

**Town of Lyndeborough NH  
2022 Town Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2022**

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Moderator Walter Holland on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at Citizens' Hall located at 9 Citizens' Hall Road in Lyndeborough New Hampshire.

**Selectman Mark Chamberlain:** The Board would like to acknowledge and thank Mark Chase who tendered his retirement as Road Agent on Wednesday. Mark served this town for twenty three years, nine of them as Road Agent and during his time as Road Agent he and the rest of the Highway crew have made the Department much more effective and much more efficient which affects us all. We would like to thank him very much. (standing round of applause).

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 Citizens' Hall, 9 Citizens' Hall Road, in said Lyndeborough on Tuesday, the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) day of March 2022, at ten o'clock in the morning until seven o'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 twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) day of March 2022, at ten o'clock in the morning, to act upon Articles 2 through Article 17:

**Article 1: Selection of Officers:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

\*-indicates elected (143 Ballots cast – 1192 Registered Voters)

Results:

Selectman (3 years)	*Frederick Douglas Jr.	97
	Kevin Boette	22
Moderator (2 years)	*Walter M. Holland	138
Treasurer (3 years)	*Ellen Martin	128
Trustee of Cemeteries (3 years)	*Anna Meigs (write-in)	17
	Larry Curran (write-in)	13
Library Trustee: (3 years)	*Sally Curran	122
	*Nancy Jennifer Howe	118
Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years)	*Richard Herfurth	134
Supervisor of the Checklist (6 years)	*Sally Curran	126
Budget Committee (3 years)	*Stanley Greene	115
	*Walter Holland	128
	*Geoffrey Allen	114
Budget Committee (2 years)	*Kevin Boette	117
Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 years)	*Richard Roy	127

## **Article 2: Town Operating Budget**

To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of, **Two Million Four Hundred Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Five Dollars (\$2,406,865)**, representing the Operating Budget for fiscal year 2022, as prepared by the Budget Committee. Said sum is exclusive of all special or individual articles addressed; or to take any other action relative thereto. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article. (Majority Vote Required)*

Motion made by Selectman Fred Douglas to move article as read. Seconded by Selectman Mark Chamberlain.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Motion has been made and seconded.

**Budget Committee Chairman Karen Grybko** spoke about the increase to the budget of 4.6%. The Budget that was presented at the beginning of Budget season was a 16% increase over last year. The Budget Committee felt that was too much. All the Department budgets were all reasonable and at the end of the season the Budget Committee still needed to reduce the budget because 16% is a huge hike for the residents. After reviewing the budget it was decided to reduce the paving budget by ninety thousand dollars. That was the one place that the money could be taken from that would not hurt the Departments or the overall Town. The Selectmen came back and they said if the Budget Committee would support the Budget as presented they would pay for all of the Warrant Articles which total about one hundred and ninety thousand dollars out of the unreserved fund balance. The unreserved fund balance is made up from money that was not spent in previous years for the budget or revenues that were more than expected. The Budget Committee felt that was a good deal for the Selectmen to pay the one hundred and ninety thousand dollars for the Warrant Articles and we kept the Budget intact and the increase is about seventy eight thousand dollars which is 4.6%. The main drivers for this is the new Assessing Company for property and that was an increase of twenty thousand dollars over last year. Personnel administration is almost seventy six thousand dollar increase over last year, it has to do with changing Rance from a part-time Police Chief to a full-time Police Chief and also raises for the employees and a few other things. A big driver was an increase of almost forty nine thousand dollars for the Ambulance and then an increase of sixty four thousand dollars for increased paving because all the paving materials have increased significantly this year. Those numbers drove the increase of the Budget but it was compensated by the budget that each Department presented so that the overall increase is seventy eight thousand dollars.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Any questions or comments?

**Selectman Fred Douglas:** What I would like to bring to your attention if you don't know this, but most of you probably do. In the last three to four years and for the past several years with our Town Administrator Russ Boland, who has worked so, so hard to keep this Town budget flat. If you recognize the history behind this that basically we have done that. This is really the first year we have had an increase of this amount. We feel it and we know what you are going through but it is the minimum of what we could do and still get the services provided to you as tax payers. I just wanted to acknowledge Russ Boland and the Budget Committee and the other two Selectmen. We have worked so hard and it has been flat over the several years. Thank you.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** 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**

**Moderator Walter Holland:** The next thing we are going to do we are going to be getting into the Capital Reserve Funds. This is where we put money away to buy trucks and vehicles and other important items. Before we do that I think we have a motion?

