

Town of Lyme
January 14, 2009
Regular Monthly Meeting
6:30 P.M.

Supervisor Aubertine opened tonight's meeting with a Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Supervisor Aubertine, Councilmen Countryman, Schreib, Madill, and Johnson, County Legislator Bob Thomas, Accountant Tom Bowie, Zoning Enforcement Officer Dave Rush, Assessor's Marsha Barton and Roz Gotham, Planning Board Member Donnie Bourquin, County Highway Superintendent Jim Lawrence and approximately 45 others.

Supervisor Aubertine asked that County Highway Superintendent Jim Lawrence and Town Highway Superintendent Tom Parker and their families be kept in our thoughts and Prayers due to family members that had recently passed away.

Supervisor's Report

Tom Bowie – presented the year-end reports and preliminary year-end figures for the fiscal year ending 2008. The Town Board reviewed and approved all the information that was provided by the accountant at this time.

RESOLUTION 2009 – 6: Motion by Councilman Countryman and seconded by Councilman Schreib approving Budget Transfer #7 for December 31, 2008 as suggested by Bookkeeper Tom Bowie as follows:

<i>General Fund A:</i>	<i>FROM</i>	<i>TO</i>
<i>A1620.2 Buildings – Equipment</i>	<i>8,833</i>	
<i>A1110.4 Municipal Court – Contractual</i>		<i>30</i>
<i>A1330.4 Tax Collection – Contractual</i>		<i>98</i>
<i>A1620.4 Buildings – Contractual</i>		<i>1,045</i>
<i>A8160.4 Refuse and Garbage – Contractual</i>		<i>4,839</i>
<i>A9050.8 Unemployment Insurance</i>		<i>2,821</i>

General Fund B:

<i>B8010.1 Zoning – PS</i>	<i>95</i>	
<i>B8010.4 Zoning – Contractual</i>		<i>95</i>

Water District #4

<i>FC8310.0 Administration – PS</i>	<i>196</i>	
<i>FC8310.4 Administration – Contractual</i>		<i>196</i>

All Town Board Members were in favor and the motion was carried.

RESOLUTION 2009 – 7: Motion by Councilman Countryman and seconded by Councilman Schreib accepting the December 2008 Supervisor's Report as presented by Bookkeeper Tom Bowie. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

The Transfer Site Tipping Fees and the Water Facility generated the majority of the fees collected for the month of December 2008.

Total State, County and Local Revenues for December 2008: \$1,946.68.

Privilege of the Floor

Helen Tyler – SARA Grant – Helen has been in the Records Management Career for 15 years. The State Archives Record Administration (SARA) Grant funding is provided entirely by the State, no local money is required for this project. This is an inventory grant and the purpose of this grant is to go through every piece of paper in the Municipal Building, determining the importance of the information the Town has filed and whether it should be kept or disposed of. Once Helen has thoroughly reviewed the papers, the second part of the grant provides the resources to install shelving and storage boxes for the information to be archived appropriately. This will put a system into place that will be utilized for future organization of the necessary paperwork the Town must keep on hand. SARA will assist local governments to interpret and use Schedule MU-1. SARA hopes to refine, update, and reissue this schedule periodically, and welcomes suggestions for improvements in content and format. SARA also issues publications on local government records administration and provides advice and assistance to local governments on records management and archival administration problems.

RESOLUTION 2009 – 8: Motion by Councilman Schreib and seconded by Councilman Johnson approving the SARA (State Archives Record Administration) Grant application as follows:

RESOLVED, By the Town Board of the Town of Lyme that Records retention and Disposition Schedule MU-1, issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A:

- (a) Only those records will be disposed of that are described in Records Retention and Disposition Schedule MU-1 after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein;***
- (b) Only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.***

All five Town Board Members were in agreement and the motion was carried.

Point Salubrious (County Route 125) Parking Situation

Supervisor Aubertine addressed the parking problem as difficult and stated that it is almost impossible to get an emergency vehicle through the area of County Route 125 that is in question. There had been a previous Resolution passed for no parking along the designated areas of County Route 125 and it is now being violated. In an effort to enforce that law, the police chief and officers have been directed to issue tickets.

Superintendent Tom Parker addressed the Town Board with a letter suggesting that County Route 125 (Point Salubrious) be closed to parking, on either side of the road between November 1 and March 31. The traffic congestion is causing problems for snowplows and emergency vehicles having to move through this area.

