

# Lyndeborough Budget Committee

## Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2021

Citizens' Hall & via Zoom

*Draft 1*

Chairman Burton Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Members present in-person** at Citizens' Hall: Chairman Burton Reynolds, Selectmen's Rep. Mark Chamberlain, and Walter Holland.

**Members attending the meeting remotely** via Zoom: Peter Dallas, Sandy Schoen, Karen Grybko, Geoff Allen, John Pomer, and Town Administrator Russ Boland.

Minutetaker Kathleen Humphreys took notes via Zoom

Not present: Arnold Byam

### **Wilton Ambulance & other discussions**

Wilton reviewed the ambulance revenues and are comfortable with the revenue. The new proposal is **\$74,564**. The Board discussed if they should leave this line at \$80,000. One unknown is if Greenfield will leave the Ambulance Association and if they do, then Lyndeborough's share will be higher. The Board debated this. It was discussed the figure can be changed at the Public Hearing.

T/A Boland informed the Committee that his research estimated the security camera system to be in the \$15,000 range. He asked if they agreed with this change.

Other discussions include: The \$53,000 was not taken out of the revenue for Article 11 last year. The tanker and the dump truck have not been paid for yet in the 2021 actuals. The Town paid \$84,000 but still owes about \$190,000 while \$170,000 had not been paid for the new dump truck, it's a matter of which year it was paid in. This is a large number difference and it will be mentioned at Town Meeting.

The new figure for the Warrant's Operating Budget is \$178,617.00.

The Warrant Articles expenditure payments for the CIP funds are all in there except \$19,000 for the police cruiser.

The \$54,000 is a total of the \$35,000 for the Fire Department radios and the Police Department cruiser at \$19,000.

John Pomer asked what the scenario would look like if Greenfield does pull out of the Wilton Ambulance Service. T/A Boland said we don't know for sure and it depends on how it is restructured. They would not be able to continue to run with a \$648,000 budget. There would be

46 a revenue loss from Greenfield's departure. It's all speculative. Would it be a 1/3 or 2/3 cost?  
47 With projective revenues at \$245,000, Lyndeborough's share could come out to \$165,000.  
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49 The latest Warrant Article draft was updated, a typo was corrected and the operating budget  
50 updated. T/A Boland said it is healthy and we can stabilize the municipal rate. There Warrant  
51 Articles are "boring" because we are not buying anything other than the radios, and we have the  
52 money for it. It was commented that this is the year to be boring if there ever was one.  
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54 T/A Boland asked if we want to run the Public Hearing, as we are now, with a Zoom function or  
55 have it upstairs. The meeting room on the first level can fit ten people socially distanced. The  
56 Public Hearing could move upstairs if necessary. The room is already set-up. Karen Grybko  
57 asked if there could be a PowerPoint presentation to go along with the Public Hearing so guest  
58 and members can see the documents of what is being discussed at the same time. The summary  
59 and the Warrant Articles are available. Mark Chamberlain tested a share screen function and  
60 asked if the Committee could see a document he displayed. The Committee verified they could  
61 see the document. K. Grybko felt there are so many pieces of paper and it's difficult to know what  
62 they are talking about when they are talking about it and this would make it a lot easier. It was  
63 discussed that possibly more people may attend because it will be on Zoom and they can attend  
64 from their house.  
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66 How Town Meeting will run this year was discussed. Town Moderator Walter Holland said he met  
67 with the Selectmen regarding this and they plan to hold the meeting upstairs at Citizens' Hall.  
68 They can fit "50 people who don't like each other and 100 people who do upstairs". K. Grybko  
69 asked if the Town considered pre-registration so they know how to set-up chairs for family groups.  
70 T/A Boland said that chairs can be moved if necessary. Typical Town Meeting attendance ranges  
71 from 30-50 people. The exception was the year of the Mountain Road Bond, which drew 92  
72 residents. Fifty people is based on having 36 square feet per person. Sandy Schoen asked if  
73 there will be a Zoom option for Town Meeting. That is a possibility but it is uncertain how to check  
74 people in with the Supervisor of the Checklist and how to ensure people who are voting are  
75 residents who attend via Zoom. There will be a video screen downstairs for people who don't  
76 want to or can't wear a mask and they can vote. There can be a video screen upstairs to see the  
77 people downstairs but it's unsure how they will be able to speak. The A/V Tech is working on  
78 these issues. K. Grybko said that there are people in town who take a lot of priding in attending  
79 all Town Meetings.  
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81 The day after the Public Hearing T/A Boland will be filing the MS 737. The Budget Committee  
82 members were asked to sign it as soon as possible. The document will be at the Village Store.  
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84 Greenfield's meeting is after Lyndeborough's Public Hearing therefore the Budget Committee  
85 won't know if Greenfield will be staying or leaving the Wilton Ambulance Service. It is rumored  
86 that Greenfield may delay their Town Meeting. The Committee was polled and it was agreed to  
87 change the figures now. The **Ambulance will be changed to \$74,564.**  
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89 T.A Boland has another \$10,000 reduction to include.  
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91 T/A Boland will update the Warrant Articles and reproduce the summaries then email them to the  
92 Board. Hard copies will be available for the public.  
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**Adjournment:**

**VOTE:** Mark Chamberlain made a motion, John Pomer seconded to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

**Roll Call:** W. Holland, yes; P. Dallas, yes; J. Pomer, yes; S. Schoen, yes; G. Allen, yes; K. Grybko, yes; B. Reynolds, yes; M. Chamberlain, yes. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be **February 2, 2021** for the **Public Hearing** at **7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kathleen Humphreys*– Electronically signed

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