

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for November 8, 2012

At 8:00 AM Simon called the meeting to order. The following were present for part or all of the meeting: Simon Carr (Chair), Richard Vidal (Vice-Chair), C. Jay Smith (member), Dina Cutting (Administrative Assistant), Nancy Grandine (Overseer of Town Welfare), Elise Garitty (Selectboard Clerk)

1. Approved the minutes of the November 1, 2012 public session.
2. Matters arising:
 - a. Discussed the outstanding invoice for Holden Engineering. Simon motioned and Richard seconded we pay this invoice and include a letter noting that the information we requested has not been forthcoming.
 - b. Discussed the DOL letter and Simon noted that he has talked to Tim about problems which still need to be resolved at the Firehouse. Will need to get a hold of Mike Hinsley about these issues.
3. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. Discussed the letters received regarding Federal Re-licensing of the dams on the Connecticut River by Trans Canada Hydro Northeast Inc. It was decided that Simon would write a letter to send to surrounding towns (Orford/Piermont/Hanover/Lebanon/Hartford/Bradford) noting our concerns with river bank issues and to see if they would be interested in joining forces on this issue.
 - b. Reviewed and signed Timber Tax Warrant for Peter & Catrina Presland-Byre – 41 Lamphire Lane – Map 403 Lot 31 - \$87.84
 - c. Committee and Commission Reports:
 - i. Conservation Commission: Richard there had been some miscommunication about the debris at Big Rock and he would pick up. Also discussed trying to obtain right of first refusal on land on Pout Pond. Recreation Commission: Did an analysis of the programs and what they are costing. Had to raise fees on basketball and ski programs due to increased costs and lack of volunteers. Also discussed “scholarships” and developing a procedure to qualify people. Simon noted the Planning Board had completed the rewrite of chapters 1 & 2 of the Master Plan and they would be posted so people could review them.
 - d. Met with Nancy Grandin: Nancy distributed copies of some policy updates. Discussed record keeping. Some records are required to be kept for 4 or 6 years, others no requirement. In order to standardize she noted in the policy statement that all records would be maintained for the current year plus six years. She also suggested that the assistant payments be increased by 5%. Simon motioned, Richard seconded and voted 3 – 0 to accept the written

- policy and for Nancy to recalculate the allowances adding 5% and rounding up/down as necessary. Also discussed Overseer pay and this year's budget submission.
- e. Discussed the letter Peter Pushee regarding donation of a desk with several stipulations attached. Board needs more information and will discuss next week.
 - f. Discussed e-mail from Jane Fant regarding issues with the school budget. Will contact her and just let her know that the selectmen have no control over the school budget and she needs to talk to the school board regarding those matters. She also brought up the Historians hosting a Civil War reenactment camp on the common. Board discussed this and while we are not opposed in principal there are a lot of questions, number of participants, parking issues, etc., that need to be answered before we would be comfortable saying yes or no to having it on the common. Will request further info.
 - g. Discussed the Budget. Simon presented the budget to the Budget Committee last night. There were many concerns over the increases. The Budget Committee would like to see it under 2%. Board discussed the Highway and Police budgets and it was decided to send a letter to the Police Chief and to Road Agent asking for specific cuts to their budgets before they meet with the Budget Committee next Wednesday.
 - h. Motion by Simon, seconded by Richard and Board voted 3 - 0 to go into non-public session at 9:45 am under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) "Matters affecting reputation".
 - i. At 10:15 am the Board returned to public session having voted 3 – 0 to seal the minutes.
 - j. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

/s/C. Jay Smith
Recorder