

LYNDEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2014
Final

Members Present: Selectman Arnie Byam and Selectman Fred Douglas. Chairman Kevin Boette was not present.

Staff Present: Cindi Hasty, Burton Reynolds, Chief Rance Deware and Road Agent Kent Perry.

Public Present: Phil Brooks and Lee Mayhew

Media Present: Jessie Salisbury

Recorder: Kathleen Humphreys.

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

Appointments:

6:05pm: Phil Brooks – Citizens’ Hall Basement Discussion

Phil Brooks looked at the basement at Citizens’ Hall to provide his professional opinion on the dampness problem. There is a sump pump and drain to help with any water. He felt the insulation is inadequate and recommended new insulation to hold it in place with chicken wire and staple it to the strapping between the joists. He suggested putting a rubber membrane on the floor to lock in moisture. He suggested putting a clear poly in a few areas to verify if there is moisture and where the water is coming from. Step 1 is to test; Step 2 is to cover it and Step 3 is ventilating it.

6:20pm: Police

Chief Rance Deware discussed the hiring process for a full-time and part-time officer and reviewed their experience. The part-time officer would need to go to the police academy in May.

VOTE: Selectman Douglas made a motion to allow Chief Deware to proceed accordingly with the hiring the full-time candidate. Selectman Byam seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

Selectman Douglas asked the chief to resend the information he sent a month ago but Cindi Hasty has a copy and will forward. Chief Deware will send the RFP for the police cruiser. The letter was sent for the recall for the new coats.

March 4, 2014 at 6:00pm is the CPR Re-certification class jointly with the Fire Department.

6:30pm: Highway

Road Agent Kent Perry was present.

Burton Reynolds asked Mr. Perry to keep records on how much is spent on each vehicle.

The 1989 Mack truck had springs put in it. It was discussed if the 1989 Mack truck is cost effective to keep on the road and Mr. Perry felt it is because it adds a third truck for plowing.

The dump body has been taken off it. They do repairs on the vehicle and purchase parts from the junk yard.

Two complaints have been received about residents that plow and leave snow in the road. Mr. Perry said there is a State ordinance and not a town ordinance. It was agreed to address the ordinance because it's dangerous for residents to plow snow into the road. Chief Deware also supports the ordinance. A public hearing would be required.

The Board was in agreement to send a letter to the Brandy Brook Road residents about what was discussed and the timeline. Mr. Reynolds stated that Chairman Kevin Boette did want to keep that a paved road. The benefits and cost factors of paving vs make it a gravel road was made.

Mr. Reynolds discussed a policy about paving. Brandy Brook was not on the paving plan. Currently, there is no policy on the short roads that are paved. Mr. Reynolds felt if the pavement is decent they should be worked into the paving plan. The plan will be revised this summer. Brandy Brook will need to be ground-up before it's paved because it's in poor shape. Brandy Brook use to be a State highway and that is the reason it has been paved.

The intersection of Crooked S Road and Mountain Road was discussed and Selectman Douglas commented he has witnessed near accidents and that it's dangerous. Cutting the trees on the private side of Mountain Road could be an option and the landowner will be approached if they can cut the trees to help improve visibility.

Johnson Corner Road Bridge: Mr. Reynolds provided an update. He received a letter from the State and has been able to provide them additional information and traffic flow. Flooding on Dutton Road was discussed. \$22,000 more will be put into the bridge account and the town will need to inform the State how they will pay for their part of the project.

A snow storm has been forecasted to last until Friday and the Central School has already cancelled school. *Mr. Perry left the meeting.*

The gas receipt for \$480 for the Fire Department was brought up and it was confirmed that amount is not correct. Mr. Reynolds explained a "wash account" to help keep track of who is purchasing the fuel. Currently, most of the fuel is tracked to the highway department. The fire chief has not been turning in the slips.

Community Forum

Jessie Salisbury, Heritage Commission. The Maple trees along Town Hall were planted in 1976 and the Commission would like to put an historic plaque at the site.

Polly and Clayton Brown and Peg and Bud McEntee volunteered to donate a spruce Christmas tree at Town Hall.

VOTE: Selectman Douglas made a motion to have the Christmas tree replaced by the Brown and McEntee families. Selectman Byam seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

She was informed that Board has set aside money to run electricity to light the tree.

The recent low turnout for budget meetings was mentioned and Ms. Salisbury wondered if it's a lack of communication. Mr. Reynolds explained the budget process.

Old Business

Personnel Manuel Stipend Update

Mr. Reynolds provided paperwork on the stipend update.

VOTE: Selectman Douglas made a motion, Selectman Byam seconded to accept the Personnel Manuel Stipend update. Motion passed 2-0.

Review Budget Committee Budget

The budget was finalized last night. It will be put on MS-7. It needs to be submitted to the Selectmen by next Tuesday and needs to be posted by Monday Feb. 24, 2014. The Board was informed if they disagree with the budget it can be written on the budget. The budget will be left at the Village Store for the Budget members can sign it. The warrants will be signed next week by the Board and the DRA was sent the warrants. The DRA sent a letter on "mandatory changes that could led to the disallowance of appropriation..."

"The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend" will be added to the warrants where appropriate.

Finalize Warrants

The Board was presented the revised warrants to review.

New Business

Assessing Contract Renewal

Ms. Hasty provided copies for review. The assessing contract expired on Dec. 15, 2013. The contract can be extended for three-years with Todd Haywood.

VOTE: Selectman Douglas made a motion to execute the assessing contract to proceed with the contract in the affirmative with Todd Haywood. Selectman Byam seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Ms. Hasty will ask for the contract for the next meeting. Pricing remained the same.

Mosaic Sharing Pool

Chairman Boette signed the contract last night therefore it is taken off the agenda.

Wilton-Lyndeborough Coop Financial Endorsement Discussion

Mr. Reynolds asked the Selectmen if they wanted to endorse the School Budget. Last night the Budget Committee didn't endorse it. He went on to say it's not this Board's job to know their budget and endorse it.

The Board felt that if they endorse the consolidation of the elementary school that it could sway the voters. Discussion followed that when the school was built in 1949, the state tried to get the Lyndeborough not to build it and go in with Wilton and tried again years later and the town residents wanted to keep their elementary school. The sediment was the members don't agree with the consolidation and if that becomes the case, then would combing the police, fire and town administration be the future. The discussion was the school is the glue to the community.

Mr. Byam said the presentations were good and they were selling buildings and budget but they need to also show how it will benefit the students, including special needs and advanced students not just brick and mortar.

Wilton needs a new school and this is a way to help solve that problem. There was a discussion on how well informed the residents are because there has not been a lot of public comment on combing the schools and not much news about it and meetings have been poorly attended.

Non-Public

Non-Public Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (e) at 7:50pm

VOTE: Selectman Douglas made a motion to enter into non-public session. Selectman Byam seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Adjournment:

All scheduled items having been addressed, the public meeting was adjourned at 0.00pm.

Kathleen Humphreys, Transcriber

Kevin Boette
Chairman

Arnie Byam III

Fred Douglas

Reviewed by Lee Mayhew, Mark Schultz and signed by Fred Douglas on June 22, 2016