Supervisor Aubertine opened the floor to the public for comment on the situation.

Jerry Fitzgerald – Licensed Processor of Yellow Perch since 1998 – Stated that what Chaumont has to offer is unequalled in the world. The natural resource of yellow perch in Chaumont Bay is worth millions of dollars. There are literally 100's of tons of perch that come into Chaumont Bay every winter. The commercial netting has basically been ended because of the Grandfather Clause; they issue no more commercial netting on Chaumont Bay. Other than that, the oiling of cormorant eggs has brought on an on flux of yellow perch. Mr. Fitzgerald made his first exportation of perch into Canada today; ordinarily perch filets come from Canada into the US.

He feels going to the landowners and asking for permission to park along the shoreline and possibly giving the residents something in return can remedy the parking situation. There has to be respect shown to the landowners. If they are on our side it can help this economy grow.

He closed by stating that the fishing here is like never before, it's phenomenal, and only getting better.

Jim Branski – Point Salubrious – He stated that no residents are asking people not to fish and they don't want them to stop. There are just some of the fisherman who show very little respect for the landowners. He has personal issues when people don't ask permission and are not polite. Snowmobiles and ATV's have driven over his boats stored on the beach, private property is being used for latrines and other duties, driveways are blocked, the respect is not being given to the property owners and it's not a small problem any more. On the weekend there are several hundred fisherman in the area. Mr. Branski would like to see access sites in other areas of the Town.

Trooper Buzzell – Stated that the parking situation is an issue and the road is narrow enough even when there are no vehicles parked along the sides. Anyone driving anything bigger than a pickup truck would have a problem

getting through. If someone were to die because an ambulance or fire truck could not get through, the Town would have a big liability on their hands. She has received notice from her Captain that the parking law in the Town of Lyme is to be enforced.

Earl Town – Macomb Settlement Road – Does a lot of fishing and he understands the respect issue. People not respecting the landowners property is horrible, it gives the fisherman a bad name. The fisherman are making a lot of money for Chaumont right now and if you have to access the ice way across the bay some fisherman will not come here at all and the Town will lose a lot of money. It also poses health risks when you have people crossing the Bay for a long distance. He feels the fines for parking should be made stricter.

Supervisor Aubertine stated that the Town Board would like to make an amiable resolution. They have tried to find places to park and they are doing all they can to keep this business in this Town, he sees for himself what it is doing for the local economy. First and foremost they are considering the safety of residents and their property.

Jamie Bliven – Chaumont Business Owner - Has spoken to people from the Fire Department and they have indicated that fire trucks could make it through the traffic situation if the drivers know what they are doing. She feels the traffic situation is just as detrimental along County Route 125 in the summer months as in the winter. Her business and the others have benefited greatly from the influx of fisherman and she is asking for a solution to the parking situation so that everyone may benefit.

Art Larkin – Point Salubrious - Is in favor of the fisherman, maybe they could be made to park on one side of the road. We have already had one business close in the Town, can't afford to have another. If the parking is banned it will hurt the business community. Communication is the key, put the information in the newspaper.

Supervisor Aubertine drove around yesterday to observe the parking and found a truck backed up, stuck and spinning his tires in a residents yard, on private property.

Jeff Wilkinson – Three Mile Bay – Asked where he could park. He received a parking ticket after specifically asking a Police Chief, Leo Wilson where the designated parking areas were. That particular officer told him where he could park; another came along later that day and wrote him a parking ticket.

Bruce Kingsley – This is a job for Bob Thomas, the County should widen the road. Jamie was right when she indicated that there is a parking problem in the summer months as well as the winter. Every resource the Town has gets taken away.

Sandy Branski – How do we protect our property from people coming across it?

Officer Buzzell – Post your property, trespassing violations are more serious.

Don Tedford – Over the past three or four years the same group of fisherman have come up with trailers and four wheelers and they have parked in front of his place, he has not had a problem, they use the neighbors boat launch to access the ice. He is concerned with liability if someone were to get hurt on his property. He has his property posted but is not sure if it is posted correctly to save him from liability if someone were to get hurt. There are a small percentage of people who ruin it for everybody else. The first thing they do is relieve themselves on the side of the road, they think they're in the wilderness. Other than that he doesn't have a problem.

