

LYNDEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2016
Final

Members Present: Selectman Fred Douglas and Selectman Mark Schultz.

Staff Present: Town Administrator Russ Boland

Public Present: Ron Curran **Media Present:** None

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 9/14/2016
- b. Payroll 9/14/16
- c. Letter of Appreciation – Walter Holland
- d. Letter of Accomplishment – Ian Holden
- e. Letter of Appreciation – Wilton-Lyndeborough Women’s Club
- f. Intent to Cut 226-016-000
- g. Certification of Timber Yield 15-279-07

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

Community Forum:

None

Old Town Business:

Mountain Road Update

It is anticipated the GMI estimate will be available on Sept. 19, 2016. The Mountain Road meeting will be posted for Monday, Sept. 19, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Center Hall. The Selectmen will review the two pavement bids at the meeting.

Mr. Curran was asked by the Board if he had comments on Mountain Road and he did not.

New Business:

2019 Budget and CIP Preparation Update

The budget is a work in progress. T/A Russ Boland met with some of the department heads about the budget. Most departments have predicted a slight increase. The Board should expect to have the budget proposal by mid-October for review then be forwarded to the Budget Committee by mid-November. Budget meetings are expected in December 2016 and January 2017.

Three town employees are at the top of their pay scale and it’s proposed they have a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). Others who pass should go through the same step program. The

entire program will be reviewed in the near future. Selectman Douglas has no problem with it as a baseline but maybe have a comment in the future. This is preliminary at this time.

In the 2016, there was \$304,000 in Warrants distributed to the CIP. This year it could be \$184,000 less which would help pay for the Mountain Road Bond of \$218,000.

It was discussed replacing trucks with new trucks and replacing heavy equipment with slightly used equipment as there can be drastic savings of equipment coming off a lease. Extending the life expectancy of vehicles in the CIP will be a discussion. It was noted that trade-in values of equipment is not reflected in the CIP.

The backhoe purchase was discussed. The new maintenance program will be beneficial. Selectman Douglas stated, "If you take care of your equipment, it will take care of you."

Town Administrator's Report

-The Mack Truck has been brought to State Line and is expected to be back by Oct. 15, 2016. They will honor the price discussed for the work discussed earlier in the year.

-A citizen had concerns about a recent letter of support for a political candidate in the Lyndeborough Views which is funded by taxpayer money. The newsletter was started as a nonpartisan neutral communication. The original warrant article language will be reviewed.

-PRIMEX reported that Lyndeborough is at the bottom third of claims for Worker's Compensation at 26%.

Selectman Douglas recommended the speed limit on Mountain Road be 30mph in some areas that have unusual contour and homes close to the road. Strategic locations for speed limit signs will be considered. Selectman Schultz felt "Strictly Enforced" signage was very effective on the Francestown Turnpike when he was chief in Mont Vernon.

New pavement, old speed limit!

Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3II (A&E) at 6:59pm. Personnel and legal.

VOTE: Selectman Schultz made a motion, Selectman Douglas seconded, to go into a Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3II (A&E) at 6:59pm. Motion passed 2-0.

Adjournment:

All scheduled items having been addressed, the public meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Kathleen Humphreys, Transcriber

Chairman Lee Mayhew

Selectman Mark Schultz

Selectman Fred Douglas

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2016