Town of Lyndeborough NH 2014 Town Meeting Minutes March 15, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Moderator Walter Holland on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at Citizens Hall located at 9 Citizens Hall Road 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 eleventh (11th) day of March 2014 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 Citizens' Hall, 9 Citizens' Hall Road in said Lyndeborough, on Saturday, the fifteenth (15th) day of March 2014 at ten of the clock in the morning, to act upon **Articles 2 through Article 22**:

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

*-indicates elected (253 ballots cast – 1189 registered voters) Results:

Selectman (3 years)	*Lee Mayhew	194
	Nick Hanson	39write-in
Moderator (2 years)	*Walter Holland	245
Trustee of Cemeteries (3 years)	*Ginny Chrisenton	232
Library Trustee (3 years)	*Ann Harkleroad	234
Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years)	*Gary LeBlanc	227
Supervisors of Checklist (6 years)	*Jessie Salisbury	234
Budget Committee (3 years)	*Karen Grybko	201
	*Scott Roper	206
	*Nancy Rose	197
Budget Committee (2 years)	*Corey Cheever	229
Budget Committee (1 year)	*Burton Reynolds	229
Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 years)	*Walter Holt	222
	*Thomas G. Chrisenton	218

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

Before we get into Article 2, the actual budget, we do have a special announcement.

Selectmen Fred Douglas presented the Boston Post Cane to Lyndeborough's most seasoned resident, Lucy K. Schmidt. She received a standing ovation from her family and Town Residents. Moderator Walter Holland: There has been a request and a referendum about one of our local town's people, Wally Holt. Wally has written a song for our town called The Song of Lyndeborough and Wally wrote this because he said he wanted to do something for the town that was a positive outlook and has some positive messages for the town. (Played song) May I have a motion to accept this as the official song title of Lyndeborough? Moved by Lee Mayhew, Seconded by several towns people. All in favor signify by saying Aye, all opposed signify by saying Nay. Article Passes.

Article 2: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million six hundred sixty four thousand eight hundred thirty nine dollars (\$1,664,839), representing the operating budget for fiscal year 2014 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 move article as read, seconded by Selectman Arnold Byam. Budget Committee Chairman Don Guertin gave an overview of the budget.

Selectman Boette: Mr. Moderator I would like to offer an amendment to Article 2.

Moderator: We have a request for an amendment.

<u>Selectman Boette</u>: I wish to amend Article 2 by increasing the legal line, account number 4153 by \$141,494 (one hundred forty one thousand four hundred ninety four dollars) in compliance with a court order issued February 2, 2014 requiring Lyndeborough to pay Wilton this amount due to a 2010 school tax rate error and will be offset by use of the Fund Balance. This will increase the total operating budget from \$1,664,839 to \$1,806,333.

Moderator: I have a motion, do I have a second, seconded by Selectman Byam.

Explanation and discussion followed.

Moderator: We have an amendment to increase the legal budget in this year's budget by one hundred forty one thousand four hundred ninety four dollars. All those in favor of this amendment signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by saying Nay. The Ayes have it. We are back to the original article as amended. Article 2: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million eight hundred six thousand three hundred thirty three dollars (\$1,806,333), which represents the operating budget for fiscal year 2014 as prepared by the Budget Committee with the additional amendment. Said sum is exclusive of all special or individual articles addressed. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it. Article 2 Passes.

<u>Article 3:</u> To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to go toward the Replacement of the 2011 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 2016, whichever is sooner. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required.)*

Motion made by Selectman Byam to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Douglas.

<u>Moderator:</u> Any questions? Ready for the question? Read Article. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by saying Nay. The Ayes have it. **Article 3 Passes.**

<u>Article 4:</u> To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to change the purpose of the existing 1994 Fire Department Pumper Capital Reserve Fund to include the repair as well as the replacement of that vehicle. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (2/3 vote required)

Motion made by Selectman Douglas to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Boette.

Interim Town Administrator Burton Reynolds explained the rationale for adding the word "repair" to the CRF article for larger pieces of equipment or trucks.

<u>Moderator</u>: Any questions? Seeing none, are you ready for the question? Hold your yellow voting cards up so the counters can count them. A two thirds vote is required. All those in favor raise your yellow voting cards. All those opposed raise your yellow voting cards.

Count: 60 Yes 0 No Total Count 60 Article 4 Passes

<u>Article 5:</u> To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty four thousand dollars (\$24,000) to be added to the Repair and Replacement of the 1994 Fire Department Pumper Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any other action relating thereto. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required).

Motion made by Selectman Boette to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Byam. <u>Moderator:</u> Any discussion, seeing none, ready for the question? Read Article. All those in favor

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Article 6: To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) to be added to the Repair and Replacement of the 2005 Fire Department Pumper Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any other action relating thereto. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required.)

Motion made by Selectman Byam to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Douglas. <u>Moderator:</u> Any discussion, seeing none, ready for the question? Read Article. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by saying Nay. The Ayes have it. **Article 6 Passes.**

<u>Article 7:</u> To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to change the purpose of the existing 1984 Tanker Capital Reserve Fund to include the repair as well as the replacement of that vehicle. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (2/3 vote required)*

Motion made by Selectman Douglas to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Boette.

Moderator: Any questions? Seeing none, are you ready for the question? Hold your yellow voting cards up so the counters can count them. A two thirds vote is required. All those in favor raise your yellow voting cards. All those opposed raise your yellow voting cards.

