

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for October 4, 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), Steve Small (Recreation Director), Bill Ackerly

1. Steve Small came in to discuss the e-mail and the town web site with regards to posting Recreation Department information. Simon explained the reason for having all Departments use the name@lyme.gov e-mail for official town business and Steve said he was agreeable to that and understood the reasoning. Discussed the town web site and the need for a more visible presence for the Rec Department. Most town web sites get their heaviest traffic on the Rec Dept. link. It was decided to put a direct link to the recreation page on the first page and Steve will work with Elise to embed his rec calendar on the town web site.
2. Approved the minutes of September 27, 2012 with corrections.
3. Matters Arising: none.
4. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. Reviewed and signed a Manifest in the amount of \$341,406.38. This included \$300,000.00 for the school. Reviewed and signed a manifest for overseer of the welfare in the amount of \$3152.45
 - b. Signed the warrant for the upcoming election.
 - c. Reviewed and signed intent to cut for Dwight & Beatrice Lahr-Pastor – 132 High Street - Map 201 Lot 132.
 - d. Committee and Commission Reports: Conservation Commission: Richard reported that Peg Merrens of the UVLT spoke with the Commission about the Hoch property on River Road. They are interested in purchasing the property if possible and if outside funding is available for the 190 acres, maintaining a lot for the family. This property has high value as wildlife habitat. Discussed the recent sale of a piece of property on Pout Pond. Commission is researching a “right of first refusal” on this property from the new owners in the event it comes up for sale in the future. Discussed Trail maintenance. Jay noted the Roads Committee had met and discussed at length a possible “weight limit ordinance” for Lyme similar to what Hanover has. General consensus was that there is no demonstrated need and such an ordinance would be cumbersome and unworkable in Lyme.
5. At 8:50 the budget for the Police Department was discussed with Chief O'Keefe. Discussed individual items in the budget and board asked several questions regarding computer equipment for this year. Discussed the purchase of a new cruiser in 2013. Chief O'Keefe had quotes for Cruiser and equipment however prices may go up in 2013. One expense will be the new radio which is necessitated by the changeover to new communications system. Old radio cannot be

upgraded to meet the new standards and will need to be replaced. Discussed Animal Control budget.

6. Motion by Simon, seconded by Richard and Board voted 3 - 0 to go into non-public session at 8:50 am under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) "Compensation of public employees".
7. At 9:56 am the Board returned to public session having voted 3 – 0 to seal the minutes.
8. Chief O’Keefe briefed the Board on his reply and conversation with the Budget Sub-Committee on the Public Safety Budget.
9. Simon noted that we needed some figures on upgrading the web-site for next year in order to include it in the budget.
10. Discussed the Roads Committee recommendations and whether the upgrade or test section of Baker hill Road should be in a separate warrant article or included in the Highway maintenance Budget. We will need a separate warrant article for the South end of River Road and also need to push for grant money for that project. Will need to ask the Town Buildings Maintenance committee for figures for an A/C for the clerk’s office and will also need to budget for the work required by NH Dept. of Labor. Discussed having a separate fund for Drug & Alcohol Awareness Education with a way to access it as needed. Dina brought up that personnel numbers for the budget are causing some concern. Simon stated that next meeting will be strictly budget work and we will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, October 16th to hold an additional budget work session.
11. Request for bids to repair the Fisher Bridge went out and packages were sent but only received one bid for \$124,690.00 from L&M construction with work to start in the spring of 2013. After some discussion Simon motioned and Jay seconded that we award the contract to L&M so they can start working on permits. Board voted 3 – 0 to approve the motion.
12. Simon noted that the Town received a Thank you note from Duncan Macintosh thanking all who had worked to make the River Road reconstruction possible.
13. The Meeting adjourned at 10:28 am.

/s/C. Jay Smith, Recorder