

**Town of Lyndeborough, NH
2012 Town Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2012**

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Moderator Walter Holland on Saturday, March 17, 2012, at Citizens' Hall in Lyndeborough, New Hampshire.

Lyndeborough Town Warrant

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Lyndeborough, in the County of Hillsborough, in said state qualified to vote in Town affairs; You are hereby notified to meet at Center Hall, 1131 Center Road in said Lyndeborough on Tuesday, the Thirteenth (13th) day of March 2012 at ten of the clock in the forenoon until seven of the clock in the evening, for ballot Voting of Town Officers and all other matters requiring ballot vote; and, to meet at said Citizens' Hall, 9 Citizens' Hall Road in said Lyndeborough, on Saturday, the seventeenth (17th) day of March 2012, at ten of the clock in the morning, to act upon Articles 3 through 23:

1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

*-Indicates elected

Results:

Selectman (3 years)	*Arnold Byam, III (Write-in) - 142 Scott Roper - 24
Moderator (2 years)	*Walter M. Holland - 242
Town Clerk/Tax Collector (3 years)	*Patricia "Trish" Schultz - 242
Supervisors of Checklist (6 years)	*Stephanie Roper - 232
Budget Committee (3 years)	*James W. Button - 179 *Sandra Schoen - 164 *Donald Guertin - 193 Corey B. Cheever - 98
Budget Committee (2 years)	*Jeffrey Shinn - 205
Cemetery Trustee (3 years)	*Lawrence S. Cassidy - 226
Library Trustee (3 years)	*V. Lucille Watt - 190 *Nadine Preftakes - 230
Trustee of the Trust Fund (3 years)	* Stanley Greene - 212
Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 years)	*Lee F. Mayhew - 196 *Karen Grybko - 195

All those elected will be sworn in as the last order of business today.

Moderator Walter Holland stated that the Selectmen asked him to give special thanks to two members of our community who have served for many years. Miss Sally Reynolds was a Trustee of the Trust Funds. She is retiring this year and she has served since 1996. Mr. Dick Howe was our Building Inspector for almost thirty years. He started in 1981. He just retired this past year.

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to Section 1200, “Home Businesses” of the Town Zoning Ordinance? This amendment will replace the entire section 1200, as proposed by the Planning Board. (This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board and clearly sets guidelines for “Home Businesses” and does **not** require site plan review. (Majority vote required). YES 171 NO 55

Article Passes

Article 3: Shall the Town vote to modify an Exemption for the Elderly under the provisions of RSA 72:39-a from property tax in the Town of Lyndeborough, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, (\$20,000); for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years (\$30,000); for a person 80 years of age or older (\$60,000)? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s spouse, they must have been married for at least five consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than (\$25,000) or, if married, a combined net income of less than (\$35,000); and own assets not in excess of (\$60,000), excluding the value of the person’s residence.

Motion made by Selectman Arnold Byam to accept article as read, seconded by Selectman Kevin Boette.

This is just a housekeeping article to clarify the wording and the numbers.

Moderator read article. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it. **Article Passes**

Article 4: Shall the Town vote to modify an Exemption for the Disabled under the provisions of RSA 72:37-b as follows: the exemption from assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be (\$30,000)? To qualify, the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XV of the Federal Social Security Act, must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, must occupy the property as his principal place of abode, must own the property individually or jointly, or if owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least five consecutive years, had in the calendar year preceding April 1 a net income from all sources; of not more than (\$25,000) if single and (\$35,000) if married, and own net assets not in excess of (\$60,000), excluding the value of the actual residence and up to 2 acres or the minimum single-family residential lot size specified in the local Zoning ordinance.

Motion made by Selectman Donald Sawin to accept article as read, seconded by Selectman Arnold Byam.

