

LYNDEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
February 26, 2020
Final

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Introduction of Members Present:

Chairman Mark Chamberlain, Selectman Fred Douglas and Selectman Richard McQuade
Town Administrator Russ Boland and Recorder Kathleen Humphreys

Public Present: Susan Patterson, DAR; Karen Blood, DAR; Art Neapolitan; Mark Schultz; Walter Holland; Richard Herfurth, Burton Reynolds, and Paul Branscombe

Media Present: Jessie Salisbury

III. Appointments:

6:05pm: Susan Patterson and Karen Blood: Vietnam Veteran Welcome Home Day

Karen Blood and Susan Patterson from the Daughters of the American Revolution were present to discuss Vietnam Veteran Welcome Home Day and a proclamation for Lyndeborough to recognize the day.

Mark Schultz read the proclamation. Mr. Schultz is a Vietnam Veteran, former Lyndeborough Selectman, and a former police chief.

Ms. Blood had good news to report. Since she met with the Selectmen at their last meeting, she acquired a second flag for Lyndeborough. The Town can now display the 50th Anniversary Commemorative flag in both Lyndeborough Center and the Village.

Ms. Blood presented pins and shook the hands of Vietnam Veterans in attendance: Richard Herfurth, Walter Holland and Mark Schultz, to officially welcome them home.

Walter Holland asked if there is a list available of the Lyndeborough residents who served in Vietnam.

The Selectmen signed the proclamation. They will hold an observance on Sunday, March 29, 2020 starting at 5:00 p.m. in the Village to read the proclamation and raise the commemorative flag. After, guests will proceed to Lyndeborough Center to again read the proclamation, raise another commemorative flag, then the Lafayette Artillery Company will fire their Civil War era cannon. Refreshments will be served in Center Hall following the observance. The DAR will publicize the event and they offered to help with refreshments.

6:25 p.m. Appointment: Town Meeting/Town Election Discussion
Scheduling Selectmen for the 2020 Town Vote
2020 Town Meeting Script

Town Moderator Walter Holland and Budget Committee Chairman Burton Reynolds were present.

Town Election is Tuesday, March 10, 2020 and Town Meeting is Saturday, March 14, 2020.

The group discussed the amendment to articles 14 and 8 and discussed the script. Walter Holland will start setting for the Election next week. Jessie Salisbury said the Monument Committee will provide food at Town Meeting.

Selectmen McQuade and Selectman Douglas will communicate to determine who will be available to cover the morning and afternoon schedule. Chairman Chamberlain will cover the evening shift.

Jessie Salisbury asked if the Selectmen could announce during Town Meeting that this is the 285th Anniversary of the granting to Salem Canada in Lyndeborough.

Burton Reynolds asked if there is a piece of the Operating Budget or a Warrant Article that the Selectmen would like him to highlight. Chairman Chamberlain suggested mentioning the street light budget, which is going down because of the Street Lightening Committee's efforts. Mr. Reynolds realized that this was a small thing but he felt it was so well done and it was positive. He commented that lights are in the correct places now and not in the places that worked in the 1940s and 1950s.

T/A Boland added the streets light amounted to a 75% reduction on the street lighting budget. The Town paid \$153 per fixture. They will earn a \$100 rebate from Eversource. The Town is considering selling the old light fixtures at Community Day.

IX. Community Forum and Public Comment:

Jessie Salisbury reported that per research conducted by Ginny Chrisenton that some of the cemetery signs need updating. The cemetery on Rt. 31 should be called Forest Road Cemetery, not West Cemetery, while West Cemetery is the proper name of the Dolliver Cemetery. New regulations were discussed with Road Agent Mark Chase regarding installing signs at cemeteries. Signs should be hung on the gate or the gatepost. Unfortunately, Dr. Lorenzo Bartlett's grave on Crooked S Road does not have a gate. Signage will be discussed at an upcoming Heritage Commission meeting.

The Historical Society received a newspaper clipping dated 1946 from the Greenfield Historical Society. The article said John Dolliver of Lyndeborough is a descendant of the town's earliest settlers. The article shows a photo of Mr. Dolliver in the woods looking at a tombstone. Ginny Chrisenton said the graves on their property are not the one in the photo. They concluded there is a missing grave. Grace Dolliver was the last family survivor. Mrs. Salisbury presented the article to Russ Boland for the Town records.

Jessie Salisbury mentioned there was a farm that belonged to the Beasom family, which had two graves on this property in the woods.

The Mont Vernon Conservation Commission (MVCC) informed the Souhegan Land Trust that a foot bridge in the Upper Falls was damaged in a storm. They are looking to replace the bridge. It is above the brook so DES does not need to be involved.

Selectman McQuade recommended the Fire Department be alerted the bridge is damaged, especially in case there is an emergency out there. It was further discussed that the police and fire departments should be aware of woods routes around the Purgatory Falls. According to Mrs. Salisbury, Greg Porter and Joel Salisbury are agreeable to emergency routes on their land.

IV. Decision Making Actions:

Old/Tabled Business:

The Town Report has been sent to printer with the edits. Copies should be available, ahead of schedule.

Selectman Douglas would like the Board to review edits electronically before printing updates for a reduction in the amount of paper used and staff time. He noted there were 13 updates on the Warrant Articles alone. He recommended highlighting changes in a different color to make it easier to spot the changes.

Selectman Douglas inquired about the location of the grave on Forest Road. Jessie Salisbury said they are doing research. She did mention there are two or three graves on the Chrisenton property and two to three graves on Doc Hager's property off Pinnacle Road. Both are listed in the Town Report.

b. New Business:

None

c. Items not on Agenda:

Nothing to discuss

V. Town Administrator Report

The Highway Department would like to sell the Fifth Wheel Trailer for scrap value. The trailer is taking up room in the yard and is no longer needed.