Sandy Bliven – Working with the snowmobile club, she is involved with the liability of the landowners. New York State Recreation Law states that a land owner cannot be held responsible for someone getting hurt if he allows a person to use the property for recreation use, unless he puts up some kind of an obstacle barrier that the person can be injured on. She will provide a copy of the law to the Town later this week.

Loretta – Point Salubrious – Lives in an area where there is major access to the Lake. She does have a problem with the fisherman leaving their trash, exposure when urinating, blocking the driveway and the disrespect. Her insurance company said that there is a liability associated with the landowners in this situation. She does not mind the fisherman but would like to be respected.

Loren Allen – there is a piece of property located near him that may be available for purchasing to help alleviate some of the parking problems.

Julia Gosier – It's a County Road, if the Town could locate a piece of land that could be used for parking, it would only make sense to have it on the side of the Bay where they will be doing the fishing. There is not much sense in doing it in an area that is not a profitable fishing spot. If they could locate a piece of land it seems to her that the County ought to work cooperatively with the Town to either obtain a piece of land or at least improve it for parking and make it accessible and so forth. All that sales tax money that goes into Nice and Easy or the Hardware Store and Diner, etc, it goes to the County too. She knows there is a minimum width that the County roads should be and she doubts very much that the Point Salubrious Road meets that criteria. There was an accident last weekend and the way the traffic was, there was not enough room to get a vehicle past the ambulance. What if there were another accident or a house fire at the same time?

Don Tedford – There were four or five break ins during the ice fishing season last year. He has concerns with people casing places that are not inhabited.

David Gorden – As an ice fisherman he was happy to see no parking signs. Anyone obstructing traffic, littering or being indecently exposed should be ticketed.

Paul Herrig – The “flat rock” area of Point Salubrious is very seldom under water this time of year, why not clear that for parking?

Supervisor Aubertine – Stated that the Town would not want to incur that liability.

Jamie Bliven – Recently had done some research on the internet and found that there had been 8.5 million dollars in grant monies put aside for projects such as constructing parking areas to access New York States waters.

Chris Balk –Town Resident - Works out of Cape Vincent's Fisheries Station. The money Jamie speaks of is his program. Mr. Balk administers funds for that particular program. The \$500,000.00 that is supposed to build a boat launch or ice fishing access site was a project that was generically ascribed to this general vicinity. It depended on acquiring land and once the land was acquired using the Environmental Protection Funds the \$500,000.00 would be used to develop the site. Obviously we need a site; if we could come up with a site we could possibly make that money available. He has been in contact with his regional fisheries manager and the question is that he doesn't know where the funds that they do have fit into the design and construction of the Bachy's site; that may take up all the money, he's not sure. There are a lot of unknowns so he is not sure of the amount of funds, if any, will be left over.

Councilman Countryman was told, by the DEC, that Bachy's Marina would be kept open for fishing access in the winter. He requested that it be plowed.

Andy Williams – Wise Guys Pizza – Thanked all who support their business and indicated that a lot of the fishermen buy their pizza. He understands the concerns with the residents of Point Salubrious but he would like to remain open all winter and needs the revenue of the ice fisherman to do so. Mr. Williams suggested contacting Geordie McGee, who owns five acres of land in the Village that would make a great access point to the Lake. It could be a solution that may help to even increase business for all the proprietors in the area.

Julia Gosier – In the peak of ice fishing season it may be a good idea to run a shuttle on Saturday and Sundays.

Reggie Schweitzer – He is a business owner and a resident of County Route 125. Mr. Schweitzer plows his yard so that people can park there. He feels first, the fisherman should talk with the residents, and most are reasonable. He appreciates the no parking signs and asks that the Town use discretion as to the location of them. The Town should try to figure out a solution, he would even be in charge of sending out a letter to the property owners of 125 for help in the matter. The Town should clarify the areas of no parking, communicate and let the people know what they can and can't do. 99% of the people will cooperate. Check out the funds available through the State.

Jim Lawrence and Bob Thomas - The County has a great relationship with the Town of Lyme and they will do what they can to determine a resolution for the parking problem the Town is currently facing.

