

# LYNDEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## Special MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2023

*Final*

### I. **Call to Order:**

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

### II. **Introduction of Members Present:**

Chairman Mark Chamberlain, Selectman Fred Douglas, and Selectman Robert Howe  
Town Administrator Russ Boland

**Public & Media Present:** Robert Silva, Shannon Silva, Nick St Germain, Jennifer Beck, Janice Pack, Georgie Mogavero, Sara Kenny, Peter Howd, Nicole Andrews, Donnie Cole, Jeff Stone, Bill Crouse and Kermit Williams

### III. **Appointments:**

#### **6:05 p.m.: Goss Park Board of Directors re: E. Coli in Stoney Brook**

Chairman Chamberlain thanked all the people in attendance for coming to the meeting to discuss the E. Coli situation. Chairman Chamberlain advised Lyndeborough has been testing runoff from the Putnam Hill Road area due to a concern with a septic system and until last week the tests were within acceptable limits or the area had been dry and no sample was able to be obtained. Last week an elevated level of E. Coli was detected on June 29, 2023, and Wilton was notified on the morning of June 30, 2023.

Chairman Chamberlain recognized Goss Park Board of Director Georgie Mogavero to address the Board and audience. Georgie Mogavero provided a brief history of Goss Park and the programs offered at the park along with how the elevated levels of E. Coli have affected their operation. Currently, 136 children are signed up for swim lessons that will have to be either canceled or postponed. Additionally, Goss Park is fed by Stoney Brook with the park having the ability to open and close a gate to control water in the swimming area.

Chairman Chamberlain recognized Goss Park Board of Director Shannon Silva who went over the testing for E. Coli at Goss Park which has shown elevated levels. Shannon Silva went over the request for cooperation by all involved. Chairman Chamberlain and Selectman Howe and Douglas stated they agree with monitoring the water in Goss Park as the results are important to the health of all the participants.

Chairman Chamberlain recognized Jennifer Beck (of Wilton Economic Development Leadership Team), who asked if the failed septic system Lyndeborough is working to correct is contributing to the problem. The Board advised all testing prior to June 29, 2023, has been within acceptable limits, so at this point, although the septic system in question is in failure, we do not know if there is any contribution to the problem by the failed system. Ms. Beck stated if she can help in any way she is willing to do so.

Chairman Chamberlain recognized Wilton Selectman Williams. Kermit Williams asked if DNA testing has been conducted on the samples. T/A Boland advised DNA testing has

not taken place; just a normal E. Coli testing. Selectman Williams stated conducting DNA testing may assist in determining if the source is human or another source. Selectman Williams and other attendees did agree DNA testing is costly and complicated.

Chairman Chamberlain, Selectman Douglas and Selectman Howe reviewed the history of testing conducted by Lyndeborough and reinforced the commitment Lyndeborough has to the safety of our water resources.

Chairman Chamberlain recognized Peter Dowd (of Wilton). Mr. Dowd stated the recent rainfall possibly is a contributing factor in the increased levels of E. Coli. The highest levels of E. Coli occur 24 hours after a rain event. Mr. Dowd also stated he is willing to help in any way he can. Mr. Dowd and those in attendance reviewed the concept of DNA testing with Mr. Dowd stating he believes the cost of the testing can run between five and six hundred dollars per test.

T/A Boland stated he had a conversation this afternoon Erin Holmes of NHDES and was advised during this conversation it appears all involved are performing in the manner required.

There was a general discussion between the Board and the audience regarding possibly treating the water in Goss Park. At the completion of the conversation it was determined this is probably not an option at this point.

There was a general discussion regarding testing being performed by Lyndeborough, Wilton and Goss Park and it was agreed upon Lyndeborough, Goss Park and Wilton will cooperate and share test results.

**IV. Community Forum and Public Comment: None**

**V. Decision Making Actions:**

- a. Old/Tabled Business: None**
- b. New Business: None**
- c. Items not on Agenda: None**

**VI. Town Administrator Report: None**

**VII. Selectmen's Reports: None**

**VIII. Consent Agenda: No Consent Agenda Presented at This Meeting**

**IX. Information Items Requiring No Discussion: None**

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

**VOTE: Selectman Howe made a motion, Selectman Douglas seconded to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c & I) at 7:15 p.m. Motion passed 3-0.**

**VOTE: Selectman Howe made a motion, Selectman Douglas seconded to exit the non-public session at 7:30 p.m. Motion passed 3-0.**

**VOTE: Selectman Howe made a motion, Selectman Douglas seconded to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Motion passed 3-0.**

**XI. Adjournment:**

All scheduled items having been addressed, the public meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next regular meeting: July 12, 2023 at Citizens' Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Russ Boland, Transcriber

Chairman Mark Chamberlain \_\_\_\_\_

Selectman Fred Douglas \_\_\_\_\_

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