**Mike Kaelin:** I move that we bring the question about the Ambulance up first. They have a risk of being called out on a call so can we bring that up first.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** I have a motion to bring the question, this would be Article 16 which is a discussion for the Wilton-Lyndeborough Ambulance relocation forward. I have a motion to bring it forward to discuss it before the Capital Reserve Funds. I have a second from Sally Curran. We have a motion to bring it forward and a second. All in favor of bringing it forward signify by saying Aye, all opposed signify by saying Nay, Ayes have it. **Motion passes**

### **Article 16: Wilton Ambulance Relocation**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Lyndeborough Board of Selectmen to endorse moving the Wilton Ambulance operations currently located at 404 Forest Road in Wilton to the Wilton Fire Station, located at 102 Main St. Wilton and to authorize the Lyndeborough Selectboard to convey to the Wilton Selectboard the results of this warrant article.

Motion made by Selectman Mark Chamberlain to move article as read. Seconded by Selectman Bob Howe.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Motion has been moved and seconded. The reason we have this on the warrant this year is because there is some movement in the Ambulance service and I would like someone to discuss why it is on our Town Warrant for today.

**Selectman Fred Douglas:** Mr. Moderator I yield to the Town Administrator Russ Boland for a quick overview.

**Town Administrator Russ Boland:** Early in 2021 the Ambulance Advisory Committee was notified that Wilton was looking at moving their operations from 404 Forest Road to the Fire Station at 102 Main Street. The preliminary numbers of savings to Lyndeborough as of September 16<sup>th</sup> operationally was two thousand one hundred and eleven dollars. There was also capital costs because the current building they are in identified many capital things that need to occur there. In order to do the move there is also capital things that need to occur at the Fire Station. So, it appears that the net initial capital savings to the Town of Lyndeborough for one year would be three thousand seven hundred and eighty four dollars. Since that time the numbers have changed, they have refined the numbers and it would appear that the move would net an operational savings to Lyndeborough of five thousand one hundred and fifty seven dollars per year. The major concern the Board of Selectmen has, that's why you are listening to this today, your input is that, with that comes an increase in response time. Arguably somewhere between two and a half and four minutes depending on how you look at it. Weather conditions, traffic conditions that type of stuff. So that is why the Board of Selectman felt that this was important enough that it should be on the Warrant today for discussion to get the input. Joining us today is also representatives from the Ambulance Department in Wilton and the Wilton Board of Selectman and my counterpart in Wilton the Town Administrator Nick. Throughout the year the Ambulance Advisory Committee, and it is only an Advisory Committee, meets three or four times to go over different things that are a concerns we have and that brings us to today. At this point starting with the Moderator, open up questions or the Ambulance Director wants to add to what I said.

**Kevin Boette:** As a member of the Budget Committee I have been following this, been privy to the information on the moving of the Wilton Ambulance and have taken time to discuss this with a bunch of different folks in different public sectors that work for both Towns as well as talk to residents around Town. Personally, I feel that this move is not the right move for the Citizens of Lyndeborough. As we heard Russ talk about numbers, the five thousand dollars is a new number since the last time we talked. There is a lot of new numbers coming out. First of all its five thousand dollars. On our Town Budget five thousand dollars is a very small number. You have a resident having a cardiac arrest event here in the center of Town and the response time is three minutes more, ok, I don't want to go to that family and say, first of all that Dad has passed away but the good news is we saved five thousand dollars. Ok, when that response time could have been three minutes or four minutes quicker and possibly saved his life. That is a big deal in an emergency medical situation, response time, number one. Number two, we are moving this down to Wilton and we are still keeping the same amount of Management. When a Bank buys out another Bank and there is a Branch across the street from each other there is not going to be two Banks there next year. They are going to close one because they have a Bank. Well, we are going to be moving this down to the Wilton Fire Station and not that I want to see anybody lose their job or their position but I feel that having a full time Ambulance Director and a full time Chief is a lot more than would be needed if everybody is in the same building. I think there is another way, if you are trying to move it down there lets some more savings besides five thousand dollars. Greenfield, also, to be considered in this is much further away and adding more response time to them is also not the best solution as far as I am concerned for our Town. There were a lot of items that were brought up that needed to be improved at the Ambulance building at 404 Forest Road. These items are not insurmountable. Talking with the former Ambulance Director one of the things I believe that was brought up was a firewall between the Ambulance Bay and the Residence Area. Am I correct on that? (Ambulance Director stated sealing the door) Right, sealing the door. These things can be done for not that much money. I think we need to really look at this. I think there needs to be a better study. I think we need more information going forward then what we have seen at this point. I am not comfortable adding a four minute response time with the amount of information we have had. I just feel it is a bad decision for us. People in the service have said yes, it's not the best decision for the Residents of Lyndeborough. It might be the best decision for the Town of Wilton but it's not the best decision for the Town of Lyndeborough.