Councilman Johnson reiterated the problems with County Route 125 as follows:

1. County Route 125 is too narrow
2. Snow plowing problem
3. Emergency service
4. Property devaluation
5. Trespassing
6. Property owners pay taxes on both sides of the road
7. Liability to property owners if an injury occurs
8. Littering
9. Property damage
10. Ruin peace and quiet
11. Hurt local business
12. Public safety problems

Present Solutions:

1. Park at the Campground for \$5.00
2. Park at the Chaumont Boat Launch
3. Get permission from land owners for parking
4. Businesses -- educate the ice fisherman and direct them to the places where they can park legally.

Councilman Johnson stated that he has always been an advocate of sportsmen and is looking for a solution.

Councilman Schreib -- The Highway Superintendent has suggested banning parking on either side of County Route 125. He is the one who decides if the roads are safe or not, the Town Highway Superintendent governs the roads. The Town Board can only act on Tom's suggestions.

Councilman Countryman -- If the Board shuts down Point Salubrious the fisherman will only go to Three Mile Point, Superintendent Parker does not want to shut the road down.

There was a ten-minute break at 8:20 p.m. and the meeting was called back to order at 8:30 p.m.

Audit of Bills

RESOLUTION 2009 - 9: Motion by Councilman Madill and seconded by Councilman Countryman approving Abstract #1 in the amount of \$1000.00. Five ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2009 - 10: Motion by Councilman Madill and seconded by Councilman Countryman to pay Sovie and Bowie in the amount of \$1077.00 for services rendered for the 2009 budget preparation. Five ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2009 – 11: Motion by Councilman Countryman and seconded by Councilman Johnson approving Abstract #2 in the amount of \$66,631.78. Five ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2009 – 12: Motion by Councilman Schreib and seconded by Councilman Johnson approving the Voucher for the Tax Collector to be held back for payment until a reasonable answer is provided to the Town Board as to why they would owe a property tax on the 12E parcel owned by the Town. Five ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2009 – 13: Motion by Councilman Madill and seconded by Councilman Countryman accepting the Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2008, December 29, 2008, and January 7, 2009 as written. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Assessors Report – Marsha Barton – From January to April of each year, the assessor's work on preparing the next year's tax roll. This entails assessment changes, inventory changes both on property record cards and on the computer. Each year, there are also many property splits, which create new parcels. There are also many exemption additions or changes that must be made. In addition to all of that, the assessor's go one step further and prepare a change book that results in a permanent record of all the changes they have made for the year. It also creates a change sheet that is sent to the property owner informing them of why there was a change in their assessment. With over 3,000 parcels in the Town of Lyme, this process keeps them very busy.

In January the Assessor's also receive many telephone calls from property owners regarding why their taxes have increased. In many instances, their taxes have increased but their assessment has not. People automatically think that if their taxes increased, it must have been the Assessor's increasing the assessment. They explain that it is the tax rate that changed and not their assessment.

Any sales that involve a portion of a parcel after March 1st require an apportionment be completed, so each property owner receives only their portion of the tax bill. From January 1st through February 28th, the Assessor's prepare many apportionments.

The Assessor's will be going out and rechecking a few projects that were not started when they were out in February. March 1st is taxable status day, so any changes made after March 1st does not get placed on the tax roll until the following year.

Municipal Water Board Report:

District #5 Meeting – All property owners have been sent a letter inviting them to a meeting on Wednesday, January 28th at the Chaumont Fire Hall. At their meeting, they will be able to review the design maps and ask for changes, if they don't agree with the design. They also expect to have the easements ready for property owner signatures at the meeting. They would like to invite everyone on the Town Board to attend the meeting. It will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Backflow Testing – A proposal was received from Hyde-Stone regarding backflow testing. Marsha spoke to Billy Scarpecchi about this. The Town does not hire anyone to do backflow testing. The meter pits have backflow prevention and they have never had a problem with it.

Water Tower – Several people have commented on the dark area on the water tank. Apparently, Bill wrote a report and gave it to Mike Countryman concerning this problem, along with the Health Department Report. Marsha has not seen the report. Billy is working with the Village of Cape Vincent, who also needs some work done on their tower and an inspection done. They feel if they co-ordinate both jobs at once, we will get a better price.

Water Reserve Fund – Marsha will have a breakdown report at the February meeting on the balances for each Water district and the water Facility in the Water Reserve Fund as of December 31, 2008.

District #2 – DOT Project – Billy is checking on the status of the work in Three Mile Bay regularly. He has bought extra parts to have on hand in case of a problem.