Moderator Any questions or discussion? Ready for the question? Read article. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it. **Article Passes**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Gulf Road Bridge Capital Reserve Fund to the “Bridge Repair/Replacement” Capital Reserve Fund. *(a 2/3 vote required)*

Selectman Donald Sawin: Mr. Moderator, I move that the wording of this article be changed to read: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Gulf Road Bridge Capital Reserve Fund to the “Bridge Build/Repair/Replacement” Capital Reserve Fund. Seconded by Selectman Arnold Byam.

Moderator: We have a motion on the table to change the name of it, we are changing the name so we can say build in case we have to build one as well as repair or replace it. Any discussions or questions or comments about this one?

Stephanie Roper: What is the change for again?

Moderator: Right now the name of this Capital Reserve Fund that we have been putting money in is called the Gulf Road Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. It was specifically for Gulf Road and we fixed that bridge and now we have other places in town where we have culverts or bridges that need to be repaired, replaced, or in one case a culvert is not large enough for the volume of water needs to have a bridge. So we need to build a bridge but we can't put money in it unless we call it a bridge building fund, so we are just changing the name of the fund, instead of replacement/repair we are calling it build/ repair/ replace.

Stephanie Roper: Is this the same fund that already exists or is this going to be put into the same fund that already exists for Article 21?

Moderator: We are going to change the name of that when we get there.

Stephanie Roper: So you are dissolving the Gulf Road Bridge Capital Reserve Fund, you already have the bridge repair replacement Capital Reserve Fund, you are going to change the name of that one and put all the money into that one.

Moderator: We are not really dissolving the fund we are just changing the purpose of it with the name. Before we can keep putting money in it we first have to change the name of the fund to include build.

Selectman Boette: Stephanie, we are just changing, right now we can't, let's say there was a very large culvert and the State no longer would allow a culvert of that size. We had to do a box culvert and change it to a bridge. It would be considered building a bridge because we are not going to replace a culvert, we would be replacing that with a bridge of type. So, because we are going to be building a bridge essentially instead of replacing a culvert, we just had to put the word build into this article.

Stephanie Roper: Are you going to have two different funds or not?

Selectman Boette: We are just changing this fund.

Scott Roper: What she is referring to is the fact that last year we did approve the creation of a bridge replacement and repair fund and put ten thousand dollars into. Confusion over this obviously will be, the purpose is going to be changed, but there is also that other fund that will eventually be put together.

Moderator: This is the same fund we put money into last year, we are just changing the name of the fund.

Selectman Boette: This is Gulf Road. This is still going to be the Gulf Road. We are just putting build, so that we can build, repair, replace. We are just adding the build.

Moderator: Everybody understand what the purpose is for this Article 5? We are changing the name so that we can build a bridge in case we have to. Any other comments or questions or discussion?

Greg Kreider: This is still Gulf Road Build/Repair Fund but Gulf Road is not in quotes in the article.

Selectman Boette: If you look at Article 5 where it says change the existing Gulf Road Bridge Capital Reserve Fund to the and then where it says Bridge/Repair/Replacement, we are going to change it to Bridge/Build/Repair/Replacement. So we are just adding Build to that Fund.

Greg Kreider: Do we have Capital Reserve Funds, one for Gulf Road and one in general?

Selectman Sawin: One is for Gulf Road; one is for the rest of the Town. This is just Gulf Road.

Selectman Boette: All we are doing is adding Build. It is the same thing. It was a housekeeping. We couldn't change the type of Bridge.

Moderator: **Article 5, To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Gulf Road Bridge Capital Reserve Fund to the Bridge/Build/Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. So we are changing it from Gulf Road Bridge Capital Reserve Fund to the Bridge/Build/Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund.** All those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have the majority vote. **Article Passes**

Moderator: Article 6 is the Article that deals with the town budget and I have a request from the Selectmen to pass over this because there is money in the town budget to buy sand and gravel for our roads and it costs a certain amount of money to buy that gravel from other sources and if you look over at Article 7, Article 7 has to deal with a gravel pit that has sand in it and there is a chance that we can save

some money by buying this sand pit instead of buying gravel and sand from other sources. What we would like to do is pass over Article 6, which is the town budget and go to Article 7, we will come back to Article 6 right after that.

