

LYNDEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
January 29, 2014
UPDATED

Members Present: Chairman Kevin Boette, Selectman Arnie Byam and Selectman Fred Douglas

Staff Present: Interim TA Burton Reynolds and Administrative Assistant Cindi Hasty

SAU 63 School Board Members present were Geoff Brock, Sandy Schoen, Karen Grybko, Harry Dailey and Jim Button. SAU 62 Superintended Dr. Christine Tyrie and LCS/FRES Principal Tim O'Connell.

Media Present: Jessie Salisbury and Dave Anderson

Recorder: Kathleen Humphreys via audio tape by Cindi Hasty
The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Approval of Minutes, Manifests, and Items for Signature:

The Board addressed all items that needed their signature.

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Mr. Reynolds expects there won't be a lot of tax impact for the upcoming this year. Encumbering opportunities this year has helped keep the budget level.

Fire Station Septic update:

The septic tank can be replaced with an equal or larger size tank. Selectman Douglas consulted with Kenny Rocca regarding the fire house septic and reported Mr. Rocca believes, to replace the tank, that permitting would not be needed but as long as not touching the pipe and just replacing the tank. To put a tank that needs to be pumped he estimates it may cost roughly \$3,500. A 1,200 gallon tank was discussed. The problem was first noticed after an earthquake a few years ago. Mr. Reynolds suggested putting job out for bid. There would be a need to repave the work area. Discussion continued on the amount to expect.

Investment Policy:

Mr. Burton discussed the policy and suggested that changes are not needed to the policy.

Fund Balance Policy:

It was amended on Page 3 for "unassigned fund balance" and before it read "residual spending balance after subtracting all the above accounts" and changed to "for policy described for fund balance between 6% and 12%".

VOTE: Selectman Douglas made a motion to accept the proposed changes that Mr. Reynolds mentioned above for Fund Balance Policy and to continue the investment policy unchanged. Selectman Boette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Reynolds will update the document and have the document for the next meeting for signatures.

Town Song: Mr. Wally Holt recorded a song about the Town of Lyndeborough. The song will be played at Town Meeting.

The Board discussed the safety of a smoldering burn pile at the former Stephenson home on Center Road. All guidelines were followed and it had the Fire Chief's approval and snow was on the ground at the time. The 1787 Civil War era home is being restored.

Appointments:

6:30 appointment:

Members of the SAU 63 School Board and Administrative Staff presented information on the proposed consolidation of Lyndeborough and Wilton's elementary schools and an addition/new school to be built at the FRES location in Wilton. The proposed plan is to house grades pre-kindergarten and kindergarten at Lyndeborough Central School along with administrative offices while grades 1-5 will be housed at FRES in Wilton. Plus proposed changes to the Articles of Agreement.

The Board discussed Center Road pavement. Issues with the Center Road paving job were discussed and it was suggested to review it with Brox Paving prior to spring and document the job and status of the road as the winter into spring continues.

Warrant Article Review

Warrant article were reviewed. Road warrant article is scheduled for the budget committee the following week while a timeframe for the project was discussed. Considered removing the Pinnacle Paving Warrant.

Highway Budget

The Board discussed the highway equipment and budget as well as brush cutting and grading.

Fire Department

The rescue truck had its brakes repaired which cost \$600 which included the towing cost.

VOTE: Selectman Douglas made a motion to increase the Fire Department Operating Budget by \$600. Selectman Boette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Stipend Payment Policy

The Board discussed the policy adding in a promissory note if payment of the stipends are made at the beginning of the year which would be prorated if their work obligations are not fulfilled. Plus discussed if the Fire Chief's stipend should be paid quarterly rather than annually.

The Board discussed the procedure on getting quotes for the police department vehicle repairs and bringing all the vehicles to one shop if they can be guaranteed a shop rate.

Mr. Reynolds provided a summary of the tax rate. It's an increase of 1.4%.

The Planning Board will be submitting a warrant for the growth ordinance.

The status of the 2013 Town Report was discussed

The Board discussed the order of town meeting as well as the budget and list of warrants.

The issues with the fire department's tanker truck was discussed and that replacement of the tank would mean the truck would be too tall to fit in the station. The truck is in sound shape. The board discussed changing the transmission so it's easier to operate.

VOTE: Selectman Boette made a motion to adjourn at 9:23pm. Selectman Byam seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business

Adjournment:

All scheduled items having been addressed, the public meeting was adjourned at 9:23pm.

Date: January 29, 2014

Kathleen Humphreys, Recorder

Kevin J. Boette
Chairman

Arnie Byam III

Fred Douglas