

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2018

Present: Parker Lord, John Kiker, Steven Mattson

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 P.M. and the minutes for the previous meeting were accepted.

The board was informed of the completion of the Emerson Cemetery deed transfer from the Jewett family members of the town and the filing of that deed by town counsel.

The board was also informed of a scam occurring in our town and others by at least one individual posing as a census taker who is asking inappropriate questions. Mr. Kiker will publish a warning on town outlets advising residents that the census will not occur for 2 more years and not to allow anyone posing as such from entering their homes.

Selectman Lord updated the board on the progress being made with DEEP to finalize the process for receiving the Open Space grant funds to complete the purchase of the Johnston property. This process has taken far longer than hoped and we trust that completion is near.

Selectman Lord also provided the members with a Town of Lyme sign which the public works crew will begin installing at all road entries to Lyme. Selectman Lord was thanked for his efforts to secure these signs as a statement of the pride we take in our town.

Selectman Kiker discussed the upcoming Selectmen's newsletter and the potential article topics for this and future newsletters. Several ideas were discussed and will be drafted for review by the board members.

Selectman Kiker also discussed the opportunity to host resident open houses as a means for making town government more accessible and transparent and to encourage more community involvement. The board endorsed such meetings and will plan for at least 2 such opportunities beginning this fall.

Selectman Kiker also reported on his attendance at a seminar on the topic of the Freedom of Information Act and its applicability to Lyme's governance. Discussion was held as to the method for assuring that all town boards and committees are aware of the rules involved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Mattson
For the Board of Selectmen