

Town of Lyme  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes for February 28, 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), Shaun O'Keefe (Police Chief) and Matt Stevens, Blake Allison, Lee Larson (Conservation Commission).

1. Approved the minutes of the February 21, 2013 Meeting.
2. Matters arising: None.
3. Reviewed and signed a Manifest in the amount of \$23,862.93. Reviewed and signed a manifest for overseer of the welfare for \$4,422.11.
4. The following administrative matters were discussed and actions taken:
  - a. Received a letter from DOT regarding the National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training Course. This is a four hour course. Passed to Chief O'Keefe for distribution to Fire Department and Fats Squad.
  - b. Reviewed and signed Notice of intent to cut:
    - i. George & Barbara Tullar – Map 406 Lot 31 – Mud Turtle Pond
    - ii. Loch Lyme Lodge Inc. – Map 408 Lot 22, 19 & 20 – Route 10
5. Noted the Wilder Dam final Documents for a study request from O. Ross Macintyre, City of Lebanon and Town of Lyme and the separate request from John Mudge. These have been sent to FERC.

Committee and Commission Reports:

- a. Recreation Committee – no quorum.
- b. Simon discussed the Heritage Commission. Have just about finished cataloging the 50 year old and older homes and will give a list to David. They reviewed the site plan for Dowd's Inn and will send a letter to the planning board with their comments.
- c. The Milfoil Committee had its first meeting last night. Discussed organization of the committee and looked at costs. The cost of herbicide has doubled in the last year and State is now using contract divers which have quadrupled costs in this area. Discussed the Lake Host program for inspecting boats to stop the spread of milfoil.
- d. Dina discussed the Independence Day Committee meeting. They have managed to obtain parking areas for this year although wet weather may make one area unusable. Committee voted to make this the last year since long term parking is uncertain and could be an issue in the future. It was also noted that participation has slowly dwindled over the last few years and there are no other safe/suitable areas to hold the fireworks. They will cook 225 chickens this year and there will be hot dogs available. Fireworks display will be larger this year since

it will be the last.

6. At 8:30 am the Board had a meeting with Matt, Blake and Lee to discuss Articles 16 and 17 on the 2013 warrant. Discussed the increase in Article 16 from \$9000.00 last year to \$25,000.00 this year. State now has to use contract divers which have quadrupled the cost and herbicide costs have doubled. Discussed Article 17 which Selectmen explained was a direct result of the increased costs of Article 16. Blake and Matt talked about the “lag time” of having to wait a year for Town Meeting and how by having the money in the conservation fund they can be more responsive. Board explained that while the intent is to use some of the land use change tax money to pay for milfoil eradication it will be up to Town Meeting to decide how this is spent. This invasive species affects all residents who use Post Pond but if costs continue to increase the eradication program could be in jeopardy. Discussed the language which Jay noted can be amended from the floor to specify “conservation purposes” rather than just leaving it open as it is. In this way excess funds in this account could be transferred each year to the Conservation Fund by a vote at Town Meeting. Discussed having the Conservation Fund contribute to the milfoil eradication but there are problems with this also since milfoil is not the only invasive species in town.
7. Motion by Simon, seconded by Jay and Board voted 3 - 0 to go into non-public session at 9:05 am under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) “Matters affecting reputation”.
8. At 9:20 am the Board returned to public session having been appraised of problems with dogs running loose.
9. Discussed the condition of two of the current containers at the transfer station and cost to repair. Since one is beyond repair and we have two new ones coming Board voted 2 – 0 to sell the old ones for scrap.
10. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 am.

/s/C. Jay Smith  
Recorder