

**Town of Lyme
June 8, 2011
Regular Monthly Meeting
6:30 P.M.**

Supervisor Aubertine called tonight's Regularly Scheduled Monthly Town Board Meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. with an opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at tonight's meeting: Supervisor Aubertine, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Johnson, Villa and Bourquin, Assessor's Barton and Gotham, ZBA Member Harry Staudenmayer, Bookkeeper Tom Bowie, Guy and Julia Gosier, Police Officer Leo Wilson and 3 others.

Privilege of the Floor

Tim Boshart – Has owned property in the Town of Lyme since 1984; he bought the old Northrup Farm heading out toward the Isthmus. He has recently retired and purchased an RV; he has been saving and planning for it.

Mr. Boshart has recently been approached by the Town's Code Enforcement Officer, Jim Millington. Mr. Millington has indicated to Mr. Boshart that he needs to obtain a RV Permit for \$200.00. Mr. Boshart simply stated that he cannot afford this fee and he is on a fixed income. Mr. Millington recommended that Mr. Boshart approach the Town Board on the matter.

Harry Staudenmayer stated that the monetary condition of this situation is totally in the hands of the Town Board.

Supervisor Aubertine has been approached on several different occasions regarding the cost of the RV Permits and he is beginning to feel that \$200.00 might be too much.

RESOLUTION 2011 – 85: Motion by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Bourquin approving the reduction of the Seasonal Mobile Residency Permit Fee from \$200.00 (two hundred dollars) to \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) effective immediately. Any residents who have previously purchased RV Permits in 2011 and have paid the \$200.00 fee will be reimbursed \$100.00. Four ayes. Motion carried. Councilman Villa Nay.

Supervisor's Report

A Notice was placed in the Watertown Daily Times and letters were sent to Accounting Firms advertising for an audit of the Town's books for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010. There have been no responses as of yet.

RESOLUTION 2011 – 86: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilwoman Harris accepting the May 2011 Supervisor's Report as presented by Bookkeeper Tom Bowie. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Councilman Bourquin wanted to reiterate to the residents that the Highway Department can accept waste oil but they cannot accept gasoline.

Clerk's Report – May 2011

Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$13,424.03
Total State, County and Local Revenues:	14,753.30
Total Non-Local Revenues:	1,329.27

Audit of Bills

RESOLUTION 2011 – 87: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilwoman Harris approving Abstract #11 in the amount of \$4,573.00. Five ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011 – 88: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilwoman Harris approving Abstract #12 in the amount of \$81,605.86. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Assessor's Report – Marsha Barton

Grievance Day - The Board of Assessment Review heard about 15 grievances in person and received by mail 5 others. This was still a very light year considering the fact that almost 700 changes in assessment were made. They were asked by the Board to go out and review 2 properties and report back to the Board.

Reval Information – The County Data Collectors are out reviewing the data on properties they couldn't visit last winter.

The County is emailing the Town a file of new photos for all properties. They are also sending a file containing new labels for each property record card. This information will help update information for the reval.

The Assessor's will be meeting with the County in the fall to determine neighborhoods. The Assessor's feel they will have many more "neighborhoods" for this reval. They will also be adding a waterfront proximity to the data, which will be using different rates for properties right on the waterfront and properties with a road in front of their house. This was not done in the last reval.

Municipal Water Board Report – Marsha Barton

Water Facility – Revenues to date for the Water Facility are \$2,632.75.

New Water Applications – The Water Board has recently approved 2 new water applications in existing water districts; WD #4 and WD #5.

Water School – Superintendent Weston, Brian Cosselman, and Billy Scarpicchi will be attending water school in order to maintain their certifications.

Annual Water Quality Report – Is available for anyone who would like a copy. There will also be one mailed to each water customer.

WD #5 – Has not closed with Rural Development as of yet.

Water Billing – Marsha has spoken to a Water Works technician regarding the two tear off stubs that were suggested by the Board. he suggested printing on the back of the billing card a statement that notifies the customer that they can pay the bill monthly, giving them the option.

