

**LYNDEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brown called this meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 in the large meeting room in Citizens' Hall.

Those persons present were as follows:

Members

Present: Steve Brown, Arnie Byam & Donnie Sawin

Staff

Present: Jim Bingham (Town Administrator)

Public

Present: Don Anderson

Media

Present: **Jessie Salisbury**

Recorder: Kate Thorndike

I. Agenda Items

6:05 – Appointment – Mike Petrovick, Architect, view finalized presentation pieces, line up supporters to speak to the warrant article

6:40 – Administrator's Report
Recycling contract w/ Wilton
Ambulance contract with Wilton
Citizens' Hall – repair status
Hazard Mitigation Grant update

7:00 – Old Business:
Town Meeting Script
Review possible questions / concerns at town meeting

7:30 - Citizens' Open Forum

7:45 - Non-Public RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) personnel

8:30 – Non-Public RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) T. A. performance evaluation

9:00 - Review & signing of warrant, minutes and documents

II. Adjournment 9:30

Appointment – Mike Petrovick, Architect: view finalized presentation pieces, line up supporters to speak to the warrant article
-script for Town Meeting
-Presentation Procedure

Town Administrator Report:

-Recycling contract w/ Wilton: Town Administrator Bingham explained the administrative fees to the Board.

-Ambulance contract with Wilton: There was a discussion re: the ambulance contract, the contribution toward a new ambulance/fee for service, etc. The Board will revisit this at another meeting prior to signing.

Don Anderson suggested that the Board to take a good close look at the history of the ambulance association, the building and talk with Bud McEntee.

-Citizens' Hall – repair status: Walls are finished and wood wainscot will be refinished. The floor could use refinishing and the ceiling needs some work and paint.

-Hazard Mitigation Grant update: FEMA reps were here today and we looked at Johnson's Corner. 75/25 federal funding/local match. **ACTION...TA Bingham** will contact DOT to see whether they might be able to help out re: Johnson's corner. It is a chronically flooding area and the feds are willing to offer up to \$375,000 for us to fix it. He will also submit the Pettingill Hill grant application again for 2012 because the funding for 2011 is on hold because of lack of funding. **TA Bingham** called Holden for another Hydraulic Study to follow up on the first one.

Old Business:

-Town Meeting Script reviewed

-Mike Kaelin will be bringing the equipment in tomorrow to set up.

ACTION...Town Administrator Bingham will contact DRA to confirm the wording of the Rose Farm article in case there is need for an amendment.

-Amending the number on the PD addition warrant: Increasing the number from 17,000 to 20,000 due to changes to the design. **Steve Brown:** Does it make sense to leave it and if we need the additional money, we can pull it from the General Fund. The Board of Selectmen agreed that the number will remain at \$17,000.

-Bridge Replacement/repair CRF: **TA Bingham will ACTION...contact** Burton Reynolds re: the Board's concern over making increases on the budget at this stage of the budgeting process. Possibly Burton would like to speak to it at Town Meeting. **Selectman Byam:** I support/understand the need for bridge repair but we've gone through the budget hearing and now we're talking about increasing bits and pieces which I don't like. The Budget Committee worked very hard on this budget. **Selectman Brown:** Good point. **Selectman Byam:** The school situation and the economy in general are going to put pressure on the tax rate. I'd rather leave the numbers as they are. The Board of Selectmen agreed to leave the number alone.

Citizens' Open Forum

Mike Decubellis was in attendance

Mike Decubellis: The Rose Farm Road article has no Planning Board or Board of Selectmen recommendation. Could the Moderator make a statement about the recommendations? **TA Bingham:** I'll check on that but recommendations are for appropriation articles. I'll check on that as well with DRA.

Mike Decubellis: Is it possible to get a letter to our reps and Senator from the Board asking for some financial support for the school?

Don Anderson: Time to tighten our belts and be really frugal. There is a difference between a need and a wish. Everyone I speak to is in favor of the CIP and it works well.

Lengthy conversation re: the school situation, Police Department addition and other budgeting issues with input from Donald Anderson and Mike Decubellis...

Mike Decubellis: We're back into March. The logger is back in French Road. The skidder is in there and the water is rocking through there. I want to make sure that the logger is going to shut down while it's all still frozen. No mitigation was required so he should be out before it thaws. He chose to go in during frozen time. The culvert that was filled in with rip rap has collapsed on the down slope side. Has anyone spoken with Dave Buxton and told him not to degrade, don't drag and get the heck out of there before its soft? **Kate Thorndike:** The answer is no. **Selectman Brown:** Can someone give them a call? **TA Bingham:** Absolutely. **ACTION...**I will also check with Road Agent Perry to see if he's had any communication with them. **Selectman Brown:** It's a good opportunity to open up dialogue and express our concern about the changing weather. Communication is important between all the parties.

There was a brief discussion on exactly whose responsibility it is to stay on top of and respond to these kinds of Class VI road issues...Road Agent, Town Forester, Board of Selectmen, etc???

Mike Decubellis: I would like to ask that he not back drag the road on his way out. **TA Bingham:** I'd be glad to tell him that.

Town Meeting budget questions will be directed to **TA Bingham** who will have the summary sheets.

Non-public Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) *Personnel*

Selectman Byam moved to go into a non-public session regarding reputation under the provisions of Non-public Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). **Selectman Sawin** seconded the motion, so moved.

VOTE: Selectmen Brown, Byam and Sawin voted in favor, and Selectman Brown declared the motion to have carried unanimously (3–0).

The Board then went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 8:30 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 8:45 p.m. Selectman Brown moved to seal the minutes for the just-completed nonpublic session. Selectman Byam seconded the motion.

Chairman Brown: The Board of Selectmen would like to make a statement on the investigations regarding Donnie Sawin in the role of part/time Lyndeborough Police Officer by outside agencies. These investigations have been completed and have come back unfounded. The Board of Selectmen is calling them closed.

Kate Thorndike was excused from the meeting at 8:50

Non-public Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) *Performance Evaluation*

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VOTE: Selectmen Brown, Byam and Sawin voted in favor, and Selectman Brown declared the motion to have carried unanimously (3–0).

The Board then went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 9:00. The Board returned to public session at 11:00 p.m.

III. ADJOURNMENT

All scheduled items having been addressed, Selectman Brown moved to adjourn; Selectman Sawin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Chairman Brown called for a verbal vote on the motion. All members voted in favor.

Chairman Brown then declared the meeting to be adjourned at 11:00 pm.

Date: March 9, 2011
Kate Thorndike, Recorder

Steven M. Brown, Chairman

Arnold A. Byam, III

Donald R. Sawin

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on March 30, 2011