

LYNDEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2014
FINAL

Members Present: Chairman Fred Douglas and Selectman Lee Mayhew

Staff Present: Interim TA Burton Reynolds and Administrative Assistant Cindi Hasty

Public Present:

Media Present: Jessie Salisbury

Recorder: Kathleen Humphreys, via audio clip #86
The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Approval of Minutes, Manifests, and Items for Signature:

The Board addressed all items that needed their signature.
The Board approved minutes from last meeting.

Appointments:

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Calcium Request

Mr. Reynolds informed the Board a resident reported dust control issues on Broman Way. The town no longer budgets for calcium. The Highway Department re-graded the road. The material Highway Department now uses on the road surface compacts better and holds the moisture better. This home sits on a very sunny section which may contribute to the problem.

Road Agent Kent Perry noted the complaint was filed eight hours after it was graded and before any rainfall. Broman Way is a dead end with five homes and low traffic. The resident has health issues and her home is in the middle of the road which is about a half a mile. It appears cars are using that road as a race track and the road agent is continually fixing deep ruts.

It was decided to send a letter explaining the Town has not provided calcium chloride for a number of years and it is not funded to do it at this time and hopefully with rain and travel it will improve.

Mr. Reynolds suggested keeping an eye on the dust levels on gravel roads. Selectman Douglas volunteered to drive on Broman Way occasionally and assess the dust levels. Resident are allowed to purchase their own calcium.

Center Road Cemetery Stone Walls

Kent Perry met with Steve Cullinan who did the rock bridge in Temple and rebuilds sensitive walls and bridges. The quote was \$1,000 to fix the damage to the cemetery wall. The Highway Department is willing to pay for half because their road work may have dislodged two stones

further down. The damage by the yellow house was done by the snowplow and will be paid for by the Cemetery Committee.

Road Agent Perry said this is not the first time the wall was damaged and last year the resident's plow pushed the rock wall over and the resident was informed last year not to allow it to happen again and to inform their plow driver not to push the snow across the street but the wall was damaged again this past winter. Chief Deware is investigating.

MOTION: Selectman Mayhew made a motion to have the rock wall fixed at Center Cemetery. Chairman Douglas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Snow Ordinance

When this is enacted the Highway Department would need to work closely with the police department. If they witness a violation they should make note of where and when it occurred, description and plate number of vehicle and try to identify the driver if possible and have all the facts.

The snow ordinance will be published in the Lyndeborough Views, the town website and local newspaper plus a public hearing. The last page of the ordinance will have dates of notices, hearings and who voted yay or nay and sent to town clerk then noticed in the paper the ordinance has been approved.

Tractor Sale

An early 1970s tractor was found years ago buried in a field. The owner had just passed away and his wife donated it to the town for a tax write-off. For very little money it was fixed and used few years. Since then, the Highway Department uses another tractor. This old tractor has been taking-up space in the shed and the department felt it is time to pass it on. It's a farmer's tractor and difficult to drive because of many levers and hydraulics but it's in drivable condition and has working brakes. Ms. Hasty has photos.

MOTION: Chairman Douglas made a motion to have Road Agent Perry contact either Walter Riendeau or Intervale Tractor to see if they could guide the town on the minimum value of the 1970s tractor which will be for sale. Selectman Mayhew seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There is no policy precluding a town employee from bidding on the tractor.

Paving

Paving on the NH Turnpike has been completed.

The Board discussed paving New Road by Bob Roger's old house, the green house on the triangle. The quote to pave the Turnpike and New Road was \$172,208. The total paving budget is \$158,000. There is \$20,000 from this year's block grant and there is \$115,000 in paving budge. \$23,000 was encumbered from last year's block grant. Mr. Reynolds questioned if there is \$14,000 in block grant money that can be moved or in the highway department's operating budget.

They reviewed the budget and time table of projects for roads and culverts to see if there are any extra funds.

Discussed professional bids for Mountain Road repairs and engineering assessment for French Road.

Mountain Road needs extensive drainage issues and will require DES involvement and engineering to capture the salt water going down that hill which can't go into the pond. Road Agent Perry feels these projects are critical.

The paving plan and priorities was discussed as well as obtaining professional bids for Mountain Road Repairs and engineering assessment for French Road plus school bus safety.

Add to next meeting agenda the topic of road engineering.

Mr. Reynolds suggested that when addressing "roads that are in horrible shape", not to neglect other roads too long that would then require grinding because maintenance went to long to do an overlay.

Three Class 6 roads on the north side of town are a concern. There are reports of harassment of people who use the Class 6 roads. Mr. Perry checked Nichols Road and found a tree was laid across it. Greenfield Road, a Class 6, has a "no parking" sign attached to a "no trespassing" sign which is also not correct. French Road is the other road.

Selectman Douglas said that the road agent has the authority to contact the owners and ask why there was a tree in the road and ask them to remove it. If he gets resistance, then the town administrator can get involved. The Board asked for an update after he contacts the home owners.

Mr. Reynolds suggested to have copies of RSA and pages from "A Hard Road to Travel" so Road Agent Perry has the information to back-up the laws.

The town is liable if they know there is a tree in the road. The town is not supposed to do maintenance on Class 6 roads.

Road Safety

Mr. Reynolds explained the homeowner on Center Road was sent another letter explaining the need to address the dangers intersection at Crooked S Road and Mountain Road. Now that leaves are out it is more challenging at that intersection. The letter explained the Town has been noticed as a town and if we don't do something both the Town and homeowner could be negligent.

