



SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
MONDAY AUGUST 17, 2020

Present: Parker Lord, John Kiker, Steven Mattson

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 P.M. and the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

The board reviewed the engineer's plan for approaching CT DOT concerning the possible repair of the wall separating the Marvin Cemetery from Rte. 156. The board approved the plan and Selectman Mattson will communicate with the engineer to move this forward.

The primary election held August 11 was completed with a combination of absentee balloting and in-person voting. 40% of the residents registered as Democrat or Republican voted – 67% by absentee ballot.

The First Selectman advised the Board that a theft of the Black Lives Matter flag occurred last Thursday night from town property. The board had approved a temporary display of the flag at the request of residents to foster a dialogue on an important social issue with the hope that Lyme would participate in that discussion and show that we still believe "All Men (and women) Are Created Equal." The board recognized the polarization of society today and anticipated both agreement and disagreement would be communicated back to us. We have received more than a dozen comments from residents, and they have been equally split between support and opposition. What we did not expect was theft of property as an attempt to stifle discussion. We believe Lyme is better than that. Unfortunately, not all of Lyme.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Mattson
For the Board of Selectmen