

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for January 31, 2013

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).

1. Approved the minutes of the January 24, 2013 Meeting.
2. Matters arising: The Conservation Commission was ensuring they had a copy of the land use change warrant article prior to their meeting. Still need to send a letter about the truck in the Fire Dept. parking lot.
3. Reviewed and signed a manifest in the amount of \$11017.72.
4. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. Discussed the letter from Jane Fant regarding the proposal for a Civil War reenactment on the common. The board agrees in principle that this would be a good event for the Town but would still like clarification on some items such as how much of the common they would need, dates, etc.
  - b. Discussed the applications from candidates for the Milfoil Committee. Will finalize next week.
  - c. Committee and Commission Reports:
    - i. Richard and Jay discussed the meeting with FERC on the Wilder dam relicensing that they attended on Tuesday morning. Written comments and requests for studies must be in by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Town needs to request an erosion study. This will be discussed at length next meeting at 8:30 am.
    - ii. Simon attended the Planning Board meeting. The Board voted to approve a proposed zoning amendment regarding illuminated signs. This would have the effect of allowing Ledyard bank to keep their sign lit until one hour after Stella's closes or Midnight.
  - d. Planning board wished to issue a letter or place a statement on the Warrant as to why they opposed the zoning change for Loch Lyme Lodge. This is not allowed since this would be considered "electioneering", that is arguing for or against something, using town funds which is prohibited by law. This may only be done as a private citizen and no town funds may be used. After further discussion the Board voted to send a memo to all committees/commissions on what is permissible and what is not. Fact sheets are permissible while arguing for or against something is considered "electioneering".
  - e. Discussed the draft warrant articles:
    - i. Article 11 – Reviewed the budget estimate submitted by Pathways for an engineering

study of the stability of the river bank on the south end of River Road and the feasibility of fixing the road without having to do major reconstruction of the riverbank.

- ii. Removed Article 12. Until an engineering study is done the scope of the work needed and an estimate of costs and permits necessary is in question and the chances of receiving a grant are not very good. If Article 11 is passed the study will provide information which will increase the chances of receiving a grant next year.
  - iii. Discussed Article 19 as requested by the Library and just some minor changes to the wording.
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- f. Discussed a contract proposal by Tasco to install 3 additional panic buttons and to place a button release for the Selectmen's Office door. Voted 3 – 0 to accept the contract in the amount of \$1750.00.
  - g. Discussed twice yearly tax collection. There are a lot of questions on how it can be done and need more information before bringing it to Town meeting.
  - h. Motion by Simon, seconded by Richard and Board voted 3 - 0 to go into non-public session at 9:15 am under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) "Matters affecting reputation".
  - i. Board returned to public session at 9:23 am having voted 3 – 0 to abate outstanding taxes in the amount of \$6170.24 and the interest and fees.
  - j. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 am.

/s/C. Jay Smith  
Recorder