Chairman Douglas recalls former road projects widened the corner so the original center of the road is in question. Past the driveway, the width of the road is what it was.

Double Yellow Lines

The cost for double yellow lines on the NH Turnpike will cost \$1,200.

Mr. Perry inquired if the town wants a single yellow line or double line on Center Road. The question was asked if a yellow solid is the same as a double solid. Chief Rance Deware said "yes". It was discussed if the state does a single or double yellow line in the state portion of Center Road.

MOTION: Chairman Douglas made a motion to put a double yellow line from Perham Corner to Johnson's Corner. Chairman Mayhew seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Line cost is .08 cents per feet plus travel cost. The Turnpike is 6,642 feet. The Highway Department will try to do both roads at the same time and has approximately \$3,200 to work with.

Selectman Mayhew inquired if Mr. Perry works over 40 hours in the summer months. It's was noted he works about 60 hours in the winter. He said if there is a summer storm occasionally may have to work over 40 hours. In the winter he does the same amount of extra hours as the other men because he also plows in the evening.

Community Forum

Jessie Salisbury commented that one day last week a Mr. Horn who lives in Greenfield visited the Milford Cabinet and talked to the editor about the town line.

He talked about Maier's Road. Stephanie Roper informed Mrs. Salisbury that last year she was on Gulf Road and there was hand-lettered sign that said "Original 1791 town line". She could not find it on the map so she was intrigued. Mr. Horn said this property belonged to Mr. Williams and said the original granite marker which marked the corner was pushed into the brook where it still can be seen and someone put a pin in Gulf Road marking the town corner. Originally Maier's Road was Gulf Road and went out across the bridge. Either Greenfield or Lyndeborough decided they didn't want to fix the bridge. Mr. Horn talked about court cases to settle where the line is and legislation and said the Board should do something. He believes the line has moved someplace else.

Roger Lee and Mr. Williams speaks with Ms. Hasty on a regular basic and believes his boundaries are currently incorrect. He believes the town of Greenfield allowed a builder to put in a development on Mr. Williams' land because the incorrect boundary was used. He was told the process was to put it in writing and submit it to the Board or make an appointment

There is documentation the court ordered the town to reinstitute the old boundary. This was in 179?. Mrs. Salisbury said since Lyndeborough is the older town they need to establish the town line.

Information Sign in the Center

Mrs. Salisbury and committee walk around the center and reviewed sign options with Wally Holt. It was suggested a double sided sign will be put on the left near the flag pole on the ledge. The wording was discussed. A small sign will be put on the ramp.

The Heritage Commission will go back to providing historic house signs and they will be made by the same company as previous signs. If the house is listed in the 1905 History book the town will provide one, otherwise it has to be proven. Residents can also purchase their own sign.

Discussed the well by the orchard in the Center which use to have a pump on it. It belongs to the town but the pump was stolen. Mr. Greg Porter is looking for a replacement.

Discussed painting the old flag pole in the Center Cemetery. It might be a good scout project.

Citizen Hall Basement Repair

Price in the quote is the correct price from Greg Porter.

VOTE: Selectman Mayhew moved to authorize Greg Porter to work on Citizens' Hall basement. Selectman Douglas seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Selectman Douglas will provide washers for the job.

Citizens' Hall Painting

1. Wetherbee Plumbing & Heating said the electrical conduit is not attached to the building with silicone and water is running into the building causing the problem.
2. A piece of siding missing and birds have built a nest inside the wall. The nest won't be moved until the birds have vacated.

The wall will be opened and looked at. It was discussed to leave the AC unit where it is until a new one is needed.

VOTE: Selectman Mayhew moved to approve Citizens' Hall painting proposal submitted by Matt Harwood as written, knowing there may be additional cost above and beyond this. Selectman Douglas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Police:

Chief Deware was made aware the proposal to repair the rock wall at Center Cemetery. If the police have clear evidence a resident damaged the wall, it's the Board's intention the resident would be responsible for payment.

Chief Deware spoke to the homeowner across from the cemetery. The owners were told that they are responsible for their contractor's work. According to Chief Deware, the wife said they hired one contractor to plow which is Greg Otto's company and Mr. Otto won't divulge the subcontractor. The Chief will follow-up with Selectman Byam who has photographs of the damage. It is believed that Mr. Otto and Road Agent Perry had a conversation with Bob Rogers from the Cemetery Trustees. Chairman Douglas asked Chief Deware to call Mr. Rogers and ask to document the conversation.

Chief Deware read the police report, which stated Mr. Otto agreed he would be repairing the stone wall and it was an accident and no criminal intent. Mr. Reynolds mentioned that Mr. Otto does not need to arrange to fix the wall, the town will have a professional do it and provide them with the bill.

Who has the authority to make the decision on traffic control? It's the BOS and not the Chief. Discussed the RSA.

BOS Goals:

-The Board will lead by example and set goals. Department heads will be expected to set goals for the following year.

-The Board discussed the learning process for the incoming Town Administrator.

-Salary step plan.

-Salary employees who work many hours over 40 hours per week.

-Have departments and committees review their costs to verify they are covering their expenses.

Adjournment:

All scheduled items having been addressed, the public meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Note: The Board of Selectmen have hired Russell Boland, Jr. as the new Town Administrator with the start date of July 7, 2014.

Date:

Kathleen Humphreys, Recorder

Fred Douglas
Chairman

Arnie Byam III

Lee Mayhew

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JULY 9, 2014