

**LYNDEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
July 25, 2012**

Members Present: Chairman Arnie Byam, Donnie Sawin & Kevin Boette

Staff Present: Town Administrator Kate Thorndike

Public Present: Bob Rogers, Clayton Brown, Jonathan Scott Brown, Cindy Ginn, Teresa VanHam, Lee Mayhew, Lise Delongchamp

Media Present: Dave Anderson

Recorder: Pauline Ball

Appointments:

6:30 p.m. Public Hearing – Discretionary Preservation Barn Easements

- 1. Clayton Brown; 166 Center Road; Map/Lot 250-002-000**
- 2. Lise Delongchamp; 1110 Center Road; Map/Lot 221-017-000**

Chairman Byam opened the public hearing to discuss easements on two historical barns located on Center Road. The NH statute Chapter 79-D “Discretionary Preservation Easements” encourages homeowners with agricultural structures to maintain them and keep them from falling into disrepair and being demolished. The statute provides a tax incentive to home owners who are willing to maintain these barns by reducing their assessed value. He explained that the Board, after this hearing, will be attending a site visit to both barns to view and rate the structures. He asked Clayton Brown to give some background on his barn. Mr. Brown acknowledged that he has owned the barn for 64 years and has continued its upkeep (siding and painting) through the years; this reduction in his taxes will help him to continue to maintain it. Lise Delongchamp, who had been notified about this hearing, had not arrived, at this time; therefore **Chairman Byam** asked for comments or questions from those present at this hearing. B. Rogers said that he was glad to see that these nice old barns are being preserved. Having no other comments, **Chairman Byam** closed the public hearing.

6:35 p.m. Announcement

At this time, **Chairman Byam** announced that the Board recently received notice that former chief J. Basinas has filed a lawsuit against the town. The notice has been sent to the Local Government Center for their advisement and the Board will keep everyone informed. He denied a request for a copy of the notice by Ledger reporter Dave Anderson and Lee Mayhew explaining that the document will be given out in due time.

6:40 p.m. Bob Rogers and Clayton Brown

Bob Rogers explained that a concerned Citizens Group met recently to discuss the issues surrounding the conflict between the police department and the Selectmen over the Officer in Charge situation. After their discussion, they voted and signed a petition that requested the Board of Selectmen, the authorized body, to re-institute the position of Chief of Police instead of an Officer in Charge and appoint Tom Burke as the Chief of Police, if he was willing to accept the position. Clayton Brown submitted the petition to the Board for their review and asked that they consider this request and give them a response. **Chairman Byam** said that the Board would review it but with this issue concerning a lawsuit, this may be a premature request.

At this time, Lise Delongchamp arrived. **Chairman Byam** explained that public hearing had ended without any objections, but asked her for a little background on her barn. She said that the barn was built around 1862 and has been maintained over the years. It is being used for storage of equipment and the tax incentive will help her to continue with its upkeep.

6:50 p.m. Barn Easements site visits on Center Road

The Board of Selectmen's meeting was temporarily closed at 6:50 p.m. because of the scheduled site visit as mentioned above so that the Selectmen and Town Administrator could view the barns.

The Board and **TA Thorndike** would return to Citizens Hall after the visit to continue with the other items listed on the agenda.

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The following minutes were completed by TA Thorndike upon return: 7:53PM

The Selectmen reviewed and approved both Barn Easement Applications, determining the final percentages. The Assessor will complete the forms, the applications will go to the state and letters will go out to the property owners.

TA Thorndike updated the Board on several items including:

-DOT Railroad crossing exemption request

-Cancellation of the Prison Program. **TA Thorndike** will generate a letter on behalf of the BOS expressing the town's disappointment and request to reinstate the program.

-Pinnacle Rock furnace estimate: Approved by the BOS. **TA Thorndike** will contact the company to schedule the work.

-Sprinkler system was serviced. However, it was discussed that a pump keeps coming on and needs additional attention. **TA Thorndike** will follow up.

-Emergency generator at the school was not functioning and required maintenance. The town office is soliciting quotes on a town-wide maintenance schedule on all generators.

-Primex Prime Program presentation will be scheduled for August 8th or the 22nd.

Non-public Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (e)

Selectman Byam moved to go into a non-public session regarding reputation under the provisions of Non-public Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (e). **Selectman Sawin** seconded the motion, so moved.

VOTE: Selectmen Byam Sawin and Boette voted in favor, and Selectman Byam declared the motion to have carried unanimously (3-0).

The Board then went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 8:50 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 9:25 p.m.

III. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Chairman Byam then declared the meeting to be adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Arnie A. Byam, III
Chairman

Donald R. Sawin

Kevin J. Boette

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON AUGUST 01, 2012.