Article 7: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to purchase a gravel pit (Map 206-014-000) from the Society For the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required.)*

Motion made by Selectman Arnold Byam to accept article as read, seconded by Selectman Kevin Boette.
Road Agent Kent Perry: As time goes by, it is getting more and more difficult to purchase sand because of the cost. A lot of residents have come forth and actually the Snows have contributed quite amount of sand which is stockpiled at the yard. Mike Decubellis came forth with this proposition to buy sand on this particular road. The benefits are two fold, we get to get sand for a very low cost if not free because the Snows was free and the sand and gravel that I got from the Snows also helped in the school project, we were able to sell materials to Hutter and enabled us to lower the cost of the project and we paved that parking lot that was a very contentious issue. The sand pile at Schoolhouse Road is going to save us quite a bit of money. I have the five thousand dollars put aside; it will save us twenty thousand a year for the next three years which we can put towards paving projects. I am very sure that there is three years worth of sand there. Because this year was such a light year, I still have a massive sand pile from last year in the yard, so we are very safe in that respect. Also, when we are finished, there will be a reclamation project. I will reloom, flatten the area out. We are going to be very careful not to touch the brook that is nearby and also some of the material will also widen Schoolhouse Road and make it more stable, right now it is very bad. So, in the future when we have decided we are through with the pit and we go to reclamation, we will come forth and you can decide whether you want to make it an area for parking for trails, extension of the cemetery, which is right across the street or whatever you deem you want to do with it at that point. Any questions?

Geoffrey Brock. It sounds like a great idea but my only concern is at the end of using the sand what amount of money is going to be needed to do the reclamation and how are you going to make sure we actually have that money available.

Road Agent Kent Perry: When I do reclamation, I did the Snows reclamation, I rented a bulldozer for a day, it was two hundred and fifty bucks. The loam and surface materials come from projects that are on the side of the road when I do the ditching and also the material that is on the top of the esker gets put aside. A lot of the materials like the tree roots and things like that you have two or three years to rot and you end up with very decent material and I will probably confer with some of the folks that know better than I do about what kind of materials to seed and plant. So the cost is nothing. It's two hundred and fifty bucks. We have the machinery to do this already.

Moderator: Any other questions on the gravel pit? Seeing none are you ready for the question? Read Article 7, all those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it.
Article Passes. Now we are back to Article 6

Article 6: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million five hundred sixty-five thousand five hundred seven dollars (\$1,565,507), representing the operating budget for fiscal year 2012 as prepared by the Budget Committee. Said sum is exclusive of all special or individual articles addressed; or take any other action relating thereto. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required.)*

Motion made by Selectman Kevin Boette to accept article as read, seconded by Selectman Donnie Sawin.
Town Administrator Burton Reynolds spoke to the article explaining that just in general the town rate is scheduled to go up just a little bit based on what we have put together. The school rate will be going down. The warrant article amounts are up from last year. Last year was one forty-one. This year is two

forty nine almost. Remember that one forty-one. The reason that is so low is because we made room for the one hundred and eighty-nine thousand dollars for the addition to the school. The revenues typically don't change that much but this year there is a big difference because we did use some monies last year to try and keep the tax rate from going up any more than it did and who knows what will happen this year in terms of revenues for the town. The other challenge is on the school side. It is very difficult for the school to determine in advance what their revenues are going to be. When I speak to you today I am very certain about what is going to happen with the expenditures side of the tax rate but I am not very confident with what is happening with the revenues just because they are unpredictable this far out. From the town standpoint if you approve all of the warrants that are in here and the operating budget it will go up by sixty thousand dollars. That would be thirty-six cents on the tax rate. The school side is going down and will wipe that increase out. School rate we are anticipating will come down by at least sixty-two cents. It will probably come down more than that but it is too far out to tell about the revenues. So minus sixty two on the school side obviously wipes out the plus thirty-six on the town side. I don't want to make you feel as though the tax rate is going to go down by twenty-six cents because it may not. It is going to depend on what happens with the revenues.

