

LYNDEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2016
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Members Present: Chairman Lee Mayhew, Selectman Fred Douglas and Selectman Mark Schultz

Staff Present: Town Administrator Russ Boland

Public Present: Bob Rogers, Sharon Akers, Kurt Burner, Mike Decubellis, Kris Henry, Tom Chrisenton, Ginny Chrisenton, Jen Czysz, Wally Holt, Mark Chamberlin, John Pomer, Scott Roper, Fire Chief Brian Smith, Fire Deputy Kevin Berkebile and Police Chief Rance Deware.

Media Present: Jessie Salisbury

Recorder: Kathleen Humphreys

Chairman Mayhew called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Consent Agenda:

Review and signing of consent agenda items

- a. AP Warrant 11/8/2016
- b. Payroll 11/10/2016
- c. Meeting Minutes 10/19/2016, 10/26/2016, 10/27/2016, 11/4/2016
- d. Intent to Cut 16-247-014
- e. Intent to Cut 16-279-12
- f. Intent to Cut 16-279-04 Supplemental
- g. Intent to Cut 16-279-13
- h. Certification Yield Tax 16-249-08
- i. Winter Maintenance Policy
- j. Purchasing Policy

VOTE: Selectman Schultz moved, Selectman Douglas seconded to accept the consent agenda items. Motion passed 3-0.

Appointments:

6:05pm: Wetlands Discussion

NRPC Representative Jen Czysz was present to facilitate a wetlands discussion with the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and the Selectmen and provided an informational handout titled Wetlands Protection in New Hampshire dated Nov. 8, 2016.

Local Actions:

Communities have the flexibility to adopt regulations that take a comprehensive approach to wetland protection, considering direct and indirect impacts to wetlands and their associated areas.

Wetlands can be swamps, bogs or vernal pools but also lakes, ponds, flood plains or could be dry wetlands. Buffer areas are a common wetland regulation.

Jen Czysz's notes from the discussion:

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Logging Operations:

- Basal area violations.
- Destroying wetlands and landscape
- No structure or enforcement of violations.
- BOS enforcement authority?
- State role?
- Approach buffer sizes specific to Lyndeborough?
- How can municipalities most effectively protect with the least amount of cost.
- Balancing and responding to concerns fairly. Clarifying roles and responsibilities of enforcement.
- Brook width altered!
- How to cost effectively monitor?
- Structures relative to wetlands have not been an issue.
- Don't have a town forester, could review.

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- Past violation situation – sign damage, notified state, delays, no enforcement/remediation beyond notices.
- Make sure we don't penalize those that are doing a good job. Offenders are not likely to follow new regulations.
- Key – erosion control and siltation problems don't have enforcement.
- Need education and reminders we are watching.

Prime wetlands – effective?

- How do you involve landowners in the process?
- What should the Conservation Commission do to support?

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NEED:

Stonewalls: Be proactive not reactive.

Make Master Plan? Suggests buffer (maybe?)

IMPACTS

- No new or minimal complaints from developments
- Logging: Planning Board reviews intent to cut but not all.
- Seeing only a handful of new developments per year and avoiding wetlands.

THREATS

- After the fact
 - Forestry operations is not submitting permits.
 - While forestry is a threat – it is needed and has less impact than an impervious development.
 - Seeing some wetlands are shrinking or change of type.
 - Roughly 15-20% of town may be wet.
 - About half the lots on recent subdivisions show wetlands.
 - Septic requires to 75 feet back.
- Soil Based Zoning: 2 acre contiguous dry land result in 5 acre lots - room for buffers.

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GOALS: BENEFITS TO BE GAINED

- Protecting Water Quality
- Protecting intermittent streams and fish/aquatic habitat.
- Prevent sedimentation
- Headlands/headwaters of Souhegan and Piscataquog Rivers
- Maintain cold stream temperature that support unique aquatic habitat.
- Quality of life for citizens.
- Beautiful community/natural resources.
- Stewardship while protecting rights.
- People live here because they like the woods.

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Have:

- Conservation Commission – ability to inspect wetland permits.
- Need for training.
- Building Inspector – could inspect and apply a wetlands ordinance but may need increased hours.
- DES as enforcer of significant issues.