**John Pomer:** I have a question as to right now. Is the current Ambulance Station staffed with people 24 hours a day and if they go down to Wilton will it be staffed 24 hours a day? If it is not staffed 24 hours a day response time has to include the time to get personnel to the Station also. I would like to have some answers to that.

**Ambulance Director Sherry Miller:** It is staffed 24/7 currently and it will be at the Fire Station as well.

**Mike Kaelin:** What is the average response time now?

**Ambulance Director Sherry Miller:** 6 to 8 minutes. It depends where the call is and it also depends on where we are located when the call comes in. We are not always at Forest Road, we could be on 101 getting fuel, we could be coming back from the Hospital. Typically its 6 to 8 minutes.

**Rich Bennett:** I am a Paramedic who works here on the Wilton-Lyndeborough Ambulance Service. I would like to give a little input as a resident and a Paramedic who is responding to your homes and taking care of you and your families. Response time from anywhere can vary like our Director said we could be coming back from a call somewhere else in Town. As far as response

times, you know Lyndeborough mass is a little odd with part of Lyndeborough actually being closer to Wilton. It would be longer for residents in this part of Town, including if they had to come to my house or the other part of Town. One of the biggest concerns is just for us is operational capability. The building we are in is pretty antiquated. We also have male and female members that are currently sharing the same bunkroom. Not going to get into how you could see that might be an issue at some point, but it could be. From what I understand, our building as well, there is some conjecture on who actually owns the building we are in and who pays for the building we are in. Since I have been there, I have been there three years as a Paramedic. I think our response times have been good but there have been plenty of times they haven't been great either. Working full EMS which is this considered, longer response times and duration to the Hospital. Every call is unique, every situation is unique but I feel the majority of the members who actually work for the Ambulance Service are looking to make the move to a place that is better operationally for us and the times would be negligible. You brought up a great point, you are right, seconds count when there is an emergency as far as a cardiac arrest or anything like that. I feel that we operate for the vast size of these Towns and our response area and our limited personnel. I think it would be good for us as a service and I am also speaking as a resident too, I have family here and I respond to you here. At the end of the day I don't think that that time difference would be a factor.

**Town Administrator Russ Boland:** Sherry, I talked about the operational savings of \$5157, have you done an analysis or updated the analysis on the capital costs of both repairing and bringing the current building up to speed vs the cost required to modify the Firehouse. The cost analysis on how we are going to pay for that in both locations.

**Ambulance Director Sherry Miller:** Anything that needs to be done to the Fire Station is going to be done internally by the fire fighters. Some of the projected costs of the future, a roof, paving the parking lot, because that has been identified as an issue, the septic. It could be a hundred thousand dollars and that is the future. I am not saying that is this year may not be next year. The building is old, we have to start addressing things and that is going to cost money so sure this year we are looking at just over five thousand dollars we can save and that is going at a later date in the year, that's not a full year. Looking at the future the building doesn't suit our needs. We don't have any area for training, the Fire Department has a training room, everything is set up, it's much bigger, it's better for us, we can do a lot more there. It's going to cost less because the stuff is already done that we don't have to do there that we would have to do out of purse.

**Stephanie Roper:** Has Wilton already agreed to this?

**Wilton Selectman Kermit Williams:** It is important for us to recognize that Wilton and Lyndeborough have been connected since the map makers redrew parts of Lyndeborough to make Wilton. We share a school a recycling center along with the Ambulance. The Fire Departments and the Police Departments work well together. We did not take this up at our Town Meeting which was held Thursday night, so the Selectboard will make the final decision. We have not made the final decision because part of what we wanted to do was hear from you folks and to hear from Greenfield. They are also having there Town Meeting this morning and they are discussing what is going on. We haven't made a decision but I think it is important for us to all recognize we are partners in this process. We don't consider you folks our customers. We want to get your input and then we will figure out what the best thing is for all of us.

**Selectman Fred Douglas:** Kermit this is a question for you. Do you know how much the Lyndeborough portion has gone up, Ambulance wise in the last two years?

**Wilton Selectman Kermit Williams:** I don't know the number but I am sure it is significant. Certainly costs have increased because we lost Temple to Peterborough. Costs have increased because we needed to raise the compensation to our workers otherwise we would lose them to elsewhere. Cost of employment has gone up everywhere. Those are the major costs but certainly because they were splitting it between fewer Towns. That's the biggest reason the costs have gone up. It has been significant, I couldn't tell you the percentage maybe that is something Sherry could answer.

