

**Town of Lyndeborough NH  
2008 Town Meeting Minutes Summary  
March 15, 2008**

Meeting was called to order at 10:10am by Moderator Walter Holland on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at Citizens Hall in Lyndeborough New Hampshire.

TOWN WARRANT LYNDEBOROUGH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

**To the Inhabitants of the Town of Lyndeborough, in the County of Hillsborough in said state qualified to vote in Town affairs; You are hereby notified to meet at Center Hall, 1131 Center Road in said Lyndeborough on Tuesday, the eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) day of March 2008 at eight of the clock in the forenoon until seven of the clock in the evening, for ballot Voting of Town Officers and all other matters requiring ballot vote; and, to meet at Citizens' Hall, 9 Citizens' Hall Road in said Lyndeborough, on Saturday, the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of March 2008 at ten of the clock in the morning, to act upon Articles 4 through 17:**

**1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.**

RESULTS: \*-Indicates elected

Selectman (3 years)	* <b>Steve M. Brown- 236</b> Paul A. Martin Jr.- 133
Moderator (2 years)	* <b>Walter Holland- 362</b>
Supervisor of the Checklist (6 years)	* <b>Edna Worcester- 343</b>
Budget Committee (3 years)	* <b>Karen Grybko- 295</b> * <b>William J. Ball- 282</b> * <b>Kevin Boette- 277</b>
Budget Committee (2 year)	* <b>Arnold Byam III- 335</b>
Library Trustees (3 years)	* <b>Ann Harkleroad- 344</b>
Cemetery Trustee (3 years)	* <b>Virginia Chrisenton- 284</b> Sharon Boisvert- 84
Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years)	* <b>Steven Brooks- 164</b> Richard Herfurth- 137 Barbara Boisvert- 61
Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 years)	* <b>Thomas Chrisenton- 260</b> * <b>Steven Brooks- 237</b> Laurent Boisvert II - 75

All those elected were sworn in as the last order of business of the day.

**Article 2.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: amend the floodplain ordinance as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program? A complete copy of this proposed ordinance is available at the Town Clerk's office and is posted at Citizens' Hall and at the Lyndeborough Post Office. (Majority vote required).

RESULTS:                    \*YES: 181                    NO: 67                    Article Passes

**Article 3.** Are you in favor of the adoption of the Non-residential Business Sign Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? (This ordinance is recommended by the Planning Board and will require reasonable uniformity in the size, treatment and presentations of signs used to call attention to the existence of a business activity, product or service). A complete copy of this proposed ordinance is available at the Town Clerk's office and is posted at Citizens' Hall and at the Lyndeborough Post Office. (Majority vote required).

RESULTS:                    \*YES: 230                    NO: 125                    Article Passes

**Article 4.** To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million four hundred twenty-nine thousand five hundred forty dollars (\$1,429,540), representing the operating budget for fiscal year 2008 as prepared by the Budget Committee. Said sum is exclusive of all special or individual articles addressed; or take any other action relating thereto. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Motion made by Steve Brown and seconded by Lorraine Strube to accept article as written. Burton Reynolds spoke on the budget and gave a brief overview. On a voice vote the **Article Passed**

**Article 5.** To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Replacement of the 1984 Tanker Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any action relating thereto. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Motion made by Andy Roeper and seconded by Steve Brown to accept article as written. On a voice vote **Article Passed.**

**Article 6.** To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) to be added to the Replacement of the 1994 Fire Department Pumper Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any other action relating thereto. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Motion made by Lorraine Strube and seconded by Andy Roeper to accept article as written. On a voice vote **Article Passed.**

**Article 7.** To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) to be added to the Replacement of the 2002 Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any other action relating

**thereto. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).**

Motion made by Steve Brown and seconded by Lorraine Strube to accept article as written. On a voice vote **Article Passed.**

**Article 8. To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) to be added to the Replacement of Police Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any other action relating thereto. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).**

Motion made by Steve Brown and seconded by Andy Roeper to accept article as written. On a voice vote **Article Passed.**

**Article 9. To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000) to purchase a new dump truck and authorize the withdrawal of one hundred twenty-six thousand dollars (\$126,000) from the Replacement of the 1989 Mack Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) is to come from general taxation. And, to discontinue the Replacement of the 1989 Mack Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund with any remaining balance being returned to the General Fund; or take any other action relating thereto. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).**

Motion made by Andy Roeper and seconded by Lorraine Strube to accept article as written. Motion made and seconded to get rid of the truck being replaced. Voice vote on amendment to sell the 1989 Mack truck does not pass. On a voice vote **Article Passed.**

**Article 10. To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Replacement of the Highway one-ton Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any other action relating thereto. The Selectmen and Budget Committee support this appropriation. (Majority vote required)**

Motion made by Lorraine Strube and seconded by Steve Brown to accept article as written. On a voice vote **Article Passed**

**Article 11. To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-one thousand two hundred dollars (\$81,200) to purchase a new backhoe and authorize the withdrawal of eighty-one thousand two hundred dollars (\$81,200) from the Replacement of the 2001 Backhoe/Loader Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose; or take any other action relating thereto. The Selectmen and Budget Committee support this appropriation. (Majority vote required).**

Motion made by Andy Roeper and seconded by Steve Brown to accept article as written. This would be a second backhoe not a replacement for the old backhoe. On a voice vote **Article Passed.**

**Article 12. To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred thirty thousand eight hundred dollars (\$930,800) for the replacement of the Gulf Road bridge and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred forty-six thousand dollars (\$146,000) from the Gulf Road Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. Seven hundred forty-four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$744,800), (80% of the cost of this project) is to come from The State of New Hampshire Bridge Aid Program and the**

