

**Town of Lyme
Rescheduled Monthly Meeting
September 21, 2011
6:30 P.M.**

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

Present at Tonight's Meeting: Supervisor Aubertine, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Johnson, Bourquin and Villa, Assessor's Barton and Gotham and approximately 7 others.

Supervisor's Report - August 2011 – Tom Bowie

RESOLUTION 2011 - 144: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilwoman Harris accepting the 2011 August Supervisor's Report as presented by Accountant Tom Bowie. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Audit of Bills

RESOLUTION 2011 - 145: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilman Johnson approving Abstract #17 in the amount of \$6,717.71. Five ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011 - 146: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilman Johnson approving Abstract #18 in the amount of \$367,970.72. Five ayes. Motion carried

Highway Superintendent's Written Report – Pat Weston

The work on County Route 6 has been completed. The crew will spend the next day or two finishing up the blacktop. All the bills have been turned into the County for payment.

The speed zone signs have been placed on the South Shore Road. The Highway Department also replaced several culvert pipes along the road; they were making the road collapse.

The Highway Department is preparing for winter; they're working on the sand pile and equipment.

Pat has attended the meetings and reviewed the Jefferson County Shared Highway Services Agreement. He feels it will be advantageous to all entities involved to have the agreement in place.

Clerk's Report

Total State, County and Local Revenues:	\$9,231.66
Total Local Shares Remitted:	6,686.17

Assessor's Report – Marsha Barton

2011 Star Exemption Amounts:

Enhanced Star – \$18,630
Basic Star – \$9,590

Income Limits as follows:

Enhanced Star – \$79,050
Basic Star – \$500,000

Income limit applies to all owners and any owner spouses who reside at the property. Income for 2012 will be based on 2010 tax year.

New legislation allows the Assessor's to add the Star Exemption to property owners who are eligible after the March 1st deadline. If they are income qualified, the Star Exemption can be added after the school bills are out.

The Assessors have started their maintenance work for the 2012 tax roll.

Water Board – Marsha Barton

Water Board Vacancy – The Water Board would like to recommend Dawn Munk be appointed to the Municipal Water Board to fill the vacancy created by David Rush's resignation. This appointment would be to fill his term until December 31, 2016.

DANC Meeting – DANC will host an informational meeting of the Rural Water Line Users on Thursday, September 29th at 7 PM at the Dexter Municipal Building.

Water Facility - Revenues to date are \$6,130.50.

Status of Water Requests - We have heard nothing from Steve Hall or Jon Lennox since the Board approved the use of 300' of pipe for their project.

Mike Wood's request to connect to the DANC line is on hold at this time. It will cost them over \$10,000 for an engineering firm to engineer the plans and prepare the map that is required.

RESOLUTION 2011 - 147: Motion by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Villa approving the recommendation of the Municipal Water Board to appoint Dawn Munk to the vacancy created by the resignation of David Rush. Five ayes. Motion carried

Youth Committee Report

The fall Youth Baseball League teams have been undefeated. The fall soccer league begins on Sunday.

The school has a program that they have received a grant for. This program runs during the time that the Teen Center is open. Charlie is concerned with duplicating services.

There is also a mold issue in the basement of the Masonic Lodge. Between the two issues they may not open, Charlie will look into things further and will decide where to go from there.

Supervisor Aubertine commended Billy Fulmer on the work he has done in the up keeping of the ball fields. Supervisor Aubertine stated that he has gone above and beyond what has been required of him.

Councilwoman Harris has a \$500.00 gift certificate from TPACC for Lowes and she has purchased 13 trees today for the ball fields, she hopes that the Highway Department can transport them for her.

CEO / ZEO Report – August 2011 – Jim Millington

Building Permits Issued:	10
Demolition Permits Issued:	1

Certificates of Occupancy:	3
ZBA Referrals:	5
Site Visits and Inspections:	18
Investigations:	1

Permits Issued For:	
Home or Cottage:	1
Garage or Barn:	2
Fence:	1
Remodeling:	1
Shed:	5

Councilman Johnson stated that CEO Millington should be using the signs on his car and he should also get a picture ID.