**Selectman Fred Douglas:** But Greenfield has come on and replaced Temple.

**Wilton Selectman Kermit Williams:** Greenfield was in before Temple left so there was a couple of years where we had four Towns and certainly that made a difference. Now we are down to three and it is possible we will be down to two. Each Town is responsible to take care of its citizens. One thing that I would comment on in terms of response time is that I know that your Fire Department does a great job. Your Fire Department are First Responders to most Ambulance calls and a lot of times they are there before our crew is there because they are closer. They can do a lot of things to stabilize patients and to help before the Ambulance gets there. If I was a resident I would not be worried about the two or three minutes response time because I would figure that I would see the Fire folks there before anything showed up from the Ambulance.

**Selectman Fred Douglas:** You would not be worried about...

**Wilton Selectman Kermit Williams:** I would not be worried about the time because I believe that your Fire Department does a good job in terms of their initial response.

**Selectman Fred Douglas:** Is there any Paramedics on the Fire Department in Lyndeborough?

**Wilton Selectman Kermit Williams:** Probably not.

**Selectman Fred Douglas:** Mr. Moderator I have a question for the Town Administrator. How much has this budget gone up in the last three years?

**Town Administrator Russ Boland:** I can speak definitively to this year. This year it has gone up 65.7% or forty eight thousand nine hundred and ninety seven dollars. There was an increase last year but I don't have it, it wasn't anywhere near that much.

**Selectman Fred Douglas:** Overall it has gone up from about sixty eight thousand to a hundred and twenty thousand in the last two years, my understanding.

**Alyssa Lavoie:** Russ can you just make sure there is clarification for those in the audience that we are asking the opinion of Lyndeborough but ultimately it is Wilton Selectboard, Selectmen's vote and decision. That whatever our vote here is, is just an opinion not part of the official.

**Town Administrator Russ Boland:** That is my understanding.

**Lisa Post:** I am assuming that since it is in here that basically we thought it was a good idea, is that correct, my assumption correct. Since this is a Warrant Article and it was discussed and debated and it's here for us to comment on and vote on. I am assuming that it is something that we want to do. Is that correct as a Board? Do you support that?

**Town Administrator Russ Boland:** The Board never took a vote either affirmative or negative. When I brought it to their attention they felt that it was important enough that the people weigh in on it. There has not been a formal vote either pro or con. I wrote the Warrant Article, I had two choices, I had to write it so if you vote no, and I wrote it so that if you vote yes I believe the Selectmen would then contact Wilton and say we are in favor of it, if you vote no they would say we are not in favor of it. But, I also said publicly, have to acknowledge the fact that through the Ambulance Advisory Committee Wilton has been accepting as far as waiting till now to hear your opinion and also that the Ambulance Advisory Committee, so we have been asked, been a

partnership but the Board of Selectmen in Lyndeborough, I don't believe has taken a position one way or the other.

**Lisa Post:** So can I follow up with, do we have another viable option?

**Selectman Fred Douglas:** There is, I can't say its viable it's only in its infant stages but if this budget continues to go up the way it is there is no way we are going to be able to come in here year after year, the next couple of years with unknown numbers as you heard the Director say. She has no idea how much it's going to cost to renovate that building. How are we supposed to make an informed decision? That is why we wanted to bring it to you. But, the viable other options, there is another option, it's a matter of meeting with another agency and going over and fine tuning it. Whether it's viable, I don't know and neither do the other Board members. But, we didn't want to make this decision to tell you should you lose a loved one that the two or three minutes didn't matter.

**Lisa Post:** So how do we make that decision?

**Selectman Fred Douglas:** Just give us some direction. Right now we are pretty much locked in because they set the budget, we are paying the money but we have to give a year's notice to the Wilton Lyndeborough Ambulance Service if we are leaving.

**Lisa Post:** Can I ask how long our commitment to Wilton for is if we get accepted. I mean is there a certain amount of time or can you pull out at any time if another option becomes available?

**Selectman Fred Douglas:** My understanding is we have to give them one year notice that we are leaving. I have one other comment I would like to make. Many of you people here know that I have been in law enforcement for 44 years. Response time is important. I cannot sit here and not reiterate what Mr. Boette said. From the standpoint of the chain of command, if this move happens, if the Ambulance service moves down, under the Wilton Fire Department. I find that the chain of command, I don't want to see anybody to lose their job, but if you are going to house the Ambulance under the Fire Department, which they have a full time Fire Chief, why would you need a full time Director. A Lieutenant or a Captain could respond and keep the Fire Chief informed. I don't understand why if you have the redundancy of two Department Heads under the same roof. It makes no sense from the standpoint of the chain of command. And, I don't think this thing has been thought through enough. That's just my feelings of 44 years in Law Enforcement.

