

LYNDEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2014
Final

Members Present: Chairman Fred Douglas and Selectman Lee Mayhew
Selectman Arnie Byam was not present

Staff Present: Town Administrator Russ Boland

Public Present: Burton Reynolds

Media Present: Jessie Salisbury

Recorder: Kathleen Humphreys
The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Approval of Minutes, Manifests, and Items for Signature:

Review and signing of consent agenda items:

- a. Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes – 6-4-2014
- b. Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes – 6-18-2014
- c. Board of Selectmen Non-Public Meeting Minutes – 6-18-2014
- d. Board of Selectmen Non-Public Meeting Minutes – 6-25-2014
- e. AP Warrant 7-10-2014
- f. Payroll 7-10-2014

Appointments:

None

Snow Ordinance

Mr. Boland will meet with Chief Deware regarding the snow ordinance. It was determined to have one public meeting and a second if necessary if the public raises a lot of questions if modifications need to be made.

Community Forum

Jessie Salisbury brought up the topic The Significant Trees of Wilton and Lyndeborough Group which is an informal voluntary group formed in Wilton after the big oak tree was cut down in front of the funeral parlor. In their opinion, there was no reason to cut that tree down except the owner didn't like it there. The group is compiling a list of all memorial trees. They will incorporate the list of State and National big trees in our area. A form is being designed where people can nominate a tree of significant in their area or one that has a historic value. For example, Bob Rogers' old house has two mulberry trees that were planted in the late 1800s. The story goes between 1840- 1880 there was a silk industry in New Hampshire and the committee is wondering if those trees were planted to augment silk production in the area happening in those 40 years. A website is being designed.

It is an advisory group and the objective is to educate people of the value of trees. The Significant Trees of Wilton and Lyndeborough Group meet at the library on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00am. They keep meeting minutes.

Recently two big trees were cut down on Forest Road in Lyndeborough. "The one at Skip Harwood's did need to be cut but the lovely tree opposite the library didn't need to be cut down. Trees provide air quality and ambiance and make a village," said Salisbury.

They have a list of trees planted in honor of someone and are seeking information on any other memorial trees. For example, there is one at the Central School, the United Church, four at Center Hall.

Mrs. Salisbury's property has the largest sugar maple in Hillsborough County, they have found to date, which measures 15.5 feet around.

Also had discussions with PSNH about what types of trees to plant when there are power lines overhead. They advise Dogwood because it does not get too big.

Selectman Mayhew made note that Wally Holt was looking for a diamond bit drill to drill two holes in rock at Center Hall for the placement of a sign as discussed with the Heritage Commission. If Mr. Holt is unable to locate a bit, Selectman Mayhew will locate one.

The house inventory from the 1905 History Book has been completed with photographs. The committee will meet Friday morning at 10am at Town Hall to decide on the final version. There will be a copy for people to make comments or to list people who lived there and they hope to obtain quality record of all the houses from pre-1905 within a year's time.

Chairman Douglas addressed a question to Mrs. Salisbury about land being harvested for wood and if trees could be cut between the stone wall of the property and the edge of the road on a scenic road. He asked about buffers. Mrs. Salisbury said between the stone wall and the road it's in the town's road way. Anything on the other side the landowner can do what they want.

Chairman Douglas pointed out there was a hole blown through the stone boundary wall to get onto the property that was being lumbered. Mrs. Salisbury believes it's illegal and it has to be restored to its original state.

Future "Intent to Cut" forms will attach a form on stone walls and artifacts, such as stone cellars, to avoid and to report if they come across them. A lot of our wood lots are owned by people who don't live in town according to Mrs. Salisbury.

Chairman Douglas received an anonymous complaint about tree cutting on Crooked S Road. Mr. Boland reported that the town office has received several complaints about logging operations on Crooked S Road and on Herrick Road and plans to meet with Chief Deware. A few of the problems included noise as early as 4:30am with trucks are idling, trucks blocking the road and if trees are being cut properly.

In terms of Crooked S Road, there is a stone wall around a cemetery with the lone grave of Dr. Lorenzo Bartlett who died of small pox in 1834. The lot was deeded to the town. That can't be disturbed by the logging operation.

Boundaries for the new sap house on Center Road were questioned. Mrs. Salisbury said it should be 35 feet from side line, 30 feet front line and also mentioned a sap house come under agriculture and may

have a different set back requirement. Mr. Boland will address this concern to/with the Building Inspector.

Chairman Douglas asked about an update on the Mountain Road and Crooked S Road work on the site issue and if the Road Agent has talked to the land owner yet.

Old Business

Communication Chain of Command

Mr. Boland was given the documents.

VOTE: Selectman Mayhew voted to table the topic of Communication Chain of Command until after Mr. Boland had time to review it. Chairman Byam seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Broman Way

Burton Reynolds said a letter was sent to the home owner who complained about dust on Broman Way. The resident called the town office and said she understands the town is not putting down calcium and that she recalls having a conversation with Road Agent Kent Perry about the quality of the gravel he is using today that does not generate as much dust. She inquired if that material was used on her road and if not can she have some in front of her house.

