

# LYNDEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2021

*Final*

### I. Call to Order:

Chairman Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### II. Introduction of Members Present:

Chairman Douglas  
Selectman Chamberlain  
Selectman Howe

Town Administrator Russ Boland

**Public Present:** Senator Ricciardi, TC/TC Schultz, Lisa Post, Charlie Post, Lez Ebert, Leo Trudeau, Art Napolitano, Fire Chief Smith, Jessie Salisbury

### III. Appointments:

**6:05 pm.** Chairman Douglas recognized State Senator Denise Ricciardi to address the Board. Senator Ricciardi updated the Board on the legislative session thus far, reviewing a bill she introduced that became law, which will result in an increase of revenue to towns to help lower property taxes. The law will require the State to send at least 30 percent of the meals and rooms tax revenue back to the towns, this will result in an increase of \$65,000 to Lyndeborough over the next two years. Senator Ricciardi reviewed SB-99 which will result in the Wilton Lyndeborough School District receiving an additional \$1.43 million dollars in State revenue over the next two years. Senator Ricciardi closed her opening remarks by advising the Board that in addition to bringing more State aid to the cities and towns the current State budget now has over \$158 million dollars in the rainy-day fund.

Chairman Douglas asked Senator Ricciardi if she could provide information to the Board regarding efforts to expand broadband. Senator Ricciardi advised she has been very involved in the expansion of Broadband and suggested the town use the mapping and the information received through the town's request for information from TDS and Consolidated to form a Broadband Committee. Senator Ricciardi also felt working closely with the surrounding towns is very important. Senator Ricciardi suggested the town contact Selectperson Carole Monroe of Dublin NH as she has been very involved with bringing broadband to Dublin, contact information was given to TA Boland. Senator Ricciardi stated if she could be of any help moving the broadband question forward to please contact her.

Selectman Howe asked Senator Ricciardi if the State Lottery is still providing funding to local education. Senator Ricciardi stated that the program for funding

from the State Lottery to local education is continuing. Selectman Chamberlain asked about the Highway Block Grant and what future funding will look like. Senator Ricciardi asked for additional information and Selectman Chamberlain stated he would email the Senator the letter received from the State outlining 2021 and 2022 funding predictions.

Chairman Douglas asked Senator Ricciardi what her position is on the death penalty, particularly regarding capital murder and specifically regarding the murder of Manchester Police Officer Michael Briggs. Senator Ricciardi stated she is a strong supporter of police officers but would need more time to study the case as she is not familiar enough to have an opinion at this time. Chairman Douglas asked the Senator to realize Police Officers put their lives on the line every day to protect the public and there needs to be strong consequences for murdering Police Officers, the Senator agreed. Chairman Douglas asked the Senator what her position is on illegal immigration. The Senator finds illegal immigration appalling and believes more needs to be done to find a solution.

Senator Ricciardi closed her remarks by advising the Board the week of October 13<sup>th</sup> she is able to introduce new legislation and asked the Board to contact her if they have any ideas for legislation. The entire Board thanked the Senator for taking the time to come to the meeting to provide an update on legislative activity.

**6:30 pm.** Appointment at the request of Piotr and Sarah Chadzynski to discuss their property taxes.

**Vote: Motion by Selectman Howe seconded by Selectman Chamberlain to enter non-public session at 6:30 pm under NH RSA 91-A:3 (c) Roll Call Vote: Selectman Howe Yes, Selectman Chamberlain Yes, Chairman Douglas Yes.**

**Vote: Motion by Selectman Chamberlain seconded by Selectman Howe to reenter public session at 6:38 pm. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Chamberlain Yes, Selectman Howe Yes, Chairman Douglas Yes.**

**Vote: Motion by Selectman Chamberlain seconded by Selectman Howe to enter non-public session at 6:38 pm under NH RSA 91-A:3 (c) Roll Call Vote: Selectman Chamberlain Yes, Selectman Howe Yes, Chairman Douglas Yes.**

**Vote: Motion by Selectman Chamberlain seconded by Selectman Howe to reenter public session at 7:06 pm. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Chamberlain Yes, Selectman Howe Yes, Chairman Douglas Yes.**

**Vote: Motion by Selectman Chamberlain seconded by Selectman Howe to enter non-public session at 7:06 pm under NH RSA 91-A:3 (b) Roll Call Vote: Selectman Chamberlain Yes, Selectman Howe Yes, Chairman Douglas Yes.**

**Vote: Motion by Selectman Howe seconded by Selectman Chamberlain to reenter public session at 7:40 pm. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Chamberlain Yes, Selectman Howe Yes, Chairman Douglas Yes.**

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

Jessie Salisbury reported the production of the fourth-grade history project is almost complete. Jessie has listened to a small sample of the project and it appears to be well done. The project includes pictures of historically significant locations throughout town.

**VII. Decision Making Actions:**

**a. Old/Tabled Business:**

**Class VI Road Policy Discussion:**

The Board had a general discussion about the completion of the required edits and the inclusion of a check list. The Board will have any required edits to T/A Boland by Friday August 20, 2021, for draft distribution to the Selectmen and Planning Board in preparation of a joint workshop in early September.

