

LYNDEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
June 24, 2015

Members Present: Chairman Fred Douglas, Selectman Lee Mayhew and Selectman Mark Schultz

Staff Present: Town Administrator Russ Boland

Public Present: MaryAlice Fullerton, Sandy Schoen, Walter Holland, Wally Holt, Ron Curran, Scott Roper, Nancy Rose. Karen Grybko, Burton Reynolds, Bryan San Souci from Freightliner of New Hampshire, Bob Hackett from HP Fairfield and Road Agent Kent Perry

Media Present: None

Recorder: Kathleen Humphreys.

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

Consent Agenda:

Review and signing of consent agenda items

- a. A/P Warrant 06-24-15
- b. Payroll 06-24-15
- c. MS-535
- d. Wetlands Forestry Notification
- e. Non-Public Meeting Minutes 06-10-15
- f. Meeting Minutes 06-10-15
- g. Intent to Cut 220-049-000
- h. PA-48 Chrisenton Farm Structure

Appointments:

Conservation Commission

Chairperson Sharon Akers and member Mike Decubellis were present.

The Lyndeborough Conservation Commission requested approval to allocate \$20,000 of the Conservation Commission's funds to Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC) to help preserve 189 acres on Rose Mountain, including the summit area. The total cost of the project is \$170,000.

Open space will be preserved and access for public hiking, hunting, XC skiing, snowshoeing and passive recreation which is recreation that causes no damage or traffic. The trails will be maintained. PLC will hold the conservation easement. PLC did speak with the snowmobile club and it appears access will continue and probably will allow horses to continue on the trails but there may be restrictions during wet seasons.

The Board addressed concerns about the erosion from 4-wheeled vehicles on Pinnacle and Rose Mountain. The Board asked about blocking access for ATVs and signage. PLC and the Conservation Commission will cooperate in this task. Mike Decubellis explained one of the PLC's high priorities will be to gate the trails to wheeled vehicles. Also part of the \$170,000 will pay for maintenance of the property in perpetuity and access is built into the budget.

Mr. Decubellis explained the land was a former Boy Scout camp and said, "When it was transferred to the current owners it was slated to go into conservation and be donated to the town but ultimately we have to purchase it for full value. It's unfortunate it had to happen but at least it will happen and for evermore be protected."

Mr. Decubellis also mentioned when the town did the Master Plan the highest priority was to protect the highest parts of the mountains. "This is a big win for us. It has wildlife value and recreation value."

The funds will come from Land Use Change Tax the Conservation Commission receives. Between this project and the Woodmont Orchard easement their \$50,000 funds are depleted. They did receive a recent \$5,000 donation. Sharon Akers commented "This is what we have been saving for."

Easement and access to abutting property was discussed.

VOTE: Selectman Mayhew moved to authorize the Conservation Commission to utilize \$20,000 from their Land use Change Tax funds in concerted with the Piscataquog Land Conservancy for the purchase of the summit of Rose Mountain of 189 acres. Selectman Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Selectman Mayhew brought up the Putnam Pond boat ramp area as a possible town project for 2016 and asked the Conservation Commission if they have any objection to a project to clean and beautify the area for family use. Sharon Akers said that is something they can work with.

Greg Kreider, Conservation Commission interview and appointment.

Mr. Kreider has been on the Trails Group and has been working with Society for the Protection of New Hampshire (SPNH), a land steward program and would like to be an alternate with the Conservation Commission.

The process of training for board members was discussed. Ms. Akers asked how many members and alternates the Conservation Commission is allowed and that number will be researched. Discussion of how to get more participation in the clean-up was had between the Boards. Perhaps make it an event etc.

VOTE: Selectman Mayhew voted to appoint Greg Krider as an alternate to the Conservation Commission. Selectman Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Mike Decubellis re-appointment

VOTE: Selectman Mayhew voted to re-appoint Mike Decubellis to the Conservation Commission. Selectman Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Douglas commented that Mike does a great job.

The Board discussed the Conservation Mapping and Natural Resource Inventory and pointed out there is a book with colored maps available at the town office. They recently held a roadside cleanup project.

New Business

Pest service for Citizen's Hall

The building is experiencing a mouse problem plus a lady bug problem in the fall.

VOTE: Selectman Mayhew moved to enter into a contract with J.P. Pest Control to eradicate the pest problems at Citizens' Hall. Selectman Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Mapping Discussion

Carteographics' contract is \$2,345 and there will be an increase in per building cost to add to our maps for all "pickup" data. It represents a 51% increase.

NRPC provided a quote of \$1,925 for initial data transfer and after that there is no fee because the town is a member. It's an initial savings of \$400. Their service would include a small fee for pick-ups.

The discussion will be tabled while the Town Administrator continues his research.

TA Report

-The Code Enforcement Officer met with the Old Temple Road homeowner who had a complaint about his abutter's property and they walked the property. The matter is still in progress.

-The Code Enforcement Officer, Police Chief and Road Agent reviewed a new fence at the corner of Center Road and Wilton Road which is causing sight distance issues. The Board asked if there were setbacks. This will be researched.

-Property Liability Trust (PLT), the town's insurance carrier, does not have an issue with local groups using Town Hall. Mr. Boland talked with Sally Curran who has asked for a small quilt group to use Town Hall. The Board has no reservation about it and concurred with the request.