Moderator: Now the floor is open for discussion on the town budget. Does anyone have any comments or questions or any details you would like to have explained? Seeing none, ready for the question? Read Article 6. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. **Article Passes**

Moderator: Now just a little housekeeping, like I said, sometimes Moderators kind of mess things up. It was pointed out to me that the Article before that, Article 5 when we were changing the name of the bridge we voted on the amendment to change the name of the bridge from repair to replacement to build/repair/replace. So, that was what we voted on and you all accepted it so the name has been changed. What I need to do now, it was pointed out to me, is that after we made the amendment we accepted the amendment we need to go back and accept the Article. So, the amendment has been passed, the fund has been changed. Now, we want to know if you want to keep this Article. So, I will read it again and we will get a vote. **Article 5: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to change the existing Gulf Road Capital Reserve Fund to the "bridge/build/repair/replacement Capital Reserve Fund".** All those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have the majority vote. **Amended Article Passes**

Article 8: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to rebuild the pump on Engine 5; or take any other action relating thereto. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required.)*

Motion made by Selectman Arnold Byam to accept article as read, seconded by Selectman Kevin Boette. Fire Chief Rick McQuade: The truck we are talking about is the '94 Pumper. The trucks have a thirty year life. Engine 5 for its first eleven years was the first out piece. It basically covered all fires. Being the first major piece that we had, it saw a lot of action. Once the new truck arrived in 2006 we put Engine 5 in a secondary role. It is the second out piece. It does all our mutual aid. So, basically right now that truck is half way through its life. We service the pumps every couple of years. We are at a point now that the last test that was done on it shows that it is just barely passing pump test. So, we have lots of issues with it as far as valves, the rear suction is not working. The pump operates in a demand and a pressure mode. Even right now it is stuck in pressure. The goal here is to take this fifteen thousand out of the Capital Improvements Plan, rebuild this pump. Stretch it out for the rest of its life; another fifteen years and basically rebuild the pump.

Moderator: Any questions or comments about this Article. Seeing none, are you ready for the question? Read Article 8. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it. **Article Passes**

Article 9: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to install supplemental roof supports for Center Hall; or take any other action relating thereto *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required.)*

Motion made by Selectman Kevin Boette to accept article as read, seconded by Selectman Donnie Sawin. Phil Brooks explained he had been asked by the Selectmen to look at the roof structure in the Hall up at the Center. There was a dining room created in the early nineteen hundreds for the Grange so they could have their meetings up there. What I did was climb up first of all on the eaves sides of this building and take a look at what the structure was, which I was very impressed with. It is a beautifully built timber frame. Built in the mid-eighteen hundreds. The original building had a very low pitch roof; those in the building business would call it a six pitch roof. They needed more room in the attic to make a dining area, so they took the entire roof plane on both sides and jacked the whole thing up. Then they took the other side and took the whole roof, they didn't go piece by piece, they took this whole thing and jacked it up, supported it by putting all kinds of little pieces in and out. Filled in the ridge with extra boards and then of course the gable ends had this big gaping hole in it and they filled that all in. They got themselves the extra space they needed in order to create this dining hall. In the process of doing that, the construction in those days was post and beam. The bottom of the rafter is mortise and tenon into a horizontal beam that goes across so when they lifted it up, essentially they tore this joint. They tore that thing apart. They put some little boards in there to keep things in place. That joint was compromised quite a bit. The Selectmen asked me to suggest a way in which that could be stabilized and the simplest thing to do is to put steel rods going across the top of the beam in the ceiling and join into those rafters, hold the whole joint at that end together and pull things back in so that the walls don't get pushed out with the weight on the roof. This was done probably a hundred and twenty years ago and there has been very little movement but there has been some movement. By putting steel rods through each of the beams and rafter sets of which there are five, that should stabilize that building and keep the walls from pushing out anymore. I am willing to volunteer to supervise the thing and it can be done with local labor. It's not a real big mysterious problem to solve. My estimate was it will be somewhere around ten thousand dollars to buy the materials and put those rods in and stabilize the building. My professional opinion is that will hold it for twice as long as it's been now or whatever. It should hold that building secure and take care of those compromised joints that exist. The upstairs will be off limits and in fact it shouldn't even be used for a whole lot of storage. This will stabilize the building but I would not recommend using that space anymore.

