## Town of Lyme Budget Work Session September 18, 2008 6:30 P.M.

**Supervisor Aubertine** called the Work Session to order at 6:30 p.m. Those in attendance: Supervisor Aubertine, Highway Superintendent Tom Parker, Councilmen Countryman and Johnson, Clerk Wallace and two others.

**Superintendent Parker** discussed his 2008 Budget and the spending thus far. "Due to the increased cost of fuel, road salt and operating, the Highway Budget is getting tight." Tom provided the Board Members with a detailed account of his 2008 spending and specifically pointed out the cost of diesel and unleaded gasoline and how it has increased over the past several months.

Road salt is also a concern with the cost of it being up so dramatically from last year's figures. During the 2007 - 2008 Winter Season the Town purchased 1825.56 tons of salt at the cost of \$76,720.96. Using the same amount of salt for the upcoming 2008 - 2009 Winter Season the current figures of the cost of road salt would be tripled.

Councilman Johnson's biggest concern is the driving safety. He feels strongly that the public receives the same service and safety measures, during the winter months, that they have become accustom to in the past.

The Town Board Members and Superintendent Parker devised a solution to the Budget concerns and passed the following Resolution:

<u>RESOLUTION 2008 – 139:</u> Motion by Councilman Countryman and seconded by Councilman Johnson transferring \$49,000.00 from DA-5130.5, with \$25,000.00 being transferred into DA – 5130.4 and \$24,000.00 being transferred into DA-5142. Three ayes. Motion carried.

The Work Session was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. with a Motion by Councilman Countryman and a second by Councilman Johnson.

Respectfully Submitted by

Kim Wallace Town of Lyme Clerk