Need:

Forester – review and report/not enforce.

- More public participation and education for local backing if additional resources are needed.

QUESTIONS

- What level of delineations is needed for single family home that is only a building permit?
- What are the limited possible uses that may be allowed in a buffer area? Agriculture, animals, farms?
- Is there any reason NOT to establish a wetlands buffer?
- Need to know more about timer laws.

OPTIONS:

- Town is small and development is small. Results of regulation are small but we want to keep it this way.

EDUCATE:

- Project with school science teachers.
- Focus on long-term sustainability.
- Treat all equally – big and small regardless of the solution with balance.

Another meeting will be planned for January 2017.

7:40 pm: Fire Department 2017 Budget Review

Fire Chief Brian Smith and Deputy Kevin Berkebile were present.

The fire dispatch line is estimated because they do not have final cost from KMA. The IAM Responding system is working well for the department and is quicker than the pagers.

Dues and associations fee line will stay the same.

The stipends went up due to a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

Consumable materials went up partly because of the increased medicals calls and supplies.

Equipment repair line went up because of batteries and the air compressor needs service.

Two sets of gear have been ordered while new fire hose has not been ordered yet.

There is a slight increase because the Mule needed maintenance work.

Radio maintenance line: Three new radios were installed in the officer's trucks and the Mule. The big expense related to the radios is that the portable radio batteries do not last long.

The septic tank gets pumped four times per year. The Board was curious to know the gallons pumped per visit.

When asked what the department needs, Chief Smith responded the rescue packs and AED are getting old. He was also asked to look into the new grants for a Jaws of Life.

8:20pm: Safety Complex or Other Options Committee Update

John Pomer, Scott Roper, Mark Chamberlin, Wally Holt, Fire Chief Brian Smith, Police Chief Rance Deware were present.

The committee requested two different CRFs: One for the Fire Station and one for the Police Station and appoint the Selectmen agents to expend.

The committee felt this project is 10-years away and would like to have funds and estimates in place when the time comes. They feel the fire station has a more immediate need.

Chairman Mayhew will draft two separate warrants and a consolidated warrant for review.

Clarification was provided on the homeowner's insurance coverage confusion. Residents insurance policies are being cancelled due to the distance they live from the fire station but in reality insurance companies can choose not to insure a home or the cost may be slightly increased.

This discussion was over at 8:48pm. Wally Holt stayed to talk to the Board about the old town barn in the center and he felt that would be a good building to modify for a fire substation. He had a local builder inspect the building and would like to draw up plans. The Board was clear that he should be working in the context of the Space Needs and Other Options Committee and he would be responsible for any expenses he occurs while not working with the committee.

New Business:

9:12pm: Police Chief Rance Deware for MACC Base Discussion

Chief Deware reviewed the events at a recent MACC Base meeting in which there was a tied vote regarding the budget and responsibilities. Milford requested overages in the budget be returned. Mont Vernon and Wilton have concerns about how to pay for any equipment repairs if there is no money in the budget. Lyndeborough does not have a vote on the Board.

The next meeting is Nov. 15, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Lyndeborough's contract expires Dec. 31, 2016.

Community Forum:

None

Old Town Business:

None

Town Administrator's Report

-The office has received a response from the school superintendent regarding a letter the town sent about the future ownership of Lyndeborough Central building.

-T/A Boland called Sullivan Pavement and is waiting for call back.

-The Wilton Joint Budget meeting is Jan. 12, 2017. Wilton's Town Administrator hopes to provide the cost for the Ambulance, Goss Park and Transfer Station late next week.

Internet Discussion

Reliable internet is a problem in town.

VOTE: Selectman Schultz moved, Selectman Douglas seconded to enter a non-public session for legal matters at 9:40 p.m. All voted yes.

Adjournment:

All scheduled items having been addressed, the public meeting was adjourned at 9:47pm.

Date:

Kathleen Humphreys, Transcriber

Chairman Lee Mayhew

Selectman Mark Schultz

Selectman Fred Douglas

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON DECEMBER 7, 2016