the permission of the Selectboard.
 - i. Discussed the planning board forum on Agriculture. Steve Taylor spoke on the state of agriculture in NH and where it is going. After he brought up niche farms selling direct to the public and farm stands as being a way for small farms to survive the meeting was diverted to discussing the Mill Gardens dispute. The next forum is on housing and will be held in October.
 - j. River Road: Received a detailed accounting from NRCS. They will be reimbursing the Town \$281,559.00 for the river bank stabilization and other related expenses.
 - k. Motion by Simon, seconded by Richard and Board voted 3 - 0 to go into non-public session at 9:01 am under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) "Compensation of public employees".
 - l. At 9:04 am the Board returned to public session having noted that the changes to compensation due to longevity were anticipated and should be covered in the budget.
 - m. Simon noted that there will be a gathering for Wallace Ragan on Friday October 12, 2012 at 5:00 pm at the Town Offices Conference Room.
4. The Meeting adjourned at 9:06 am.

/s/C. Jay Smith, Recorder