-The MS-535 has been signed. MS-535 has been completed and sent to DRA.

-Next week the town will make the final payment to Wilton for the school repayment lawsuit.

-The school has received the demolition permit and building permit. The Building Inspector and Chief McQuade have worked closely with the school's architect. The Emergency Management Director will need to obtain an alternative emergency center during construction.

-The School Board Chairman plans to attend the next BOS meeting to review the traffic study for pickup and discharging students next school year. The Board requested to review the plans prior to the meeting.

-Security Contract. PLT reviewed the security alarm contract and in their opinion the contract indemnification is not only a bad idea but would violate the town's contract with them.

7:00pm appointment

Highway Truck Demonstration and Discussion with Budget and CIP committees

Bryan San Souci from Freightliner of New Hampshire, Bob Hackett from HP Fairfield attended as well as members of the committees, listed above, and Road Agent Kent Perry.

Mr. Perry spoke about the maintenance problems with the trucks.

Tomorrow the town will make the final payment of \$5,411 for the 2008 John Deere backhoe lease. Payments have been \$21,000 per year.

Over the past year the Ford 550 trucks have received approximately \$18,000 in repairs. There are financial and operational concerns with the trucks.

Milford DPW brought up their new truck for the committees to look at. It is an all-wheel vehicle with a wing. The plans would be for the remaining Ford 550 to plow intersections, parking lots and dead end streets. The plan is to replace one of the 550's with the larger truck similar to the one Milford DPW uses.

Chairman Douglas said, "It is important to understand that in 2004 the Selectmen made a decision in conjunction with the Budget Committee to purchase the 550s it was clearly the purpose of purchasing those trucks was the downtown areas, the school, short roads and to push back at the intersections. It was not their intention to plow Mountain Road or Pinnacle Road or other long roads; those trucks are not built for that and it got away from us. Both vehicles are in excess of \$18,000 over the past year to keep them on the road."

The committees asked questions such as if these trucks would be settling for less, what can they accomplish and the timeframe for delivery.

The meeting moved to the parking lot to view the Milford truck and ask questions then returned to the meeting room to resume the meeting at 7:48pm.

The 2009 replacement has \$37,000 in the CIP and will add \$12,000 in 2015. The 2007 will have \$83,000 available for replacement next spring.

This discussion will continue at a future meeting while the Town Administrator and Budget Committee Member Burton Reynolds continue to work on the CIP.

The engine in the truck Milford brought to the meeting to show the committees is an ISP Cummings which is 300 horsepower while there is a 325 horsepower engine for an extra \$1,000 which adds more torque. The highway department preferred the higher horsepower due to the mountainous terrain in Lyndeborough.

Feedback from committee members were: Nancy Rose said, "It sounds reasonable. You are doing research to find out how to not throw good money after bad." Sandy Schoen said, "I like how efficient it is; one swoop down the road and you are done."

Due to truck problems this past winter it took an extra day of sanding; 2 additional hours each employee to make up for it. In terms of plowing, each driver had to add another half-hour to their route.

Mr. Boland said, "Not one employee called in sick or complained. Other than those three breakdowns those guys were out there working. There were three public complaints and we

dealt with that. I want to reiterate the quality of the staff we have. They had harsh conditions and not one complaint. They didn't even have water at the highway garage. We are making improvements at that facility. We are going down the right path."

Mr. Perry added, "We want to make sure everybody is on board and we don't want any surprises."

Chairman Douglas asked the Board if the town should go this winter with what equipment we have or try to accelerate the process of acquiring a new truck and alleviate the expenditure of maintenance funds. He also asked if the life expectancy needs to be shortened on the CIP.

Freightliner has a truck being built in September which could be slated for Lyndeborough. It is a 30-60 day process of acquiring a new truck and could be delivered by November or December. If that truck is sold to another company, the wait will be longer.

The trucks can do summer work such as culverts, shoulder work and can do gravel work. The trucks have backup alarms and can synch up to five cell phones with Bluetooth.

Committee members left the meeting.

Since this purchase may happen prior to Town Meeting the process was discussed. The selectmen can lease for one-year prior but then have to go to town meeting with a warrant article to lease longer.

Community Forum

No one present

2015 PAVING BIDS

Advanced Paving	\$134,842	\$70.25/ton
Brox Paving	\$135,448	\$70.15/ton

Pike's bid was \$153,000 but did not include paving Brandy Brook.

The Board discussed with Road Agent Kent Perry paving details and past work by Brox.

VOTE: Selectman Mayhew moved to allow Road Agent Kent Perry to move forward with the bid of Brox Paving for \$135,448. Selectman Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

The Road Agent will look for another location for Brandy Brook residents to park during paving. Also he is to meet with residents to plan and discuss the paving project. The road is to be paved in a straight line.

Russ Boland requested permission from the Board to write a letter to residents on Center Road so they are aware the road will not be paved this summer and the reason for the decision. The Board was in agreement. Mr. Boland will also write to Brandy Brook residents in regards to the paving project.

VOTE: Selectman Mayhew moved to adjourn at 8:47pm. Selectman Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjournment:

All scheduled items having been addressed, the public meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Fred Douglas
Chairman

Selectman Lee Mayhew

Selectman Mark Schultz

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON AUGUST 5, 2015