VOTE: Selectman Douglas moved, Selectman McQuade seconded that in conjunction with the Town Administrator, to allow the Road Agent to rid the town of the Fifth Wheel Storage Flatbed Trailer as he sees fit. Motion passed 3-0.

Road Agent Mark Chase would like to post the road weight limit effective March 6.

VOTE: Selectman Douglas moved, Selectman McQuade seconded to authorize the Road Agent to post the roads weight limit on March 6, 2020 until such time he feels it should be removed. Motion passed 3-0.

VI. Selectmen's Report

a. MACC Base Action & Agenda

T/A Boland attended a meeting on Monday. Milford has a few Warrant Articles that will determine the longevity of MACC Base. Selectman Douglas mentioned that Milford did budget for the repeaters to go in all the cruisers.

b. Transportation Committee

Nothing to discuss.

c. Planning Board

At the February meeting, the Planning Board signed the resolution to remove the “Wood-Lot Only”, Note #4 restriction from John Dick property. The new owner, Rick Duplease, already contacted the Planning Board Secretary regarding scheduling test pits.

A builder from Nashua, Mr. Danis, is considering purchasing an Industrial Zoned property on Forest Road/Rt. 31, Map 228, Lot 15. The property has ZBA approval for a gas station use approved in 2009. This property is known as the former Quilty property. New DES restrictions for wells would be a concern for a gas station. Mr. Danis wanted to subdivide but the lot is under 4.2 acres and soil based zoning precludes that. He is considering building office space that businesses could lease.

On another note, Selectman Douglas wanted to make sure that Mr. Kling, who is the owner of a small parcel on Mountain Road, has been made aware to sign documents that the Town is not responsible for well contamination if he builds on this lot. The well would be less than 75 feet from the road. Selectman Douglas would like building approval to be contingent on signing the appropriate documents.

d. Heritage Commission

They will meet on Friday.

e. Safety Complex

No items to discuss.

Consent Agenda:

Table until end of the meeting.

VII. Information Items Requiring No Discussion

Chairman Chamberlain had a few questions on the accounts payable. He noticed the Fire Department’s electric bill is higher than the Highway Department. T/A Boland replied that the fire station is a damp building and two dehumidifiers are running almost constantly. He also questioned the 2019 bill from Granite State Concrete. It was a late bill that will be paid out of 2020 and the auditors will do a journal note. T/A Boland will look into a bill from Attorney Drescher regarding Emory Holt Road consultation.

Selectman Douglas alerted the Board that the coyote issue has resurfaced. Some local Conservation Commissions support a proposal not to hunt or trap during a specific time. He wanted to ensure that the Lyndeborough Conservation Commission recalls they should not endorse any bills without consulting with the Selectmen first. At this time, they are not listed on the proposal. Selectman Douglas will provide a contact number to T/A Boland for follow-up.

VIII. Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II (a, b & c)

VOTE: Selectman McQuade moved, Selectman Douglas seconded to enter into a Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II (a, b & c) at 7:08 p.m. Motion passed 3-0.

VOTE: Selectman McQuade moved, Selectman Douglas seconded to exit the Non-Public Session at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed 3-0.

Once back in public session the Selectmen announced they appointed Donald Cole, Assistant Fire Chief; Kevin Berkebile, Deputy Fire Chief; Mickey Leavitt, Rescue Chief; and Mark Chase, Lieutenant.

Additionally, the Selectmen appointed Officer David Myer as a part-time Police Officer with a six-month probationary period and a requirement to complete the department's field training program.

VOTE: Selectman McQuade moved, Selectman Douglas accept the Consent Agendas of both February 12, 2020 and February 26, 2020 with the exception of item #2 on the February 26, 2020 Consent Agenda, payroll, pending clarification. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjournment:

VOTE: Selectman McQuade moved, Selectman Douglas seconded to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion passed 3-0.

All scheduled items having been addressed, the public meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next regular meeting: March 11, 2020 at Citizens' Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Kathleen Humphreys, Transcriber

Chairman Mark Chamberlain_____

Selectman Fred Douglas_____

Selectman Richard McQuade_____

See below for Consent Agendas.

February 26, 2020 Consent Agenda

Item #	Item Title	Item Date	Approved
1	AP Warrants –February 18 & 25, 2020	2/26/2020	Yes
2	Payroll Warrant – February 10 through February 23, 2020	2/26/2020	No
3	Execution of ‘Welcome Home Vietnam Vet Proclamation’	2/26/2020	Yes
4	Request for Approval of Roeper 2019 Property Tax Abatement (Map-Lot 219-002-000)	2/26/2020	Yes
5	Board of Selectmen’s Public Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2020	2/26/2020	Yes
6	Board of Selectmen’s Non Public Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2020	2/26/2020	Yes

*February 12, 2020 Consent Agenda

Item #	Item Title	Item Date	Approved
1	AP Warrants –February 4 & 11, 2020	2/12/2020	Yes
2	Payroll Warrant – January 27 through February 9, 2020	2/12/2020	Yes
3	Request to Execute 2020 Town Warrant	2/12/2020	Yes
4	Board of Selectmen’s Public Meeting Minutes – January 29, 2020	2/12/2020	Yes
5	Board of Selectmen’s Non Public Meeting Minutes – January 29, 2020	2/12/2020	Yes

*** Resubmitted items were tabled from the February 12, 2020, Board of Selectmen’s meeting**