This month, for anyone having an arrears balance, a courtesy letter was sent informing the customer of the arrears balance. The letter informed them that if they paid by a certain date, they would avoid the certified letter fee and penalties. In the last billing, there were 32 shut off letters. This billing there were only 13, so the letter did help.

Three Mile Bay Cemetery Report – Julia Gosier

The mowing has been a serious problem; the rainy weather was a factor. Julie thanked Pat Weston and the highway crew for getting the Cemetery presentable for Memorial Day weekend. She said they do a great job.

There was a burial June 6th, it had been put off due to very wet conditions.

Julie would like to purchase a couple of concrete bench ends because there is no place for people to sit while in the cemetery.

Julie would also like to get an old fashion pump hooked up so they could pump water into the Cemetery. She would like permission to look for an antique pump, possibly place some posters asking if someone might have one.

RESOLUTION 2011 – 89: Motion by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman Harris approving the appropriation of funds for two concrete and wooden benches and also approving the placement of posters looking for a antique hand pump. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Aubertine is aware of the mowing problems and asked that it be dealt with one week at a time. He has asked Mr. Jensen to mow once a week until further notice. It has been a wet season and hard to get in and mow. We need to give Larry the benefit of the doubt.

Police Report – May 2011 – Submitted in writing by Police Officer Leo Wilson.

Youth Committee Report – Submitted in writing by Charlie Mount:

The baseball and softball season has started. We will be adding another girls softball team with Brian Peters coaching. This will extend the age level to the 14U level. (This age group has not had an opportunity in seven years).

The wet weather has made scheduling fields interesting, but the school and the men's softball league have been excellent to work with. A special thanks to Superintendent Weston and the Highway Department for the help with the Morris Tract Field. We have been able to play more games than

most other places in the County because the field recovers so quickly from the heavy rains.

The workday at Morris Tract saw the girls Varsity and Modified teams, both men's softball teams, the boys Pee Wee and Grasshopper teams, the Youth Committee and the Town Board were represented. The Grasshopper teams also had a workday with all teams that use the 12E fields represented.

There are over 110 children participating in the Summer Softball and Baseball programs.

The Youth Committee had their monthly meeting June 6th and they hope to keep the same personnel for the Summer Rec Program as they had in 2010. The program will begin on July 11 and end August 12th. They would like to access their usual startup fund.

Stephanie Doney will be the Program Director, Linda Adams will continue with the swimming instruction part of the program. The Assistant Director will be Brianna Fulmer and Zach Allen will be in charge of games and sports.

RESOLUTION 2011 – 90: Motion by Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilwoman Harris requesting Dave Bourquin to take the hay off the Route 12E Ball Field property. Four ayes. Councilman Bourquin Abstained. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION 2011 – 91: Motion by Councilman Villa and seconded by Councilman Bourquin approving the May 11, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes as submitted by Clerk Wallace. Five ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011 – 92: Motion by Councilwoman Harris and seconded by Councilman Villa approving the May 24, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes as submitted by Clerk Wallace. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Letters of Resignation – Paul Norton and Jillessa Morrow

Paul Norton will be resigning from the Town of Lyme Planning board due to his recent business expansion. He stated that he was honored being able to serve the Town of Lyme.

RESOLUTION 2011 – 93: Motion by Councilman Villa and Councilman Johnson accepting Paul Norton’s letter of resignation from the Town Planning Board with regrets. Five ayes. Motion carried.

It is with regrets that Jillessa Morrow has to resign her position as housekeeper for the Municipal Building. She stated that she appreciated the opportunity to work for the Town of Lyme. Jillessa is a senior in high school and finds herself extremely busy, juggling three jobs, school and college courses feeling that she does not have the time to take care of the offices properly.

RESOLUTION 2011 – 94: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilwoman Harris accepting Jillessa Morrow’s letter of resignation. Five ayes. Motion carried.