Planning Board – Frank Congel

The two new full-time Planning Board members and alternate are spending time orienting themselves. A copy of the bylaws have been submitted, they have added a couple of sentences.

The Planning Board has been continuing to look for opportunities to clarify the Zoning Law, at the request of the Town Board. They will submit recommendations prior to the October Town Board Meeting.

The Planning Board also has forwarded a copy of the revised Planning Board Bylaws for the Town Board’s approval.

Three Mile Bay Cemetery Report - Julia Gosier

Julie has found a lot for a single cremain. It could be purchased for \$100.

Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION 2011 - 148: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilwoman Harris approving the August 10, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Town Board as presented by Clerk Wallace. Five ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2011 - 149: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilman Johnson approving a Technical Services Agreement for the Water Storage Tank Partial Painting and Cleaning Project for the Three Mile Bay Water Storage Tank. The fees for the services provided by Bernier and Carr shall not exceed \$7,000. The services would consist of preparing bidding documents and specifications, inspection during the planned painting and cleaning, and a final concurrence when the scope of work is complete. Four ayes. Motion carried. Councilwoman Harris abstained from voting.

RESOLUTION 2011 - 150: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilwoman Harris asking the Chaumont – Three Mile Bay Chamber to return the \$500 the Town provided them toward the insurance for the Community Days event. Five ayes. Motion carried.

National Grid Energy Audit – Energy Saving Plan

RESOLUTION 2011 - 151: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilman Johnson approving the proposal from SmartWatt Energy to complete a lighting upgrade at our facilities utilizing the incentives offered through the National Grid Small Business Program. This program currently provides incentives of up to 70% of the cost of energy efficiency upgrades and offers interest free, on-bill financing for our share of the cost. The Town Board has agreed to go forward with a lump sum payment not to exceed \$6,000. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Klock Road Request

The Town owns land adjoining Klock Road. Water runoff has created stone to wash away from a certain area of the road causing a problem. Residents have requested that the Town address the situation. The Town Highway Department is prohibited to work on private roads. Superintendent Weston and Supervisor Aubertine have visited the site. They feel Superintendent Weston can go in and ditch it from our land; which should circumvent the problem.

Councilman Villa feels that once the problem is corrected the Town should be a good neighbor and put the stone down. If we are causing the damage we should rectify the problem.

RESOLUTION 2011 - 152: Motion by Councilwoman Harris and seconded by Councilman Johnson approving the use of the Town Ball Fields by Lyme Central School for their fall athletic program. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Academy Street - Three Mile Bay

RESOLUTION 2011 - 153: Motion by Councilwoman Harris and seconded by Councilman Bourquin establishing a 10 ton weight limit on Academy Street in Three Mile Bay. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Wind Survey Update

There was a five-minute recess from 7:45 to 7:50 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2011 - 154: Motion by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Villa establishing a Public Hearing to begin at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 to consider extending the Wind Moratorium. Immediately following the Public Hearing The Town Board will hold a Work Session asking Paul Carr to go over the results from the recent wind survey. The meeting will be held at the Municipal Offices 12175 New York State Route 12E, Chaumont, NY. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Proclamation “A Day to Remember”

Supervisor Aubertine revisited The Proclamation that was passed last month regarding the unprovoked attacks of September 11, 2001 upon America by foreign terrorists. On September 11, 2011 Cape Vincent put on a very nice program memorializing victims of these inhumane acts. The Town of Lyme was presented a certificate substantiating the position of support of remembering, annually, with a celebration on September 11, honoring these victims with eternal respect, those whose lives were suddenly, without cause and pointlessly taken from them on September 11, 2001.

Resolutions and Motions

Supervisor Aubertine has been working on The Tentative Budget for 2012. This budget has to be to the Clerk by September 30. The Board will then look over the figures and begin work on the Preliminary Budget.