Three Mile Bay Cemetery Report – Julia Gosier – Asked if the Town could plow the driveway out to the vault, well enough to have the funeral home be able to get in if need be. If the snow gets icy and hard it will be hard to open it up.

Terra has deterred some problems at night; she lives right there and can keep an eye on things.

Planning Board Report - Donnie Bourquin – The Village and Town Planning Boards have been working jointly on a survey and they have it just about put together.

Youth Committee Report – Charlie Mount - The Teen Center in Three Mile Bay has a better attendance than the one in Chaumont. Youth basketball program is going well.

ZEO – Dave Rush – provided the Town Board with 2008 Zoning Permits Register, Complaint / Violations Register and total sheets for both of these items. Jim Millington and Dave have developed a spreadsheet type system to track all actions within the Zoning Enforcement Office and can now account for all permits and other zoning related items that have occurred since they were appointed.

With the support of the Town Board they will continue to enforce the Zoning Ordinance to their best of their abilities. The Complaint / Violations system seems to be working well and quite a few violations / complaints have been corrected during 2008. There are still a few scofflaw parcel owners and they are working to either contact them or hand over the violations to the local court system.

There was a ten-minute break at 9:10 p.m. and the meeting was called back to order at 9:15 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2009 – 14: Motion by Councilman Countryman and seconded by Councilman Johnson reappointing Dick Revelle to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term, ending December 31, 2013. Five ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2009 – 15: Motion by Councilman Countryman and seconded by Councilman Madill accepting the recommendation of the Over Site Committee appointing Mike Callahan to the Zoning Board of appeals for a period of four years, ending December 31, 2012 and appointing Carol Quencer for a period of three years, with her term ending December 31, 2011. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Police Chief, Leo Wilson – provided a detailed written report.

Correspondence

William Johnson submitted a letter to the Town Board for his resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals. He indicated that he could not devote the necessary time to his position as a ZBA member and feels it would be in the best interest of the Town if he were to step down.

Jennifer Lance – Sent a letter to the Town Board asking that Ann Harris and Bert Bowers resign from their positions on the Town Planning Board. She felt that they were instrumental in the circulation and presentation of an anti-wind petition this past fall and feels they are biased in their view of wind power.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2009 – 16: Motion by Councilman Schreib and seconded by Councilman Madill enforcing the following Transfer Site Issuance Procedure:

Permit Qualifications

- 1) *A resident in the Town of Lyme who pays property taxes Is entitled to a Transfer Site Permit.*
- 2) *A transfer site permit entitles the property owner to deposit solid wastes at the Town of Lyme Transfer Site.*
- 3) *All solid waste deposited shall be generated by the property owner.*
- 4) *The disposal of solid waste not generated by the property owner is prohibited and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.*

Issuance Procedure

- 1) *A Transfer Site Permit is required to deposit solid waste at the Town of Lyme Transfer Site.*
- 2) *A taxpayer shall apply for a Transfer Site Permit from the Town Clerk during normal business hours or via mail. Forms will be made available at the Town Clerk's Office, Transfer Site and the Web Site (townoflyme.com)*

- 3) *The Transfer Permit fee is established for each calendar year by the Town Council.*
- 4) *Each taxpayer shall be issued one (1) permit. If the household has two (2) vehicles, a second permit can be issued with the same criteria.*
- 5) *One (1) permit per car is allowed.*
- 6) *The taxpayer shall present to the Town Clerk, the vehicle registration for each car to be permitted.*
- 7) *The registration shall be the same as the taxpayer of the property.*
- 8) *Additional permits for additional taxpayer vehicles may be issued for an additional fee of \$5.00. The same issuance procedure shall apply.*

Placement of Permits

- 1) *The Transfer Site Permit has a non-invasive adhesive for adhering the permit to the vehicle.*
- 2) *The permit shall be placed in the lower portion of the passenger side front windshield.*
- 3) *The permit shall be clearly visible to Transfer Site Attendants at all times.*
- 4) *Any indication of tampering shall be investigated and refusal of depositing solid wastes at the Transfer Site.*

Lost or Damaged Permits

- 1) *Any and all lost or damaged permits shall be replaced.*
- 2) *No depositing of solid waste shall occur if the permit is not visible on the windshield.*
- 3) *The lost or damaged permit shall be reported to the Town Clerk. If possible the damaged permit shall be returned to the Town Clerk.*
- 4) *The Town Clerk shall issue a replacement permit.*
- 5) *The replacement procedure is the same as the issuance procedure.*
- 6) *The replacement cost is \$5.00.*

All five Board Members were in agreement and the motion was carried.