**Proposed Move of Wilton Ambulance Department to the Wilton Fire Department Building Discussion:**

The Board reviewed the invitation from the Wilton Selectboard to attend their meeting on Monday August 16, 2021, to discuss the possible move of the Wilton Ambulance to the Wilton Fire Department Building. The Board continues to have questions about how this move will affect response times and the cost of the move. Meeting in person with the Wilton Selectboard is believed to be a good way to find answers to the Board's concerns. T/A Boland was instructed to let Wilton know Selectman Chamberlain, Selectman Howe, T/A Boland and Fire Chief Smith will attend, Chairman Douglas will not be able to attend due to a previous commitment.

**Lower Purgatory Falls Update:**

T/A Boland advised the Board sometime during the weekend of August 7, 2021, a group of people left a large amount of trash in the parking lot and along the trail leading to the Lower Falls. Road Agent Chase has supplied pictures of the trash that was left both in the parking lot and along the trail. Chairman Douglas finds the entire situation disgusting and uncalled for, the entire Board agreed. Lisa Post asked if requiring people pay to park might be a solution. After a general discussion it was agreed the cost of enforcement would outweigh any benefits. The Board will continue to explore options such as; enacting a resident only access ordinance, additional enforcement of the no parking on the public street and possibly closing

the location again, although this would be the last option used to attempt to correct the problem.

**b. New Business:**

**Opening of the Assessing Services Requests for Proposals for 2022 – 2025:**

T/A Boland presented the Board with the two proposals received. The Board feels strongly they want as many proposals as possible and extending the deadline might result in additional proposals being submitted.

**Vote: Motion by Selectmen Chamberlain seconded by Selectman Howe to extend the deadline to receive proposals for the assessing contract for 2022-2025 until 12:00 pm on August 23, 2021, with the opening of the proposals received to occur at the Selectmen's meeting on August 25, 2021. Passed 3-0**

**c. Items not on Agenda:**

**V. Town Administrator Report:**

T/A Boland reminded the Board Community Day is this coming Saturday August 14, 2021, at Center Hall

T/A Boland advised the Board the required quarterly reporting for the DERA grant received for the new tanker is being done by Fire Chief Smith. T/A Boland wanted the Board to be aware that Chief Smith has been diligent in meeting all the requirements of the grant.

T/A Boland advised the Board staff continues to work on improving the process for issuing the Land Use Change Tax bills in a timely manner.

T/A Boland advised the Board the air quality testing conducted at Citizens Hall came back within normal limits. Continued work is being done to properly resolve the floor tiles located in the Town Clerk's closet and the Information Technology closet, which came back positive for asbestos. The Board instructed T/A Boland any work needed to resolve the floor tile concern shall take place when the building is closed and will be performed by a qualified vendor.

**VI. Selectmen's Report:**

**a. MACC Base Action & Agenda**

No Report

**b. Transportation Committee**

Selectman Chamberlain advised the Board the last meeting he attended discussed the State Highway System Project updates and the Ten-Year Road improvement Program.

**c. Planning Board**

Selectman Chamberlain provided an overview of the Planning Board activity. The next meeting is Thursday August 26, 2021.

**d. Heritage Commission**

Selectman Chamberlain advised the Board the next meeting is in two weeks at which time they will be discussing the sign welcoming visitors to Lyndeborough.

**e. Conservation Commission:**

Selectman Chamberlain reported the next meeting is tomorrow night. The topic will include wetlands buffers and a mission statement.

**VII. Consent Agenda:**

**Vote: Motion by Selectman Howe seconded by Selectman Chamberlain to accept the Consent Agenda for August 11, 2021. Passed 3-0**

**VIII. Information Items Requiring No Discussion:**

The Board asked if there have been additional water test results from Goss Park. Code Enforcement officer Trudeau advised the Board no recent tests have been received from Wilton.

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

**VOTE: Selectman Howe moved, Selectman Chamberlain seconded to enter a Non-Public Session at 8:37 p.m. under RSA 91-A:3 (a & c). Roll call: Chairman Douglas, yes; Selectman Chamberlain, yes; Selectmen Howe, yes Motion passed 3-0.**

**VOTE: Selectman Howe moved, Selectman Chamberlain seconded to rejoin the public session at 8:55 p.m. Roll call: Chairman Douglas, yes; Selectman Chamberlain, yes; Selectman Howe, yes. Motion passed 3-0.**

Chairman Douglas directed T/A Boland to contact the Cemetery Trustees to follow up on getting the flags located in the cemeteries illuminated at night.

**X. Adjournment:**

**VOTE: Selectman Chamberlain moved, seconded by Selectman Howe to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Motion passed 3-0.**

All scheduled items having been addressed, the public meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Next regular meeting: August 25, 2021 at Citizens' Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Russ Boland, Transcriber

Chairman Fred Douglas \_\_\_\_\_

Selectman Mark Chamberlain \_\_\_\_\_

Selectman Robert Howe \_\_\_\_\_

August 11, 2021 Consent Agenda		
Item #	Item Title	Approved
1	AP Warrants – August 3 & August 10, 2021	
2	Payroll Warrant – July 26 through August 8, 2021	
3	VALIC ACH Payroll Warrant -- July 26 through August 8, 2021	
4	Board of Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2021	
5	Board of Selectmen's Non-Public Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2021	