United States Department of Commerce – U.S. Census Bureau has the updated information from the 2010 Census Profile that provides information on the Community’s population count, age and sex distribution, race, household relationships, group quarters population, housing occupancy and home ownership status on the following web sites:

<http://factfinder2.census.gov>

<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/popmap/>

<http://www.census.gov/regions/>

www.census.gov/population/www/cen2010/glance/

<http://www.census.gov/sdc/index.html>

New Business

Wind Committee Reports

Supervisor Aubertine has received the Wind Committee Reports. He received the full report from the Economic Committee yesterday and has not had time to read it in its entirety; he has read the summary. He has issues with some areas and he would like to have a Special Meeting to discuss the reports. Supervisor Aubertine would like to have the Committee Members in attendance for that Special Meeting.

Councilman Villa has only read the summary and feels that it would be premature to comment tonight.

Councilman Bourquin stated that he has attended several of the Committee Meetings and each Committee has worked hard to examine options and avenues. Donnie does not feel the Committees should give recommendations, they were asked only to provide information and facts.

RESOLUTION 2011 – 95: Motion by Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilman Johnson scheduling a Special Meeting of the Town Board, Economic Wind Committee Members and the Health and Safety Committee Members Wednesday June 22, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building 12175 NYS Route 12E, Chaumont to discuss only, the Wind Committee Reports and upcoming survey. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Marsha Barton and Councilman Villa had a lively discussion regarding “neighborhoods” that will be developed during the upcoming Town Reval. The waterfront, especially, will be affected, differentiating between values on all the variables such as waterfronts having flat rock, marshy areas, having the road pass in front of the property or behind; all these variables will have to be taken into consideration for developing values. This differentiating will result in multiple rates that properties will be assessed on. Councilman Villa would like to see where Towns in Jefferson County have set multiple rates in their Townships. The Town Board will ultimately decide on what rates to use when the time comes. Marsha will bring the information to the Town Board when the information regarding the rates becomes available.

Resolutions and Motions

A Motion was made by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Villa TABLING the Transfer Site Rate Schedule for televisions until the July Meeting. The Town Board would like to discuss this with George Perkins prior to making any decisions. Five ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011 – 96: Motion by Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilwoman Harris approving the advertising for bids for the Three Mile Bay Water Storage Tank Painting Project (Project # 2010-110)all in accordance with the plans and specifications. Sealed bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. prevailing time on July 13, 2011 at the Town Clerk's Office located at 12175 NYS Route 12E, Chaumont, NY 13622. The opening of the bids will be at the July 13, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Any bid may be withdrawn without prejudice prior to the official bid submission time or any publicized postponement thereof.

The Bid Documents and Contract Documents may be examined at the Office of Bernier, Carr and Associates, Consulting Engineers and Architects, P.C., 327 Mullin Street, Watertown, New York 13601.

One (1) set of documents for each prospective bidder may be obtained at the engineer's Office upon payment of \$50.00.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or defects in such bid either before or after opening.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2011.

By Order of Town of Lyme Supervisor Scott G. Aubertine

Five ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011 – 97: Motion by Councilwoman Harris and seconded by Councilman Johnson approving the placement of an advertisement for the cleaning position at the Municipal Offices. Five ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011 – 98: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilman Villa accepting Water District #5 as completed. The Town Board is recommending final payment for the completed project. Five ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011 – 99: Motion by Councilwoman Harris and seconded by Councilman Villa re-advertising for the Surplus Highway Equipment and to have the bid opening at the July 13, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting. Five ayes. Motion carried.

Privilege of the Floor

Julia Gosier asked if her letter could be submitted with the Health Committee Report.

Dick Nagel also submitted a letter concerning the Committee Reports and the Town Board decided to discuss each of these letters at the Meeting scheduled for June 22nd.

Adjournment

A Motion was made by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman Harris adjourning tonight's Meeting at 8:15 p.m. Five ayes. Motion carried.