**balance of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) is to come from general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the bridge is completed or by December 31, 2010, whichever is sooner; or take any other action relating thereto. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).**  
Motion made by Steve Brown and seconded by Lorraine Strube to accept article as written. On a voice vote **Article Passed.**

**Article 13. To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the Replacement of the 1997 Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any other action relating thereto. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).**  
Motion made by Lorraine Strube and seconded by Steve Brown to accept article as written. On a voice vote **Article Passed.**

**Article 14. To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) to rehabilitate sections of Mountain Road; or take any other action relating thereto. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).**  
Motion made by Andy Roeper and seconded by Steve Brown to accept article as written. On a voice vote **Article Passed.**

**Article 15. To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor: Resolved: We the citizens of Lyndeborough, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge," have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes. (By Petition) (Majority vote required).**

Motion made by Andy Roeper and seconded by Lorraine Strube to accept article as written.  
Marge Hallyburton moved to Table, Seconded by audience member. The Moderator stated that it takes a two thirds majority to table this without discussion, without a vote on it, at this time we have a motion and a second, I would like to take a show of hands, those in favor of laying this Article on the table, signify by raising your hand at this time. Raise your yellow cards please. All those who do not wish to table this and would like to continue the discussion on this Article, please raise your cards at this time. Results of vote, Yes is 36, No is 17. Needed 35 to pass, so question is tabled for another time. **Article 15 is tabled.**

**Article 16. To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept the reports of auditors and committees as printed in the Town Report; or take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required).**  
Motion made by Lorraine Strube and seconded by Steve Brown to accept article as written. On a voice vote **Article Passed.**

**Article 17. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.**

**Moderator:** I would like to hear about the Police Study Committee.

**Burton Reynolds:** The Police Study Committee is made up of five members, Kevin Boette, Phil Brooks, Sean Magoon, Paul Martin and myself. The Selectmen presented us with a charge, I will

read the purpose, to serve as an advisory committee to the Board of Selectmen, to review the organizational needs of the Police Department and recommend a structure that will best facilitate the department meeting the needs of the Town. Time frame, a preliminary report should be presented to the Board of Selectmen no later than March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008 so the Board may report to the 2008 Town Meeting, final report should be submitted to the Board of Selectmen no later than June 17<sup>th</sup> 2008. We didn't submit a report to the Selectmen but we are here today to report. Structure of the Committee, the Committee shall elect a chair and keep minutes, which we have done, I am the chair. The report should include but not necessarily be limited to, evaluate the organizational needs of the Police Department, evaluate possible organizational structures to meet the needs, evaluate the possible combination of the Police Department with other Towns, compare estimated costs of variable plans, recommend possible solutions. The Committee has developed a Mission Statement and this is it: The Police Study Committee was formed by the Selectmen because of a request from a citizen at the Special Town Meeting on 29 December 2007. The Selectmen have asked that the Police Study Committee evaluate different configurations and costs for the Lyndeborough Police Department. The Police Study Committee is looking to the future and what the Town wants and needs. The Police Study Committee will be soliciting information from the public during voting on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and Town Meeting, Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and another date to be determined. Once the Police Study Committee gathers the data and completes it's report, they will present it to the Selectmen. The Selectmen will take this report along with the report from Municipal Resources who is looking at this from a law enforcement angle and make a decision based on what the Town can afford and what the Citizens of Lyndeborough want from their Police Department. The initial focus of the Committee was to develop a questionnaire, green questionnaire is down front here at the table, if you haven't picked one up please do so, we desperately want to have your input and your opinions. So the first focus of the Committee was to design and determine what these questions would be. We see ourselves as listing a range of possible options and providing the pros and cons to those and we are going to do so by obtaining input from you, the public, and meeting with a wide range of officials in and out of policing to get their ideas and recommendations. In other words, we are going to be the research team. You and your elected officials, the Board of Selectmen will take our report and then determine from the choices we have listed what you think the best options are to move forward. So that is our update.

Ann Harkleroad asked what is the current status of the Police Department? Steve Brown stated that we have two full-time and a number of part-time officers that are providing coverage to the Town. We have initiated a search for an Administrator to provide administrative oversight to the Department. We have not made any decision with respect to that yet. Obviously we want to have something in place, at the same time this is not something that we want to rush into, so we are taking measured steps as we move along. It is our expectation or hope, that by the time we get the report from the Police Study Committee that we will have the report from MRI, we will have some dialogue from the Town at which point we will put in what I will call the permanent structure and in the meantime we are operating. I will say from an Administrative capacity we have an Officer in Charge right now. There is some, there will probably be some time that will elapse between now and when we will have quote unquote, now we are calling it the interim interim, but when we have the individual that will carry us from say now until when the decision is made as to what the permanent structure is going to be. So that is probably going to be, I am guessing, three, four, five months, maybe a bit longer. We have one of the Officers right now doing some of that Administrative duty, that may or may not change in the near future, unknown, we are still taking a look at what our options are for getting Administrators in until such time as the Town makes a decision on how we want to run this in a more permanent fashion. Question asked as to status of

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Mutual Aid from surrounding Towns. Steve Brown replied that we have Mutual Aid from all but Milford.

Mike Kaelin asked to bring forward a motion to bring Article 15 back from the Table for a serious debate; it was seconded by Bill Ball. The Yes Vote in favor of removing it from the table was 21; the No Vote to leave it on the table was 38; it is not removed from the Table.

Ellen Pomer spoke about the Kitchen renovation at the Town Hall and asked when the windows will be done. Andy Roeper said they should be done within 4 weeks.

The Moderator asked all newly elected Officers to please come forward to be sworn in. A Motion and second was made to Adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:31pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia H. Schultz  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector