

LYNDEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 2016

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator, Russ Boland

Public Present: Thomas Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Belvin, Sharon Ackers

Media Present: Ashley Saari of the Monadnock Ledger, Jessie Salisbury of the Milford Cabinet

Recorder: Russ Boland

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

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Chairman Mayhew acknowledged the minutes listed for 12-07-2016 on the consent agenda were not ready and will not be included in the consent agenda as printed. Additionally, the Board will not sign the assessing contract contained on the consent agenda, pending further review by the Board.

Vote: Motion by Selectman Douglas seconded by Selectman Schultz to accept the consent agenda noting the two exceptions noted by Chairman Mayhew. Passed 3-0

Chairman Mayhew acknowledged there was a 6:05 pm appointment but wanted to address several item on the agenda prior to the scheduled appointment in order to allow people who want to participate to arrive.

Old Town Business:

Chairman Mayhew recognized T/A Boland to discuss the replacement of Police Department weapons. T/A Boland reported the Police Department has received six service weapons and is requesting direction for disposing of the weapons being replaced. T/A Boland reviewed the policy for disposing of surplus. T/A Boland advised Chief Deware has reported the trade in value of the weapons is \$275 per weapon.

Vote: Motion by Selectman Douglas seconded Selectman Schultz to direct Chief Deware to trade the weapons in. Passed 3-0

T/A Boland advised the Board he has inquired with the Code Enforcement Officer Hunter for the status of the violations at Feel Good Farms. CEO Hunter reported he left a message with the owners and is awaiting a return call. He will also attempt to conduct an inspection of the property to see if the violations have been corrected. The Board directed T/A Boland to keep the Board informed.

6:05 Appointment:

Chairman Mayhew acknowledged the audience and announced the Board would receive the 6:05 appointment relative to the discontinuance of Scout Road on the Piscataquog Land Conservancy property.

Chairman Mayhew acknowledged William Belvin of Amherst NH, an abutting property owner of Scout Road. Mr. Belvin stated he appreciated Chairman Mayhew allowing him to speak first but would like to reserve comments until representatives of PLC made their presentation.

Chairman Mayhew acknowledged Thomas Jones of PLC to address the Board. Mr. Jones passed out packets of information relative to the research conducted by PLC regarding the history of Scout Road. Mr. Jones reviewed the reasons why PLC would like to discontinue the Class 6 portion of Scout Road on their property. The main reason is the damage being caused by ATVs and other wheeled vehicles using Scout Road for recreational reasons. The damage includes but is not limited to erosion, vegetation damage and contamination of soils with motor vehicle fluids.

A question and answer discussion was conducted between the Board and the audience. The main benefit to the discontinuance would be the ability of PLC to construct a locked gate and the placement of signage to eliminate access to wheeled vehicles.

Draw backs to the discontinuance of the roadway were also discussed. The Board has a strong belief in preserving landowner's rights and will need to hear directly from each abutter regarding discontinuance, prior to taking a position on the idea of closing the road.

Mr. Belvin thanked the Board for the opportunity to address the Board and expressed his strong belief in preserving land. Mr. Belvin inquired if there would be any additional liability to him by the closure of the road. Chairman Mayhew advised he is not a lawyer, but he did not see any additional liability for Mr. Belvin if the discontinuance was adopted by Town Meeting. Mr. Belvin agreed with Chairman Mayhew assessment but wanted his concern stated. The Board advised the Belvins, if the discontinuance concept moved forward they would be advised.

The Board thanked all in attendance for their participation in the meeting and advised they will take the idea under advisement, pending additional information.

Old Town Business (continued):

T/A Boland advised he met with the Town Administrator from Wilton, Scott Butcher, School Board Member Charlie Post and Director of Wilton Public Works, Stephen Elliott to review the formula both towns are using to bill for costs of plowing schools. Based on research conducted by Lyndeborough Road Agent Kent Perry, it was determined there have been 19 plowing and sanding events annually at the schools over the last six years. Wilton DPW Director Elliott provided the cost of vehicles, materials and labor for plowing. Lyndeborough Central School plowing cost was determined to be \$120 per event multiplied by 19 events resulted in an average cost of \$2,280 per year.