VOTE: Selectman Mayhew made a motion to have the Russ Boland contact the home owner on Broman Way and talk to Road Agent Kent Perry to allow him to make the decision on what needs to happen there. Chairman Douglas seconded the motion and it passed.

Tractor Bids

VOTE: Selectman Mayhew made a motion to award the tractor bid of \$1,750 to Bernie Jalbert out of the six bids submitted. Chairman Douglas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Bill of Sale needs to include language from the ad that there is no warranty and so forth.

Paul Best was tabled until 7pm.

New Business

Mr. Reynolds attended a NRPC meeting and energy was discussed. Integrys Systems is our current supplier of electricity. They wanted to speak to the town about a multi-year contract. They propose to be the electrical supplier for 8-9 months then revert to PSNH for the winter then go back to them in the spring.

Mr. Reynolds thinks the electrical suppliers are challenged regarding the natural gas increases and expects it will continue for about 3-4 more years as pipelines are being built. There is plenty of natural gas but the pipelines are at full capacity so there is no wiggle room in the winter, due to current pipeline capacity, when the companies need more gas to come up so in winter suppliers they pay more. Currently, PSNH is not using natural gas; they use wood, coal or oil, so they are cheaper. The topic of a multi-year contract will be passed by Attorney Drescher for his opinion as to the legality of the Selectmen executing a multi-year contract as discussed above.

Mr. Reynolds suggested contacting Wilton to see if they would like to attend the next meeting. Schools draw a lot of electricity.

The topic of pre-buying propane was discussed.

VOTE: Selectman Mayhew made a motion to allow Russ Boland to investigate energy cost for propane and report back. Chairman Douglas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Citizens' Hall Dumpster

Tabled

Town Administrator Report

New Town Administrator Russ Boland started with the town on July 7, 2014. "It's my first week and first days and it's been exciting and enjoyable," said Boland.

He met with Fire Chief Rick McQuaid on his first day on the job and plan to attend next Monday's meeting with fire department. They discussed apparatus, uncashed firefighter payroll checks and the I-9 form problem and since then two more firefighters have signed the documents. He suggests a target date of August 1 for completion of all fire department personnel completion of the I-9 forms and submittal of the same to the Selectmen's Office and if fire department personnel don't fill out the forms by they won't be issued their check.

Mr. Boland will be the town's NRPC representative. Ms. Hasty was sent a thank you letter and her efforts were recognized.

The Department Meetings plus the Safety Committee will be reestablished. Mr. Boland will set up a meeting in the next two weeks for a staff meeting and invite department heads and chiefs to attend which will include: police chief, road agent, town clerk, treasurer, library director, fire chief, health officer, ambulance director and emergency management director. It was discussed to try to get a school official involved. The statutory composition is three representatives from management and three from labor for a safety committee. They may meet quarterly as required by statute.

Wilton repayment is going to take place as the first payment is due next week.

Talked about Crooked S Road and Herrick Road tree cutting and traffic patrol. Mr. Boland said he takes every complaint serious because for every one complaint there are more that don't complain.

A resident asked to come to a meeting to discuss a noise ordinance at the next meeting. Work trucks are idling or arriving at the work site at 4:30am but don't work until 7am. Chairperson Douglas discussed that this issue can be managed under disorderly conduct statues if the operation are bothering a person under normal circumstances. Communication is key. Chairperson Douglas informed the Board that the courts have recognized 7am – 5pm as a normal and acceptable work time period.

Dog warrant list was delivered to the police department on July 9, 2014.

Committee for Record Retention was discussed. Mr. Boland will talk to Trish Schultz about it. Mr. Mayhew volunteered.

Primex was discussed as Chairman Douglas asked if the town was a member and the answer was yes. It was discussed if there might be free seminars to help the town with safety. Primex has a lot of information on how to combat unfortunate accidents and also rates the various town's safety records.

Planning Board Alternate

Paul Best interviewed with the Board and applied for the alternate seat on the Planning Board. He has lived on Mountain Road for two years with his wife Melissa and is an engineer and works in Nashua. He is a member of the volunteer fire department. He said the best thing about the town of Lyndeborough is its natural beauty and friendly people.

The Selectmen will send a letter to the Planning Board recommending Mr. Best for the seat and they can take it from there.

Roll call on public session.

VOTE: Selectman Mayhew made motion at 7:15pm to go into non-public session. Roll call affirmative from Selectman Mayhew and Chairman Douglas. Motion passed.

Non-Public – RSA 91-A:3II (d)

-Tax Deed Property

Adjournment:

All scheduled items having been addressed, the public meeting was adjourned at ?pm.

Date:

Kathleen Humphreys, Recorder

Selectman Fred Douglas
Chairman

Selectman Arnie Byam III

Selectman Lee Mayhew

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JULY 23, 2014