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**LYNDEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 13, 2019**  
*Final*

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**I. Call to Order:**

Chairman Fred Douglas Called the Meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

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**II. Introduction of members present:**

Chairman Fred Douglas, Town Administrator Russ Boland, Selectman Mark Chamberlain & Selectman Rick McQuade (who will be arriving late)

**Public/Media Present:** Jessie Salisbury

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**III. Appointments: None at this time.**

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**IV. Community forum and Public Comment:**

Resident Jessie Salisbury commented that she wanted to make sure that any money raised by selling coffee from Town Meeting will go to improving the Town Common. The work that is done there is all through donations and volunteers and she would like to formally recognize Lorraine Strube for the huge amount of work she has done there over the years. She has been volunteering her services since 2012 and has done a tremendous job. Chairman Douglas asked if T/A Boland would draft an appreciation letter to officially recognize her efforts and work at the common over the years.

Jessie also noted that she was at the elementary school listening to and watching a fantastic drummer presentation. She said it was very enjoyable and there will be a full presentation at the elementary school and encourages people to attend.

No other public comments were introduced.

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**V. Decision Making Actions:**  
**Old/Tabled Business**

**New Highway Department Delivery Discussion**

T/A Boland stated that tomorrow morning at 10:30 AM the Freightliner will be here for transfer of ownership. All paperwork seems in order and ready for the transfer. It was serviced, cleaned, painted and looks really good. T/A Boland stated that he needs a motion for him to present the check for \$210,000.00 for the transfer.

Chairman Douglas opened this to discussion and stated he has no issues with giving T/A Boland the authority to complete the transfer himself. Everything appears to be in order and there are no foreseeable issues.

48 **VOTE: Selectman Chamberlain motioned that the Board allow Administrator Boland to have the**  
49 **authority to carry out the transaction and take ownership of the Freightliner on behalf of the Town.**  
50 **The motion was seconded by Chairman Douglas, called to vote and passed 2-0.**

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52 **2019 Town Meeting Discussion**

53 T/A Boland stated he just wanted to make sure the Board is aware that we are right on track  
54 getting ready for Town Meeting. The sound system is being set up within a day or two and it will  
55 be ready. The portable toilet is set up and ready to go. We also will make sure the walkways will  
56 be salted, cleared and the chairs will be set up tomorrow after delivery of the Freightliner.  
57 Everything is looking good and we are on target for the Town Meeting. The format will be  
58 scripted and that is still intact. T/A Boland said that Steve Brown will be in attendance to discuss  
59 the plans for the street light replacements and John Pomer will handle the Fire Station report and  
60 discussion.

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62 Chairman Douglas asked about the status of our roads. T/A Boland responded saying all the  
63 outside work, road clearing, snow pushed back etc. has been taken care of to date. He also said  
64 regarding roadwork/clearing costs, we are the lowest for road clearing costs out of five local  
65 communities. Chairman Douglas said some residents have voiced issues/concerns with road  
66 conditions but the roads are terrible everywhere not just in Lyndeborough. This has been a tough  
67 winter and all of the nearby towns are having difficulty with road conditions.

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69 Chairman Douglas said that he had concern regarding public questions and discussion about the  
70 Town budget and how it will affect the tax rate and individual residents. There was discussion  
71 about how we can manage to keep our budget so close to last year. T/A Boland stated that we  
72 continue growing the unassigned fund balances and their growth continues to be healthy.  
73 Chairman Douglas said we have to be prepared to answer the question regarding how much this  
74 affects our tax rate with regard to the effects of the school tax. The municipal tax is only about 30  
75 percent of the tax rate. T/A Boland stated that he will call and find out what the school tax is that  
76 will affect our tax rate tomorrow. Both Chairman Douglas and Selectman Chamberlain agreed  
77 that the Board is very concerned with residents with fixed income and tax increases. The town  
78 has done a great job municipal wise and have cut costs and managed our revenues very well. T/A  
79 Boland stated there are a lot of people (town employees) looking for cost savings for the town  
80 and it definitely has resulted in success.

