

1 **Lyndeborough Budget Committee**
2 **Meeting Minutes**
3 **December 7, 2021**
4 **Citizens' Hall**
5 *Draft 1*

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7 Chairman Karen Grybko called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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9 Members present: Chairman Karen Grybko, Arnie Byam, Walter Holland, John Pomer, Allyssa
10 Lavoie, Geoff Allen, Fran Bujak, Kevin Boette and Selectmen's Rep. Bob Howe

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12 Present: Town Administrator Russ Boland, Planning Board Chairman Charlie Post, Conservation
13 Commission Chairman John Pomer and Cemetery Trustee Ginny Chrisenton

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15 One member of the Board voiced a concern, prior to the meeting starting, to member Geoff
16 Allen regarding wearing his military National Guard uniform at a public meeting. Mr. Allen
17 voluntarily went home and changed. Upon his return, at 7:01, Mr. Allen apologized for being
18 late then encourage everyone to read 1344. He said the rules may have changed as to what
19 they can do in uniform since others have served.

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21 *See the budget worksheet for details on department budget heard tonight*

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23 **4611 Conservation**

24 Conservation Commission Chairman John Pomer addressed the budget.

25 They are asking for \$350. The pay fees to work with organization that offer support and
26 background information to do their jobs: NH Fish & Game, N.H. Association of Conservation and
27 the Forest Society.

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29 **4595-01-00 & 4590-01-100 Historic Society and Historic District Commission**

30 They are asking for \$1,050 and \$90. The money is expended at end of year. They purchased
31 historical signs and other items. They are working to purchase the United Church in the Center.

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33 **4411-01-111 Health Inspector**

34 Health Inspector Donnie Cole was unavailable tonight due to working his shift at the Fire Dept.

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36 T/A Boland said Mr. Cole's stipend is \$2,600. He added that Donnie Cole does a lot for the
37 Town and has saved money with tasks such as health inspections and fire extinguisher
38 inspections. He handles complaints on failed septic systems, which are time consuming.

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40 **4415 Charitable Organizations**

41 T/A Boland reviewed the organizations involved in the services and the donations.

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43 **4191: Planning Board**

44 Planning Board Chairman Charlie Post was present.

45 The increase is due to contracted services allowing for assistance from the Nashua Regional
46 Planning Commission (NRPC). This process was discussed. NRPC will provide 12-hours of

services per month. NRPC is also assisting the ZBA on complicated cases. The Boards have other resources such as NHMA, and PRIMEX as well as Town Counsel. The Board plans to increase fees to help cover the cost of an application.

4195: Cemetery

Cemetery Trustee Ginny Chrisenton was present.

Wages are a place holder at \$1.00. She said when people are buried, the Trustees then write a check to the Selectmen. They had two full burials and 3 urn burials this past year.

The Highway Department mows the cemeteries, and the trustees maintain the equipment. This was discussed. They purchased some new equipment. Encumbered fund and contracted services were discussed. Last year the money for the stone wall repair was encumbered. The Committee felt this could be made more transparent and it was discussed to add another line to the budget for clarification.

4550 -01-112 Library

Library Trustee Bob Rogers was present.

Mr. Rogers said the only change is in the wage line because the Town changed the wage scale, bringing their employees in line with the rest of the town wages. Some employees were making \$12.00 per hour. They added in hours that Head Librarian Brenda Cassidy attends meetings that were not previously in the budget. Wages are \$38,247.

The Board asked a lot of questions and asked about the budget increase of 44% and 79% from the past two-years. Staffing, grants, programs, services home school services, hours of operation, summer programs and coordinating programs with the schools were discussed. The library was closed for a bit during the pandemic.

Adjournment:

VOTE: Arnie Byam made a motion, Kevin Boette seconded to adjourn the Dec. 7 meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Humphreys – signed electronically

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Minute Taker