Property Damage

Recently, some local residents inquiring about reimbursement, for damage that they felt, was the result of a snowplow throwing snow and ice, approached the Town. One situation occurred on County Route 125, where two windows were cracked, and the other on the Main Street in the Village, where a taillight was broken. The Town's Insurance Company was notified. Mike Gillette, of Fuller Insurance, explained that snowplows are considered an emergency vehicle while engaged in plowing, any emergency vehicle is exempt from liability while functioning in an emergency capacity. Supervisor Aubertine and some of the Town Board Members looked at each

of the reported sites and the damage, they determined that there was no conclusive evidence, indicating that the snowplow could be responsible or was the direct result of either of these reported incidents. The Town Board agreed not to pay for the damages.

The Town and Village will hold a Joint Meeting on January 27th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Salt Barn Inter Municipal Agreement and other business that may arise.

Transfer Site Project – Bid Opening as follows:

Frontier Construction – Adams, NY - \$42,500.00

Ed Olsen – Cooperstown, NY - \$38,010.00

Kelly Filkins – Adams Center, NY - \$47,897.40

Capital Construction – Watertown, NY - \$49,750.00

Supervisor Aubertine made a phone call to Attorney Gebo and asked for some direction with the County Route 125 parking issues at hand. Attorney Gebo indicated that Superintendent Parker's letter was only a suggestion or recommendation to the Board. In an emergency situation, the Supervisor can declare an Emergency declaration and we can do that by posting it on the Town Clerk's Board and by contacting the County Office of Emergency Management. This would give us the time of about a two-week period to hold a hearing. A hearing would allow us to make that a law. Attorney Gebo recommended that if we were to hold a hearing it should be on the 27th, 28th or 29th. A resolution could be passed tonight and have it go into effect immediately. The Town Board could proceed as they feel will be in the best interest of the Town. Supervisor Aubertine polled the Board Members individually.

Councilman Countryman – Is against any emergency declaration at this time. The Board has heard from the landowners and the fisherman this evening. He feels if we continue enforcement of the parking laws and educating the public on where they can and cannot park, hopefully the situation will improve.

Councilman Madill - Is in agreement with Councilman Countryman's statement.

Supervisor Aubertine – Officer McDermott of the NYS Police called tonight before the meeting and he did reiterate that they would do what they can to enforce the current law and issue tickets. Supervisor Aubertine wanted to make sure that they understood the parking signs and where parking is and is not allowed. He feels we should try the enforcement for a little longer. Supervisor Aubertine will establish an "Emergency Declaration" if the parking and trespassing laws are abused. The Town Board will revisit the situation on the night of January 27th right after the Joint Meeting.

Councilman Schreib – Was glad to hear that the Highway Superintendent's letter is only a recommendation. He agrees with the Board and feels we should continue to enforce the law and hopefully it will begin to level things out. We need to get the word out, and he asked Jay Lee of the Watertown

Daily Times to help us do that. He does not agree with trespassing and feels it needs to be enforced, along with the parking laws.

Councilman Johnson – Feels that this situation is an issue of public safety and does not want to have to worry about trespassers. He feels County Route 125 should be closed to all parking. He suggests that people use the Guffins Bay Marina and the Boat Launch for parking. The Fire Chief and the Town Superintendent have indicated that there is a problem and he is elected to reinforce public safety and represent public opinion. Councilman Johnson is for an "Emergency Declaration".

Councilman Countryman stated that it is all right to look the other way in a small community.

Old Business

Youth Committee – Councilman Madill will remain on the Youth Committee as a representative of the Town Board.

There was a ten-minute break from 9:50 to 10:00 to discuss the Transfer Site Bids.

RESOLUTION 2009 – 17: Motion by Councilman Madill and seconded by Councilman Johnson accepting the low bid for the Transfer Site Construction Project, submitted by Ed Olsen of Cooperstown, New York in the amount of \$38,010.00 (thirty-eight thousand ten dollars). Jim Millington has agreed to volunteer his time as Clerk of the Works for this project and will scrutinize all inspection points. Five ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilman Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

***Kim Wallace
Town of Lyme Clerk***