

**LYNDEBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 29, 2022**  
*Final*

**I. Call to Order:**

Chairman Fred Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**II. Introduction of Members Present:**

Chairman Fred Douglas, Selectman Mark Chamberlain and Selectman Robert Howe  
Town Administrator Russ Boland and minute taker Kathleen Humphreys

**Public & Media Present:** Jessie Salisbury, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Leo Trudeau, and Road Agent Rick McQuade

**III. Appointments:**

None

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

Jessie Salisbury informed the Board the Heritage Commission plans to install two protective fences on the Village Common-Memorial Park to protect the historic railroad station foundation bricks and for safety along the brook behind the Christmas tree.

The topic of the stone bridges on Temple Road was discussed at their last meeting. The Wilton Town Administrator recommended Thistle Stone Works out of Brattleboro, Vermont to examine our two bridges. The estimate would be \$5,000 and this might be a future project. The original plan when the new bridge was installed was to maintain access to the arch bridge and a park/picnic area. This plan has not moved forward. The area has a lot of brush that needs to be cleared and it would be a lovely picnic area. The highway department can assist with clearing the brush.

The historic stone bridges in Milford and the work that was done to restore them was mentioned.

**V. Decision Making Actions:**

**a. Old/Tabled Business:**

None

**b. New Business:**

**Potential 2023 Town Ballot Keno Question Discussion**

The Village Store is interesting in hosting Keno. A Petition Warrant Article would be required to allow this activity. The Board was in favor of providing assistance with the article to the extent allowed by law.

### **Highway Department Truck Purchase Discussion**

The Road Agent and a staff member have been working diligently on locating a replacement truck. They contacted 15 dealerships. The department possibly found a truck in McGovern Ford in Natick, Mass., who got them in touch with their municipal representative. The quote and information were available in the Selectmen's package. This truck was already in their pipeline and is based on a City of Boston bid package, so that will speed up the production timeframe a lot with the hope to have it before the winter. Road Agent McQuade felt they were very lucky. The truck fits the needs of the department.

A draft letter of intent was read outlining the request to move forward with a price of \$68,035.80. The Board made a minor edit to add, "heat tape system for the windshield and the extended warranty".

**VOTE: Selectman Chamberlain made a motion, Selectman Howe seconded, authorizing T/A Boland to contact McGovern Ford to purchase the Ford 350 Plow Truck and to send the letter of intent with the addition of the heat tape system. Motion passed 3-0.**

R/A McQuade said there is a rumor of a def fluid shortage, but they are not sure it's accurate because that info is not coming from within the industry. The Highway Department ordered two 55-gallon drums, which should take them to spring.

**c. Items not on Agenda:**

Chairman Douglas asked about the knotweed brush that was cut up on Mountain Road, which was left there. Road Agent McQuade said knotweed is an invasive plant which can't be removed from the site. They must wash their equipment after any work near knotweed. There is knotweed at the Forest Road / Pettingill Hill Road intersection and at the bottom on Baldwin Hill Road, which the NHDOT should be dealing with it. R/A McQuade will be looking at alternative control methods.

**VI. Town Administrator Report**

The State approved the Equipment Matching Grant. The Town received \$6,900 of a roughly \$50,000 award. A Public Hearing will be required to accept the grant when the remainder is received. T/A Boland explained why the money is not arriving in a lump sum.

Attorney Drescher provided his opinion of the Board adjusting the municipal fees for land use and for building permits that the Selectmen do have the authority to move forward. A Public Hearing will be scheduled. After a discussion of the Building Code fees, it was decided this topic will go to the Planning Board on July

21, 2022 for review then the Selectman will meet on the July 27<sup>th</sup> and if they want to vote on it, a Public Hearing can be scheduled for August 10, 2022.

Selectman Chamberlin explained the apprehensions of some of the Board members on the fee increases. Chairman Douglas would like to see the Town's costs covered. The Septic Permit fee shall increase to \$100.

The Center Hall flooring project is moving forward. Additional ledge was removed. Road Agent McQuade reported that they are waiting for a downpour to see how the gutters are working.

The T/A Boland presented a contract from Ciardelli Fuel to lock in the propane rate at \$2.09 per gallon for the upcoming year. The Town paid \$1.59 this year with Ciardelli Fuel.

**VOTE: Selectman Howe made a motion, Selectman Chamberlain seconded, to accept the propane locked in rate of \$2.09 per gallon from Ciardelli Fuel. Motion passed 3-0.**

The Board had a discussion regarding residential electric supply from DIRECT ENERGY.

## **VII. Selectmen's Report**

### **a. MACC Base Action & Agenda**

T/A Boland attended a meeting.

### **b. Transportation Committee**

They meet in two-weeks.

### **c. Planning Board**

The Board meets July 21. They have an application for a conservation subdivision near Woodward Road and a driveway permit on Dutton Road.

### **d. Heritage Commission**

The Commission met last Friday and discussed moving to a different sign maker because they have not heard from the NJ sign maker. Jessie Salisbury will be meeting with the Wilton Historical Society on June 30<sup>th</sup> and exploring other options.

### **e. Conservation Commission**

The Commission is scheduled to meet on July 14<sup>th</sup>

### **f. Ambulance Advisory Board**

Wilton cancelled the last meeting.

## **VIII. Consent Agenda:**

**VOTE: Selectman Chamberlain made a motion, Selectman How seconded to accept the Consent Agenda for June 29, 2022. Motion passed 3-0.**

**IX. Information Items Requiring No Discussion**

None

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

**VOTE: Selectman Howe made a motion, Selectman Chamberlain seconded to go into a Non-Public Session at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed 3-0.**

**VOTE: Selectman Howe made a motion, Selectman Chamberlain seconded to exit the Non-Public Session at 7:22 p.m. Motion passed 3-0.**

**VOTE: Selectman Chamberlain made a motion, Selectman Howe seconded adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Motion passed 3-0.**

**XI. Adjournment:**

All scheduled items having been addressed, the public meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Next regular meeting: July 13, 2022 at Citizens' Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Kathleen Humphreys, Transcriber

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

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

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

June 29, 2022 Consent Agenda		
Item #	Item Title	Approved
1	AP Warrants – June 21 & June 28, 2022	✓
2	Payroll Warrant – June 13, 2022, through June 26, 2022	✓
3	VALIC ACH Payroll Warrant – June 13, 2022, through June 26, 2022	✓
4	Request for Approval of Purchase Order # 2760 – Core & Main – Q961846 (\$4,049.41 – Culverts)	✓
5	Request to Approve 2023 State PA-16 Application for Reimbursement to Towns and Cities in Which Federal and State Forest Land is situated (M-L 205-026-000)	✓
6	Request for Approval of 2021 Property Tax Abatement - Mitchell (Map-Lot 246-005-000)	✓
7	Request for Approval of 2021 Property Tax Abatement - Dallas (Map-Lot 215-020-000)	✓
8	Request for Approval of 2021 Property Tax Abatement – Hatem (Map-Lot 225-028-000)	✓
9	Board of Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2022	✓
10	Board of Selectmen's Non-Public (c) Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2022	✓