RESOLUTION 2011 - 155: Motion by Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilwoman Harris scheduling Budget Work Sessions for the following dates, October 6, 13, and 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. to be held at the Municipal Building 12175 NYS Route 12E, Chaumont. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Assessor's Appointment

Supervisor Aubertine and Councilman Johnson interviewed Carol Quencer and recommend that she be appointed to the vacant Assessor's position.

RESOLUTION 2011 - 156: Motion by Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilman Johnson appointing Carol Quencer to fill the vacant Assessor's position caused by the resignation of Sandy Cornell. This appointment will be effective immediately. Four ayes. Motion carried. Councilman Bourquin abstained. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Jefferson County Shared Services

RESOLUTION 2011 - 157: Motion by Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilman Villa passing the Shared Highway Services Agreement for Jefferson County as follows:

At a Meeting of the Town of Lyme Town Board duly held at 12175 NYS RT 12E in Chaumont, New York on the 21st day of September 2011. The following Resolution was offered for adoption by Supervisor Aubertine, which Resolution was seconded by Councilman Villa.

This Resolution authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to sign an agreement on behalf of the Town of Lyme to permit the Highway Department Superintendent to share services with the Highway Department head in other municipalities who possess similar

authorization for the borrowing or lending of materials and supplies and the exchanging, leasing, renting or maintaining of machinery and equipment, including the operators thereof, for the purpose of aiding the Highway Department head in the performance of his duties.

WHEREAS, all municipalities, including the Town of Lyme, have the power and authority to utilize this agreement for the purpose of renting, leasing, exchanging, borrowing or maintaining machinery or equipment, with or without operators, with other municipalities, and;

WHEREAS, all municipalities, including the Town of Lyme, have the power and authority to lend materials and supplies to other municipalities, and;

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined that the Town of Lyme and other municipalities have machinery and equipment which is not used during certain periods, and;

This agreement shall allow Highway and DPW Superintendent's to share services and equipment with other local municipalities without meeting to get permission each and every time from their Municipal Boards, which is required under New York State Law.

All necessary forms, such as accident reports, property damage reports and equipment requests have been provided to a straight forward approach to shared services consistent with applicable statutes, so that insurance coverage will be assured, liability will be limited, proper accounts will be kept, and the municipal governments will operate effectively and efficiently.

<i>Supervisor Aubertine</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilman Johnson</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilman Bourquin</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilwoman Harris</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilman Villa</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Motion carried.

Councilman Villa stated that the NYS Snow and Ice Contract is a losing proposition for the Town. Dan would like to request additional information

from Superintendent Weston in regard to this matter. Councilman Villa feels the Town cannot go forward with the contract that is giving us a positive cash flow of \$1000.00 on a \$100,000 contract. With associated costs of plows, salt storage etc, there is much for the Town to consider.

Retirement Resolution

RESOLUTION 2011 - 158: Motion by Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilman Villa accepting Warren A. Johnson into the New York State Retirement System from January 19, 2006 through December 31, 2011. The base hours per month are 18 hours for meetings and the preparation thereof.

Privilege of the Floor

Julia Gosier – Klock Road – She feels that it would be a good idea to do the drainage and a one time repair because the Town was the cause of the problem. The Road Association could submit a bill for repairs and damage and the Town could do the required repairs. This would make it more legitimate.

Julie also mentioned that the first curve on the Ashland Road is a “blind hill”, as you head out of Three Mile Bay. There is a dip in the road and you cannot see what is coming toward you, it is a very dangerous spot. She asked if the area could be appropriately posted by the Highway Department.

Supervisor Aubertine stated that the Town Board would consult with Superintendent Weston on the matter.

RESOLUTION 2011 - 159: Motion by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Villa directing Superintendent Weston to post the hill in question, on the Ashland Road with the Superintendent’s recommended signage. Five ayes. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman Harris adjourning tonight’s meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,

*Kim Wallace
Town Clerk*