Scott Roper: Just asking for the Benefit of the Historic District Commission. What is your time table for making these improvements? According to policies and procedures of the District there does have to be a public hearing on this matter.

Selectman Boette: It would be this summer.

Scott Roper: So we would have to get that coordinated between the District Commission and the Selectmen to arrange something for this Spring.

Moderator: Read Article 9, All those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it. **Article Passes**

Article 10: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for repairs to a garage on the right-hand side as you start up Center Road from Route 31 (Map 232 Lot 019), a property taken by tax deed by the Town for use as a storage facility for various emergency services. Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) will come from the general fund and three thousand dollars (\$3,000) is to be raised by taxation; or take any action relating thereto. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required.)*

Motion made by Selectman Donald Sawin to accept article as read, seconded by Selectman Arnold Byam.
Moderator: The Selectmen and the emergency services have looked at the little garage there. The garage on this property can be repaired to be used as a storage facility for things like four wheelers that the Police Department use, the Emergency Management tools that we need in case we have a spring like we had a couple of years ago with the floods and the roads and stuff falling apart and hurricanes, ice storms, all of those things. We have that certain amount of equipment that is scattered around in different storage locations and that is what they want to use this building for. The Town does own the land and we just want to use the garage. The Fire Department is going to have some kind of a controlled burn for the house. Is that true Chief?

Chief McQuade: We are going to cross our fingers.

Moderator: Any questions or discussions or comments?

Mike Kaelin: That's kind of out of the way. Is that going to be secure enough for Town property?

Selectman Sawin: That is all factored into this money. Right now if somebody declared an emergency we would be running around looking for cones, etc.

Selectman Byam: It is also a very busy road, people going by all the time.

Moderator: Read Article 10, all those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it. **Article Passes**

Article 11: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the 1984 Fire Department Tanker Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any action relating thereto. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required.)*

Motion made by Selectman Arnold Byam to accept article as read, seconded by Selectman Kevin Boette.

Moderator: Any discussions or comments? Seeing none, ready for the question? Read Article 11, all those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it. **Article Passes**

Article 12: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to be added to the 1994 Fire Department Pumper Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any action relating thereto. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required.)*

Motion made by Selectman Kevin Boette to accept article as read, seconded by Selectman Donnie Sawin.

Moderator: Any discussions or comments? Seeing none, ready for the question? Read Article 11, all those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it. **Article Passes**

Article 13: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) to be added to the 2002 Fire Department Rescue Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any action relating thereto. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required.)*

Motion made by Selectman Donald Sawin to accept article as read, seconded by Selectman Arnold Byam.

Moderator: Any discussions or comments? Seeing none, ready for the question? Read Article 11, all those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it. **Article Passes**

Article 14: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five-year lease agreement for eighty-four thousand four hundred twenty dollars (\$84,420) to purchase fourteen air pack units for the Fire Department and to raise and appropriate the initial payment of eighteen thousand seven hundred and thirty dollars (\$18,730) from the general fund. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required.)*

Motion made by Selectman Arnold Byam to accept article as read, seconded by Selectman Kevin Boette.