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82 Chairman Douglas said it sounds like we are well prepared for Town Meeting

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84 **New Business:**

85 None at this time.

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87 **Items not on Agenda:**

88 None at this time.

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91 **VI. Town Administrator's Report**

92 T/A Boland stated that Selectman Chamberlain and Michael Young attended the meeting last  
93 week with TDS, the telephone and internet services vendor. It was a good meeting and we had a  
94 good candid conversation with IT as far as future costs and quality of services. Michael Young  
95 was a valuable asset to have at this meeting. He is very knowledgeable and understands how all  
96 of these services work. He uses several different services himself and gave critical insight to what  
97 can be expected with them. T/A Boland said he will send a thank you letter to Michael Young for

98 assisting with this meeting. Selectman Chamberlain said there still some confusion as why we  
99 can't get lines also to the library with the services discussed. He also questions what will happen  
100 if we have a disaster and we can't use this building for a period of time? What do we do to get  
101 back up to speed and on line? We would probably have to set up at the school in a case of  
102 emergency as that will be the only other place in town where internet would be fast enough to run  
103 the server/software. T/A Boland said these are the concerns that we will have to discuss and put  
104 into the emergency plans.

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106 T/A Boland also said that the Highway Department is doing preliminary research on liquid  
107 calcium. Interim Highway Department Supervisor Mark Chase is checking with a supplier for  
108 both winter and summer applications. Other towns are using this and it could result in a 40  
109 percent reduction in salt usage.

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111 Lastly he stated that with regards to road conditions, we need to consider putting up the weight  
112 limit signs very soon mentioning that there is a logging operation on French Road so we want to  
113 be fair to that operation, but we need move soon. We are not sure what stage the logging  
114 operation is at. We want to save the roads from future damage.

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116 **VOTE: Selectman Chamberlain then motioned to establish the 6 ton weight limit for all town roads**  
117 **effective March 18th, 2019 with a waiver for the current French Road logging operation to have**  
118 **their trucks off the road by 10:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Chairman Douglas, called to a**  
119 **vote and the motion passed 2-0.**

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121 Chairman Douglas said that he has also become aware of some new road signs that are being used  
122 by the Road Agent in Frankestown NH. They are corrugated weight limit signs and they are  
123 excellent. We will be sure Interim Highway Department Supervisor Chase is aware of these as  
124 they may be a good economical option.

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126 T/A Boland mentioned the House Bill 442 relative to coyote hunting. There has been concern  
127 about the coyote population in the area. This bill amends language restricting the hunting of  
128 coyote's from April 1 through August 31 to coincide with coyote pup rearing.

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131 **VII. Selectmen's Report:**

132 **a. MACC Base Actions and Agenda**

133 No items to discuss.

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135 **b. Transportation Committee**

136 No items to discuss.

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138 **c. Planning Board**

139 No items to discuss.

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141 **d. Heritage Commission**

142 No items to discuss.

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144 **e. Safety Complex and Other Options Committee**

145 No items to discuss.

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147 **VIII. Consent Agenda:**

<b>March 13, 2019 Consent Agenda</b>			
<b>Item #</b>	<b>Item Title</b>	<b>Item Date</b>	<b>Approved</b>
1	AP Warrants – March 5 & 12, 2019	3/13/2019	
2	Payroll Warrant – February 25 – March 10, 2019	3/13/2019	
3	Request for Approval of Purchase Order # 60781 – Axon Enterprise – Annual Taser Contract Renewal (Inv. # SI-1577709)	3/13/2019	
6	Board of Selectmen’s Public Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2019	3/13/2019	

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**IX. Information items Requiring No Decision:**

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**X. Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3II (a & e)**

**VOTE: At 6:35 PM a motion by Selectman Chamberlain seconded by Chairman Douglas to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a & e) was made. A roll call vote was called and passed 2-0.**

The public meeting recessed at 6:35 PM. [Selectman Rick McQuade arrived during the non-public session at 6:50 PM.]

**VOTE: At 7:58 PM the Board re-entered the public session via a motion by Selectman Chamberlain, seconded by McQuade and passed with a roll call vote 3-0.**

**VOTE: Once back in public session a Motion by Rick McQuade, seconded by Selectman Chamberlain to accept the consent agenda for 3-13-2019 was made, called to a vote and passed 3-0.**

**XI. Adjournment:**

**VOTE: At 8:00 PM a motion by McQuade seconded by Selectman Chamberlain to adjourn the meeting was called to a vote and passed 3-0.**

All scheduled items having been addressed, the public meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next regular meeting: March 27, 2019 at Citizens’ Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted; Ken Vengren, Transcriber

Chairman Fred Douglas

Selectman Mark Chamberlain

Selectman Richard McQuade