Vote: Motion by Selectman Douglas seconded by Selectman Schultz to bill the Wilton/Lyndeborough School District \$2,280 per year for snow removal. Passed 3-0

T/A Boland reported he called Forest Ranger Bilodeau regarding the violations cited on Crooked S Road for logging operations in 2014. Ranger Bilodeau was unavailable, message to call was left. Additionally, an e-mail was received from Ranger Bilodeau on November 9, 2016 advising situation has not been

resolved and is still being processed. The Board instructed T/A Boland to keep them informed of the situation.

New Town Business:

T/A Boland provided the Board with draft 2017 warrant articles. Included in the updated articles was a warrant article received from Cemetery Chairman Rogers requesting \$5,000 to repair the stone wall abutting Cemetery Road at the South Cemetery.

The Board requested additional information regarding specifics of the project ie: the length of the project and how the \$5,000 cost was determined. Additionally, can the Highway Department perform the work. T/A Boland will contact Chairman Rogers to obtain the additional information.

T/Boland advised a request from NRPC was received to appoint a representative to the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee which meets monthly. Currently, Road Agent Perry is the representative but has not had time to attend the meetings.

Vote: Motion by Selectman Schultz seconded by Selectman Douglas to appoint Chairman Mayhew as Lyndeborough's representatives to NRPC TTAC. Passed 3-0

Town Administrator's Report:

T/A Boland advised the Board staff would like their input regarding the plaques for the newly planted trees in the Handicap parking area at Citizens Hall. Staff feels the plaques should be 4"X6" granite markers. These markers will be recessed in the ground and should provide for easier maintenance and less chance of being damaged. The Board felt staff was capable of deciding on the most appropriate markers. The cost of the markers is being paid for by the Board of Selectman as individual citizens.

The Board reviewed a draft directive from T/A Boland to Road Agent Perry regarding the Schoolhouse sand station. The Board was in agreement with the directive and instructed T/A Boland to issue the directive.

T/A Boland advised the Board the 2016 encumbrances have not been finalized due to information regarding committed expenses not being fully realized as of this meeting. An additional meeting will be required on December 28, 2016 to review and take action on the 2016 encumbrances. The Board agreed and instructed T/A Boland to post a Selectmen's meeting for December 28, 2016 at 6pm at Citizens Hall.

T/A Boland advised the Board Ian Holden has requested the use of Citizens Hall for his Eagle Scout award ceremony on January 28, 2017. This is being requested as Ian's Eagle Scout project was the beautification of the handicap parking area at Citizens Hall and it would provide a nice back drop for the ceremony. The Board expressed their congratulations for both Ian's efforts in the handicap parking area and his success in obtaining his Eagle Scout designation.

T/A Boland reviewed the time and a half compensation policy relating to employees working holidays. The Board received the policy and will take it under advisement for future action.

Vote: Motion by Selectman Douglas seconded by Selectman Schultz to allow Ian Holden to use Citizens Hall for his Eagle Scout award ceremony at no cost. Passed 3-0

Vote: Motion by Selectman Schultz seconded by Selectman Mayhew to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II (C &D) Chairman Mayhew = Yes, Selectman Schultz = Yes, Selectman Douglas = Yes. The Board entered non-public session at 7:34 pm.

Vote: Motion by Selectman Douglas seconded by Selectman Schultz to re-enter public session at 8:52 pm. Chairman Mayhew = Yes, Selectman Schultz = Yes, Selectman Douglas = Yes

Vote: Motion by Chairman Mayhew seconded by Selectman Schultz to authorize the payment of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to North Point Engineering for work conducted on the Mountain Road project. Passed 3-0

Vote: Motion to Adjourn by Selectman Schultz seconded by Selectman Douglas Passed 3-0

Date:

Chairman Lee Mayhew

Selectman Mark Schultz

Selectman Fred Douglas

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON DECEMBER 28, 2016