

**LYNDEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 4, 2015**

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

**Staff Present:** Town Administrator Russ Boland

**Public Present:** None

**Media Present:** Jessie Salisbury

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

**Consent Agenda:**

Review and signing of consent agenda items

- a. **AP Warrant**
- b. **Payroll**
- c. **NRPC Adoption Certificate**
- d. **LUCT 220-049-0000**

**Appointments:**

**Town Moderator Walter Holland**

Town Moderator Walter Holland met with the Board and town administrator to finalize Election Day preparations and review the script for town meeting as well as discussed some of the articles for more information.

Mr. Holland plans to unveil a flag that was made for the Lafayette Artillery and being donated by Scott Thomas who participated in recent Community Days portraying Major General James McPherson. His brother Lowell Thomas lives in town. This flag is in a frame and was hung up this week, along with many other pictures on the second floor at Citizens' Hall.

The flag is a memento of an original Lafayette Artillery Company flag that was sold at auction in 2006. Before the flag was auctioned off, the Lafayette Artillery Company attempted to stop the auction because it was a piece of town history. When that was unsuccessful they planned to bid on the flag to return it to Lyndeborough but were unsuccessful. The auction house wouldn't provide information on the location or owner of the flag.

The Board discussed that Article 23 might be passed over. Discussed the difference between tabled and pass over. Tabled means it's still there and can re-addressed where passed over means it goes away.

### **Appointment with Rob Williams, New Road resident**

Last week Rob Williams was involved in minor auto accident on New Road.

He discussed how the road was not wide enough after all the snow and the banks were not pushed back, even a few days after a storm. Photographs were available.

He claims the road at times is only plowed on the paved section. Mr. Williams used to work for the Lyndeborough Highway Department from 1999-2005 and has experienced in plowing. When he worked for the town, the department was four employees and he said they kept the town roads opened, sanded and well-maintained. He wonders why with more manpower and equipment he does not see the roads in better shape.

Mr. Williams feels it's dangerous. It's not wide enough and if there is an accident with a school bus or a fuel truck it could be a serious problem.

It's a scenic road but has trees that need to be cut. The town can take up to 15" circumstance up to 4 feet off the ground. Discussed ways to improve New Road. The Selectmen will involve the road agent.

Mr. Boland will to follow up with Road Agent Kent Perry as to why pavement portion is being plowed without the dirt part.

### **Community Forum**

None

### **New Business**

Voting is moved to Citizens' Hall from Center Hall. Last year there was no water. Due to the extreme cold, and that pipes could be frozen and the cost to open and close Center Hall, voting location was moved.

Discussed when selectman will be at the polls on March 10, 2015 and more discussion on the script for Town Meeting.

### **Hazardous mitigation plan**

Both Selectmen Byam and Chairman Douglas are satisfied with the hazardous mitigation plan as written.

### **Audit**

This topic will be put on the selectmen's agenda in April for review due to concerns in the past.

### **Assessing Budget**

A few months ago the town signed a contract for statistical review for \$17,500 which runs through 2015. The town received a bill for \$825 improvement pickups. Todd Haywood and Burton Reynolds were called to inquire what that bill is for. What was overlooked was \$10,000 in the budget for field work. Since this is not a revaluation year, Mr. Boland and Mr. Reynolds believe the budget will be okay. It may

be off by \$4,000. It was discussed that the warrant could be amended on the floor but it will not be necessary.

Chairman Douglas suggested putting the topic on the planner for the second week of June 2015 and the agenda to discuss and if the budget is tight to have a plan for it.

Selectman Byam suggested two line items for a status, maybe day to day vs yearly cost. The company updates the cards when improvements are made to buildings/property and those are every five years.

### **Town Administrator Report**

-The town will be on record being opposed to House Bill 547; Pole Assessment Bill. Chairman Douglas asked who sets the rate for the poles? After 30 years there is no charge for poles.

-The salt budget is in good shape. It reflects well on the benefit of Mr. Perry going to the salt calibration class. Currently, the town can buy 53 tons and be under budget. There is a chance at end of the year their budget can be \$10,000 ahead. Mr. Boland did authorize the highway department to buy more sand as the supply is low. They are doing a lot of mixing rather than straight salt now. Discussed storage of material over the summer.

-The Board discussed possibly restructuring the department in June and to return to weekly reports from the road agent filed with the town administrator.

-The Board discussed the highway department creating relationships with other towns; similar idea to the monthly town administrator's meetings. The fire chief is also reaching out to different fire departments.

-Mr. Boland will start working on the evaluation process and report back.

-MS9 MS10. Trustee of the Trust Fund signed the form and brought them back to MacKensen. It has been sent to DRA.

**VOTE: Selectman Byam made a motion to adjourn at 8:22pm. Chairman Douglas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

### **Adjournment:**

All scheduled items having been addressed, the public meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Date:

Kathleen Humphreys, Transcriber

Fred Douglas  
Chairman

Arnie Byam III

Lee Mayhew

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON MARCH 18, 2015**