

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for November 15, 2012

At 7:58 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), Shaun O'Keefe (Police Chief), Chris Witcher (C.W. Witcher), Lance Goodrich (Transfer Station), Joanne Coburn (Tax Collector), Patty Jenks (Town Clerk), Rod Finley & Scott Williams (Pathways)

1. Meeting with Lance Goodrich and Chris Witcher to discuss costs and possible ways to reduce expenses at the transfer station. Chris went over costs per ton w/transportation for disposal of different materials and fact that reimbursements for recyclables are down on all materials. One way to reduce costs is to bale paper/cardboard. Would reduce transportation costs but would require two balers at a cost of \$15 - \$20,000. Balers would require a covered area to keep them out of the weather and a storage area for the bales. Another area in which savings could be realized would be going to "zero Sort". This would require a second compactor and another bin. Cost of second baler and bin could be anywhere from \$12 - \$20,000. Costs and pay back on equipment would be dependent on the market for recyclables which at the moment is low. Board thanked Chris for working up the numbers and will look at ideas for next year.
2. Met with Joanne and Patty. Since Joanne will be on vacation and Patty will be incapacitated, under the RSAs Joanne must appoint a deputy tax collector with the approval of the Selectboard to handle tax payments while she is gone. Joanne appointed Sharon as the deputy tax collector and Selectboard approved the selection.
3. Approved the minutes of the November 8, 2012 public and non-public sessions.
4. Matters arising:
 - a. Discussed the desk which Peter Pushee wishes to donate to the Town with Patty. Board voted 3 – 0 to accept the desk with the conditions attached but cautioned that all proposed donations need to be looked at on a case by case basis for their relevance to the history of the Town or its citizens.
 - b. Simon is still working on the letter regarding the re-licensing of the Wilder Dam.
 - c. At this time we are still waiting on additional information on the civil war reenactment.
5. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
 - a. Reviewed and signed the manifest in the amount of \$212,171.34. This included \$150,000.00 for the School. Reviewed and signed the manifest in the amount of \$2127.00 for overseer of the welfare.
 - b. Discussed the bids for mowing and trimming of all areas except the cemeteries. Richard motioned and Jay seconded and voted 3-0 to accept the low bid of \$28,500.00 from Prime Properties.

6. Met with Rod Finley and Scott Williams to discuss red listed bridges and what needs to be done. Discussed Fisher Bridge, River Road over Hewes Brook, Pinnacle Road over Trout Brook and Flint Hill Road over Grant Brook. Asked Rod to give an estimate on what it will cost to do an initial study of the four bridges. Scott noted that there have been changes in the DES permitting process which have increased the time and cost of getting permits and it is beyond the scope and capability of many contractors.
7. Returned to Administrative matters:
 - a. Committee and Commission Reports:
 - i. Building Maintenance Committee discussed the generator at the Highway garage. Waiting on additional information. Also discussed status of the new well at Town office and Pike House. Received a letter from Frank Bowles resigning from the Committee. Selectboard accepted his resignation with great regret.
 - ii. Simon noted the Planning Board met and representatives of the Lyme Inn asked for a continuation of current conditions. Board continued the site plan approval with current conditions except reporting of assemblies of 35 or more from set time to “expeditiously”.
 - iii. Simon reported on the meeting of the Budget Committee last night.
 - b. Discussed the Budget. Went through several line items looking to cut the budget for submission to the Budget Committee along with Capitol Improvement budget on December 5th.
 - c. 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(b) “The hiring of any person as a public employee”.
 - d. At 9:53 am the Board returned to public session having voted 3 – 0 to authorize Dina to seek applicant(s) for a temporary position.
 - e. Simon noted that there will not be a meeting next week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday however the Selectmen will need to stop in on Wednesday to sign the manifest.
 - f. Meeting adjourned at 10:23 am.

/s/C. Jay Smith
Recorder