

LYNDEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2015
Final

Members Present: Chairman Fred Douglas and Selectman Mark Schultz
Selectman Mayhew was absent

Staff Present: Town Administrator Russ Boland

Public Present: None

Media Present: None

Recorded via audio recorder
The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm.

Consent Agenda:

Review and signing of consent agenda items

- a. Warrant/Payroll MS 232
- b. Business Account Maintenance Form
- c. Timber Tax Bill 14279-17

Appointments:

None

Community Forum

None

Old Business

Purgatory Falls Road 235-021-000 property discussion

Mr. Boland explained this goes back to 1968 as to who owns the property. After Mrs. Curtis died the small parcel went into probate. Timothy and Dana Welch purchased the land and that piece was taxed for a number of years totaling \$3,300.75.

The town received a letter from Attorney Alfano requesting the property owners be reimbursed for past funds and interests since they feel they don't own that piece. The issue was first addressed on July 24, 2013 and no taxes were paid on that property since per order of the Board of Selectmen. The Welchs are asking to be reimbursed \$4,500.09 (includes 6% interest from 2004-2012) plus \$750 for the lawyer's research.

The letter states the town can just own the land but Chairman Douglas said that is not possible. Selectman Douglas explained after tax bills are sent out, if the property owner feels that taxes are inappropriate, there is an appeal avenue and a timeframe and if they don't appeal in time it

ends their ability to recover and that is the law and feels the town does not owe a refund due to the law. The matter will be referred to town counsel.

VOTE: Selectman Schultz made a motion to pass the matter to town counsel for review. Chairman Douglas seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

New Business

Driveway Permit Review

Background history for this driveway permit review: Mike Decubellis contacted the town regarding a logging operation off of French Road and the town addressed the driveway cut. There was not a driveway permit issued at that time.

The purpose is to make sure Appendix A outlines all the driveway requirements and specifically talks about logging operations and temporary driveways.

Town Administrator Report

-The 2007 backhoe is properly registered.

-The Letter of Intent for Curtains Without Borders grant was approved and the town will make the final application by April 24, 2015.

-Concerns with snowbanks being pushed back. Equipment improvements will be addressed to help with this matter.

-Flags: The town received one new state flag and four United States flags. The United States flags will hang at Center Hall, Citizens' Hall and South Cemetery. There is one spare flag.

-Salt shed. Road Agent Kent Perry feels the salt shed is in compliance.

-MS-232 has been filed electronically with DRA. After the hard copy is signed by the Board, Mr. Boland will mail it to DRA.

-Mountain Road Engineering. Mr. Boland contacted Northpoint Engineering to tell them he felt they did a nice job at Town Meeting presenting the warrant. They will be developing a contact soon.

-Mr. Boland reached out to New Boston, Frankestown and Greenfield to ask if the towns would be willing to collaborate on propane to save money and all three are interested and will take it a step further and include electricity, plumbing and other services. An Administrator's Group was formed that includes Lyndeborough, New Boston, Frankestown, Greenfield, Antrim, Hancock, Hillsborough, Henniker and Deering and they meet once a month to exchange ideas. They are meeting next Thursday.

-Trish Schultz would like the Board to review the Town Meeting minutes.

Non-Public Session

Personnel Issue: RSA 91-A:3 2(a) Employee Compensation Adjustments.

VOTE: Selectman Schultz made a motion to go into non-public session. Chairman Douglas seconded the motion at 6:59pm. Motion passed 2-0.

Adjournment:

All scheduled items having been addressed, the public meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Date:

Kathleen Humphreys, Transcriber

Fred Douglas
Chairman

Lee Mayhew

Mark Schultz

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON APRIL 29, 2015