

**LYNDEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 3, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairman Strube** called this meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday March 3, 2010, in the large meeting room in Citizens' Hall.

Those persons present were as follows:

**Members**

**Present:** Lorraine Strube, Steve Brown & Arnie Byam

**Public**

**Present:** Jessie Salisbury

**Staff**

**Present:** TA Jim Bingham

**Media**

**Present:** **Nick Martin**

**Recorder:** Kate Thorndike

**I. Agenda Items**

6:05 Boston Post Cane Presentation – Pangiota Christou, recipient

6:40 Appointment – P/T patrol officer Mike Needham to be sworn in.

7:05 Town Administrator Report  
Draft of Town Meeting Script for take home review  
Center Hall – Election Day

**7:30 Citizens' Open Forum –Candidates' Night**

**II. Adjournment 9:30**

**Boston Post Cane Presentation:**

**Selectman Strube** gave a brief history on the Boston Post Cane.

**JS:** Originally, the cane was given only to the oldest male registered voter. Lyndeborough's requirement is that the recipient must have resided in the town for at least five years.

The Board of Selectmen presented the cane to **Pangiota Christou** who is 94 years of age.

*There was a brief gathering with refreshments*

**Town Meeting script:**

Due to a request from the Fire Chief, all the food will be set up downstairs in the BOS meeting room for Town Meeting due to fire safety.

**Walter Holland:** I got a request from a town citizen suggesting that I add one rule that says I will not honor any request to table or postpone a motion until the issue has been heard and properly discussed. The idea is that people have gone to the time and trouble to get a petition warrant article written and signed and the article should be heard. I would like to add that rule.

**LS:** It is the Moderator's decision and the Board is behind you. Also, the artillery would like to present a photo to the town which was taken last November on Veteran's Day by Annie Holt of the Artillery and canon. That will be done during the lunch break.

**WH:** Mike Kaelin suggested posting the Town Meeting rules on the website. Do we really want to post the Town Meeting rules on the website? We might consider it in the future but at this point, I don't know how necessary it is. I go through the rules at the meeting for the people who are there. That is what matters.

**Swearing in the new PT Police Officer: Michael Needham**

**IPAA French** reintroduced Michael Needham to the Board. He comes from Temple/Greenville department and will continue there. Graduate from MA PA. He graduated from the NH PA in 2009. Full time certified NH officer. He is very familiar with small town policing. **LS:** Any conflicts with the Temple/Greenville PD? **MN:** No, he is very supportive on a part time basis. **MF:** No, I have also spoken with the Chief and he is fine on a pt basis. We will be starting with two shifts a week. He qualified last night with the weapon that we issued him. He will start this week in the car. He is already familiar with Crimestar. He will be able to hit the ground running.

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance*

**Chairman Strube** administered the Oath of Office to Officer Mike Needham.

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**JB:** I would like for the Moderator to know that there is a typo in Article 7 that will need to be amended at Town Meeting. The language should say "...of not more than...**not** less than"... check notes. **LS:** We discussed this before because the "less than" didn't make sense and were told that was wording from the statute. **TA Bingham** will check with DRA and statute on the wording and get back to the Board.

**Selectman Strube and Kate Thorndike** will work together on writing something for the veterans/elderly articles.

**Childcare:** Kate will check into it.

**Letter from Sally Curran:** "I am writing because usually people only write when they wish to complain rarely when they are happy about something. I would like to have this read into the record of your next meeting. I would like to thank our Road Agent and the highway department for the outstanding job they have been doing. The roads are cleared promptly, they are two cars wide (very handy) and they keep them sanded. I can actually walk comfortably on the roads without worrying about slipping on the roads and falling. So again, a big thank you to the Road Agent and the rest of the department for a job well done".

**Center Hall:** **JB:** It is set the furnace is on, water is on, fuel tanks: oil and propane is all set. Bragdon mentioned that the propane heaters in the building are getting old. I sent an email to Andy as the Chair to consider for replacement. The door is all set. It opens and closes. His recommendation is to keep the doors open between the kitchen and the meeting room to help circulate heat.

**WH:** The booths need to be set up. Our regular eight booths will be fine.

**JB:** FEMA reimbursements may be available because of windstorm damage. The expenses have been submitted. I submitted a claim to Suburban.

**RM:** I am just finding out about this. I would like to include the cost of propane at the station for the generator and the school. **SB:** The tank was down 2% at the school.

**RM:** I am presently working with the Fire Marshall so if **TA Bingham** will send information to me I can include it all together.

**SB:** Had the opportunity on Thursday night to go visit the scene. I want to say that our PD and FD did a great job in terms of keeping that a safe situation. I would like to thank everyone involved. **LS:** Also got a comment from a resident who was very impressed with the response and the professionalism specifically by the Lyndeborough FD.

There will be a Work session on Monday night. **TA Bingham** will redo the script and put it in their boxes for that meeting.

**Citizens' Open Forum/Candidate's Night**

*Nadine Preftakes, Andy Roeper, Paul Martin, Don and Linda Anderson and Donnie Sawin were in attendance as well as some others who didn't sign in.*

**Sign-in sheet:**

Ray Hutchinson  
Mark Lessard  
Georgia Hutchinson  
Penny Christou  
Nick Martin  
Linda Lessard  
Stephanie  
Jessie Salisbury  
Trish Schultz  
Walter Holland

**ADJOURNMENT**

All scheduled items having been addressed, Selectman Byam moved to adjourn;  
Selectman Strube seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Chairman Strube called for a verbal vote on the motion. All  
members voted in favor.

Chairman Strube then declared the meeting to be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Date: March 3, 2010  
Kate Thorndike, Recorder

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Lorraine A. Strube, Chairman

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Steven M. Brown

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Arnold A. Byam, III

***APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON 3-10-10***