Count: 61 Yes 0 No Total Count 61 Article 7 Passes

<u>Article 8:</u> To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) to be added to the Repair and Replacement of the 1984 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 Boette to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Byam. <u>Moderator:</u> Any discussion, seeing none, ready for the question? Read Article. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by saying Nay. The Ayes have it. **Article 8 Passes.**

Article 9 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 Replacement of the 2002 Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose; or take any other action relating thereto. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Motion made by Selectman Byam to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Douglas. <u>Moderator:</u> Any discussion, seeing none, ready for the question? Read Article. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by saying Nay. The Ayes have it. **Article 9 Passes.**

<u>Article 10</u> To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to change the purpose of the existing 2002 John Deere Grader Capital Reserve Fund to include the repair as well as the replacement of that piece of equipment. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (2/3 vote required)*

Motion made by Selectman Douglas to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Boette.

Moderator: Any questions about what this article is about? Seeing none, are you ready for the question? If you would raise your yellow voting cards up so the ballot counters can count the number of voting cards held up. All those in favor raise your yellow voting cards. All those opposed raise your yellow voting cards.

Count: 57 Yes 0 No Total Count 57 Article 10 Passes

<u>Article 11</u> 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 Repair and Replacement of the 2002 John Deere Grader Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any other action relating thereto. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required).

Motion made by Selectman Boette to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Byam. <u>Moderator:</u> Any discussion, ready for the question? Read Article. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by saying Nay. The Ayes have it. **Article 11 Passes.**

Article 12 To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000) to be added to the Replacement of the 2002 Mack 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 Byam to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Douglas. Moderator: Any discussion, ready for the question? Read Article. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by saying Nay. The Ayes have it. Article 12 Passes.

Article 13 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 Replacement of the 2007 One-ton 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 Douglas to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Boette.

Moderator: Any discussion, ready for the question? Read Article. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by saying Nay. The Ayes have it. Article 13 Passes.

Article 14 To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to be added to the Replacement of the 2009 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 Boette to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Byam. Moderator: Any discussion, ready for the question? Read Article. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by saying Nay. The Ayes have it. **Article 14 Passes.**

Article 15 To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to change the purpose of the existing 2007 Backhoe/Loader Capital Reserve Fund to include the repair as well as the replacement of that piece of equipment. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (2/3 vote required)

Motion made by Selectman Byam to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Douglas.

<u>Moderator:</u> Any discussion on this? We are adding the word repair. Seeing none, are you ready for the question? If you would raise your yellow voting cards up so the ballot counters can count the number of voting cards held up. All those in favor raise your yellow voting cards. All those opposed raise your yellow voting cards.

Count: 58 Yes 0 No Total Count 58 Article 15 Passes

Article 16 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 Repair and Replacement of 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 Douglas to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Boette.

<u>Moderator:</u> Any discussion, ready for the question? Read Article. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by saying Nay. The Ayes have it. **Article 16 Passes.**

Article 17 To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000) to be added to the Repair and Replacement of the 2008 Volvo Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any other action relating thereto. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required.)

Motion made by Selectman Boette to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Byam.

<u>Moderator:</u> Any discussion, ready for the question? Read Article. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by saying Nay. The Ayes have it. **Article 17 Passes.**

Article 18 To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to Repair and Replace the 2008 Backhoe and to raise and appropriate nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000) 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 Byam to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Douglas.

<u>Moderator:</u> Any discussion, ready for the question? Read Article. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by saying Nay. The Ayes have it. **Article 18 Passes.**

Article 19 To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000) to be added to the Bridge Build/Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established; or take any action related thereto. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required)

Motion made by Selectman Douglas to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Boette.

Moderator: Any discussion, ready for the question? Read Article. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by saying Nay. The Ayes have it. Article 19 Passes

<u>Article 20</u> To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to discontinue the Loader Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds of \$1,621 plus accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the General Fund. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required)*

Motion made by Selectman Boette to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Byam.

Moderator: Any discussion, ready for the question? Read Article. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by saying Nay. The Ayes have it. Article 20 Passes

<u>Article 21</u> 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 Town Report; or take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required)

Motion made by Selectman Byam to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Douglas.

<u>Moderator:</u> Any discussion, ready for the question? Read Article. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by saying Nay. The Ayes have it. **Article 21 Passes**

Article 22 To transact any other business that my legally come before said meeting.

Motion made by Selectman Douglas to move article as read, seconded by Selectman Boette.

Moderator: The first thing I would like to do as Moderator is thank the Office Staff, Highway Department and the Lafayette Artillery for helping set up this room for the meeting today. The Fire Department Auxiliary for selling food in the back of the room, Mr. Michael Kaelin for providing the set up in the room for the sound system for today and Wally Holt for the song and Lucy Schmidt for accepting the cane. Miss Cindi Hasty who is our Town Administrator

Lucy Schmidt for accepting the cane. Miss Cindi Hasty who is our Town Administrator Assistant and Mr. Burton Reynolds who is our temporary Town Administrator have been doing an incredible job since Kate has been sick, they have been filling in and both of them have been taking on extra responsibilities to keep this town running. I would like to personally thank them for their service for doing that. (round of applause).

<u>Selectman Boette:</u> We just want to thank Cindi again from the Board of Selectmen and also Burton for doing such a great job keeping us on the straight and narrow, again thank you very much. (round of applause)

<u>Selectman Byam:</u> This is Kevin's last official meeting, been a pleasure to serve with Kevin for three years now, he has done a lot for the town, budget committee. We have a plaque for him. (round of applause).

<u>Moderator:</u> Anything else? I have a motion to adjourn do I have a second (audience seconded) All those in favor signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by saying Nay. I declare this meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 11:54am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia H. Schultz, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Town of Lyndeborough NH Lyndeborough Town Meeting Minutes March 15, 2014