Fire Chief McQuade: The air packs that we have are roughly twenty to twenty-five years old. Right now we carry six air packs and six spare bottles on each of our two engines and two air packs and two spare bottles on the tanker so that makes up twenty-eight cylinders or bottles, so, just remember that, that is going to come up here in a minute. This year we were doing our inspection and much to our surprise we found out that the bottles were coming to their end-of-year life and that is a fifteen-year life. We started doing a little bit of research and the research we came up with was to replace the twenty-eight cylinders was going to run anywhere from twenty-eight to thirty thousand dollars, just for cylinders. The dilemma that put us in was do we go and buy cylinders for these air packs that are already twenty to twenty-five years old and then in five more years have to replace the entire air pack and have cylinders that may not work with the new air packs. The officers sat down and the decision we came up with was to go out and pursue and start looking at new air packs. That is a brief description of the history. Are there any questions about the cylinders and the old air packs? We started meeting with the different vendors, we met with three vendors. The packs that we have come up with really best fit the needs of the department. Technology has really come a long way. When I put an air pack on back in '86 there was no electronics. Now the electronics in the air packs, they have what is called heads-up display unit and inside the mask there is an actual electronic headpiece that the fire fighter can look into and it tells him what is going on with the air pack. It tells him the air that he has in his cylinder. It tells him the battery life. There is lots of technology that has really come a long way. We do really feel that it wasn't good to spend that kind of money on bottles on such older packs.

Stephanie Roper: This is a five-year lease. Are you purchasing or are you leasing?

Selectman Sawin: It is a lease to purchase.

Moderator: That is the escape clause; we don't like it we can get out of it.

Fire Chief McQuade: Yes

Geoffrey Brock: What is the cost at the end of the five years for the purchase or is that at no cost or a dollar buyout?

Fire Chief McQuade: It is a dollar buyout.

Mark Weissflog: Why are we leasing?

Fire Chief McQuade: It basically is to spread the cost out over the years. We looked at the economic times we are in right now and we felt this was better. The interest rates are really low. I believe they are around three percent. It will save. The purchase price I believe was eighty-two thousand.

Mike Kaelin: What is the life of the new equipment?

Fire Chief McQuade: The new equipment should last twenty to twenty-five years. We will be in a position that we will still have to replace bottles in fifteen years but our plan is to start a CIP to start replacing these things so it is not such a hit at one time.

Moderator: Read Article 14, all those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it. **Article Passes**

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) to go toward the replacement of the 2009 4WD Police vehicle. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the vehicle is replaced or 2014, whichever is sooner. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required.)*

Motion made by Selectman Kevin Boette to accept article as read, seconded by Selectman Donnie Sawin.
Moderator: Any discussions or comments? Seeing none, ready for the question? Read Article 15, all those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it. **Article Passes**

Article 16: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000) to be added to the 2002 Mack Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any action relating thereto. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required.)*

Motion made by Selectman Donald Sawin to accept article as read, seconded by Selectman Arnold Byam.
Moderator: Any discussions or comments? Seeing none, ready for the question? Read Article 16, all those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it. **Article Passes**

Article 17: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the 2002 Grader Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any action relating thereto. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required.)*

Motion made by Selectman Arnold Byam to accept article as read, seconded by Selectman Kevin Boette.
Moderator: Any discussions or comments? Seeing none, ready for the question? Read Article 17, all those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it. **Article Passes**

Article 18: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500) to be added to the 2007 One-ton Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any action relating thereto. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required.)*

Motion made by Selectman Kevin Boette to accept article as read, seconded by Selectman Donnie Sawin.
Moderator: Any discussions or comments? Seeing none, ready for the question? Read Article 18, all those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it. **Article Passes**

Article 19: To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA Ch. 35:1 to repair and replace the 2009 one-ton dump truck and to raise and appropriate twelve thousand (\$12,000) to be placed in this fund; or take any other action relating thereto. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required.)*

Motion made by Selectman Donald Sawin to accept article as read, seconded by Selectman Arnold Byam.
Road Agent Kent Perry explained it is much cheaper to maintain two 550s than one 550 and a large dump truck. The big trucks they try not to use as much as possible. There is a cost effectiveness to having almost a downsizing of our equipment and those two 550s. That is what you are seeing us out in most of the time. This is to begin the replacement of the new 2009 550.

Moderator: Any other questions about this? Read Article 19, all those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it. **Article Passes**

Article 20: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand five hundred dollars (\$20,500) to be added to the 2007 Backhoe/Loader Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any action relating thereto. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required.)*

Motion made by Selectman Arnold Byam to accept article as read, seconded by Selectman Kevin Boette.

Moderator: Any discussions or comments? Seeing none, ready for the question? Read Article 20, All those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it. **Article Passes**

Article 21: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any action relating thereto. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required.)*

Selectman Kevin Boette: Mr. Moderator, I move that the wording of this article be changed to read: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Bridge Build/Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any action relating thereto.

Moderator: Do I have a second to this amendment?

Selectman Sawin seconded the amendment.

Moderator: The motion before the table is an amendment to change the name of the fund to the Bridge/Build/Repair/Replacement Fund instead of the Bridge/Repair/Replacement, so we have added the word Build basically to this fund and then we are going to put money into it.

Town Administrator Burton Reynolds: We did pass a warrant article last year to start a generic Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. What we could have done back on Article 5, we could have just retired the Gulf Road Capital Reserve Fund. That is probably what we should have done. Next year we will fix all that so we do have just one generic fund. The reason for the change and adding the word build, I got a phone call back a week or two ago from Marge Hallyburton, she said I am looking at Article 21 and that is a culvert you are replacing, you are putting all this money in there and it says it's a Bridge/Repair or Replacement Capital Reserve Fund you are going to take the money out of. This is not a bridge it is a culvert. So don't you think you should put the word build in there so when you come to a situation like the one we have in Article 21, which is that Johnsons Corner Road large culvert that is not functional and needs to be replaced and FEMA is going to give us, I am pretty sure, cross your fingers, I think they are going to give us a Grant to do that. We still have to come up with our share of the funds; they provide seventy-five percent of it. She said I am just concerned that somebody will question whether or not it is right to take money out of a Bridge/Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund and pay for a culvert. Culvert is not a bridge. I called the DRA and they said why don't you just add the word Build to the Warrant Article and you should be all set because now you can use this money if you want to build a bridge, which we do here, we want to replace a culvert and we want to build a bridge in its place. Or, if you need to repair one cause the State is saying we do not have enough money to be doing all this replacement business so we need to do repairs. Maybe the abutments are fine you just need to replace the deck. So, that is what we can do if we have one that says we can repair a bridge. Then of course there will be times when the bridge is actually defunct and we need to replace it. So, that is the reason we have gone into this and I apologize for back on 5 that I didn't take care of the fact that we already have a generic one and we should have just let this one lapse, I think. We didn't put any money in here or anything so we can tidy this up next year and make sure that we just have one generic Bridge/Build/Repair/Replace Capital Reserve Fund.

Scott Roper: Just to summarize, we now have two funds, one of them is the bridge build/repair/replacement fund as amended. The other one is the repair/replacement fund. The build/repair/replacement fund is what we are voting to put the money into now. The repair/replacement

fund that we approved last year is going to be closed down next year and we are going to take that ten thousand dollars and put it into the build/repair/replacement fund.

Mike Kaelin: Could we modify the amendment so that it is the general/build/repair/replacement fund.

Selectman Boette: Mr. Moderator, I would like to withdraw my amendment as read and exchange it for, Mr. Moderator, I move that the wording of this article be changed to be read **To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars added to the General/Bridge/Build/Replace Capital Reserve Fund previously established or take any action thereto.**

Selectman Sawin: Second

Moderator: So, in other words we are adding two words to this article, general and build.

Selectman Boette: First, I am saying I want to change the name of that fund; we are going to vote on that amendment. We will say yes, let's change the name of the fund to the General/Build. Then Walter is going to read it and we are going to vote on it. Mine right now is just the amendment.

Scott Roper: I just want to be clear, are we calling this, are we adding General to the name of the fund that we are putting the money into under this article, because at the moment we don't have a fund with the word General in it.

Moderator: We have the fund; we put money in this fund last year, ten thousand dollars. So, we have a fund called Bridge/Repair/Replacement CRF. We are just adding General/Build in front of Repair/Replacement. What I don't understand is that Article 5, when we went through Article 5 twice, we looked at Article 5 twice. We could go back and look at it again. I can suspend the rules for us to go back to Article 5 if we need to. If we look back at Article 5, what we did was, we had a Gulf Road Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. That was a fund for Gulf Road. We also have a fund called Bridges, right, so we actually had two funds.

Phil Brooks: Why don't we take a little break, get the experts who of which we have several in this room together. Talk it over amongst you and come back with a recommendation that in your expert opinion makes sense rather than just bounce this thing around the hall.

Moderator: I agree. We only have a couple of more articles so I have a motion to recess. We will take a short recess. (Returned from a short recess.)

Selectman Boette: What we are going to do is we are going to, after a conference of experts, we are going to scrap the amendment and we are going to vote on Article 21. We are not going to change the name of any funds or anything. We will put the money in the fund. Next year's meeting we will have a warrant also to go with combining what is left in the Gulf Road Bridge Fund with this fund. We will make a General/Build/Repair/Replace Fund. So for now, we are just going to go with Article 21 with no changes. So, Mr. Moderator I have to withdraw my amendment.

Moderator: We have Article 21 with no Amendments and next year we will correct it and take whatever money is left over in the Article 5 fund and put it into this Article 21 fund next year. So, be forewarned that is what we need to do.

Mike Kaelin: Did we legally change the name of the Gulf Road Fund or since it wasn't noticed ____ the name change as well as the repurposement. It wasn't legally noticed that the name would be changed. So what we voted on was that legal and proper?

Moderator: It was proper to change the purpose of the fund and add the word Build. If DRA kicks it out later, nothing is going to hurt because there is no money in that fund except what was left over anyway.

Mike Kaelin: And being that we have no bridges coming up this year we will take care of all that housekeeping.

Moderator: We are going to have to be putting money aside for a couple of years because that is going to be an expensive repair even with FEMA funds. Article 21: **To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established.** All in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it. **Article Passes**

Article 22: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to discontinue the Police Vehicles Replacement Fund. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town of Lyndeborough's General Fund. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this action (Majority vote required.)*

Motion made by Selectman Donald Sawin to accept article as read, seconded by Selectman Arnold Byam.
Selectman Sawin: This is a Housekeeping Article.

Moderator: This was a CRF called Police Vehicles Replacement Fund. There is some money left in there that they are going to transfer to the General Fund. If you look back a couple of Articles we had one to replace the Police 4 Wheel Drive Vehicle. So, that's the fund we are calling it now instead of the Police Vehicles Replacement. Any questions or comments about this? Seeing none, ready for the question? Read Article 22, all those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it. **Article Passes**

Article 23: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept the reports of auditors and committees as printed in the 2011 Town Report; or to take any other action relating thereto (Majority vote required.)

Motion made by Selectman Arnold Byam to accept article as read, seconded by Selectman Kevin Boette.
Moderator: Any corrections, additions or deletions from the Town Report. Seeing none, ready for Article 23, read Article. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, all opposed signify by saying Nay, Ayes have it. **Article Passes**

Article 24: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Moderator: I would like to ask anybody in town who is here or has a spouse who would like to serve on any Town boards or committees. I was given a note by the Selectmen. Currently we have some board openings on the Planning Board. We have one alternate that is available, if you would like to go on the Planning Board. Conservation Commission, we have three openings, one regular and two alternates and on the Heritage Commission we have one regular and two alternates. So, if you would like to participate in Planning, Conservation or the Heritage Commission please see one of the Selectman after the meeting. Any other business we might have come before the committee, we are done. Thank you to Mike Kaelin for setting up the speaker system, the office staff for setting up the room.

Lee Mayhew: I would like to give accolades to the Town Report. It is a damn good Town Report.

Moderator: If it wasn't for our volunteers who do so many things in town we could not get them done. I would like to thank all the volunteers.

Lee Mayhew: Vote to adjourn.

Moderator: I have a motion to adjourn, do I have a second. (Second from audience). All in favor signify by saying Aye, any opposed. Ayes have it. Meeting is adjourned at 12:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Town of Lyndeborough NH