**Rich Bennett:** I didn't want to come across as sounding callous with minutes and response time or anything like that, that was not my intention. As far as Lyndeborough responding as a Fire Department they are phenomenal and I am not going to say anything as far as Wilton. But Wilton traditionally does not send their Fire Department out as First Responders. There are EMT's and First Responders with Lyndeborough Fire and I would say above 90% of the time we show up to a medical, they are already there providing care. BOS level care which is basic life support is what they are trained to do, meaning getting a defibrillator on somebody, starting CPR, starting basic life support. As Paramedics we come for advanced life support, meaning we can give you those medications, we can analyze a cardiac rhythm, we can do some further things in order to increase chance of survival. Talking about another viable option in the area. The only other services that would be a viable option in the area and in my opinion are viable would be Milford Ambulance or New Boston. Both of which would have an increased response times significantly as well as New Boston would have to go to the Ambulance Bay to get the ambulance and then come. Just to give you an idea of how we operate. At the Ambulance Bay right now, they are here right now, but there is normally a one duty crew on 24/7. If that duty crew gets tasked to go on a medical call we are either going to CMC or going to Elliot or going to Southern or going to St. Jo's all of which

you know are not right down the road. So, at that point technically we are out of service then. Sometimes we can people to backfill and come back and cover the second Ambulance. Sometimes we can't. In the event we can't Milford Ambulance comes over, Milford is a busy Town, sometimes they are not available. Sometimes we call Peterborough. All of these are increasing response times so there's, as far as saying that when you call 911, when I call 911 for my family, yes I would like to know someone is right there down the road and they are going to be there in the national response time of seven to nine minutes. Sometimes that is not the case in the Town's that we live in and the area where we are. I just wanted to reiterate that. Lyndeborough Fire is great and gets to your homes provides care and we are usually a few minutes behind. Does anybody have any questions for me as far as operationally that I could answer as a Paramedics?

**Mike Kaelin:** So there are two Ambulances?

**Rich Bennett:** Correct, we have two Ambulances and traditionally when one Ambulance is out on a call we have staff to cover. I work three jobs. We are not in this job, in this position to make money. But we have to survive to so we work multiple jobs so staffing is sometimes an issue with us.

**Mike Kaelin:** Are there more in Wilton? More Ambulances in Wilton.

**Rich Bennett:** No sir we share an Ambulance service. Wilton, Greenfield, Lyndeborough as of right now there are two Ambulances. One of which is staffed.

**Ray Humphreys:** Seven to nine minutes you mentioned as a national average. That is for ALS correct, can you confirm that? And for more severe conditions, such as a heart attack or stroke the seven to nine minutes is for ALS, right, not BLS. Since we are a partnership here, as I heard this gentleman say, what is the response time for Greenfield, additional? We are a partnership, you just said that.

Ambulance Director Sherry Miller spoke from the back of the room saying it would be the same response time added three to four minutes (inaudible).

**Kevin Boette:** Just a couple of notes on the discussion here. You have heard every single person come up here and tell you that the most important thing is response time, right. Nobody has come up and said it is not that important. So the number one issue with emergency medical services is response time. So, we are talking about adding response time to Lyndeborough's ambulance service. First of all that to me is a bad decision to start with. To me there is not enough research that has gone into this, not enough specifics that has gone into this to make this decision about the status of the building and future costs. I think we are just throwing a lot of numbers around right now saying well we might need a septic system, we might have to pave, we might have to do this we might have to do that. I would like to see a committee formed and I would like to see a detailed report come out of that committee of specific costs, bids, things like that. Not just people shooting from the hip saying ah I used to do this, it's going to be about ten thousand dollars. Get bids for all this work, get bids for this future work that has to happen and get reasons why it's not going to support us in a few years, well why isn't it going to support us in a few years, what do we need.

I think those are very important things. I do agree that our current option is the best, okay. Right now working with the Wilton Ambulance Service I think is the most viable option for us. Going to a private Ambulance Service in town isn't going to service well. Going to Peterborough isn't going to service as well as Wilton. Wilton moving their Ambulance Service from where it is down to Wilton will still probably be the best option that we have. But, it is not the best that it could be by leaving it where it is. Don't get lost, think about the response time, that is a huge thing, okay, a few more dollars for a few more minutes is worth it in the long run.



**John Pomer:** Back at the end of 2013 my wife Ellen had slipped on the ice. We did a 911 call of our home phone. Went back out tried to get some things under her, about five minutes later the first person showing up was the Chief of Police of Lyndeborough. There was about another ten minutes after that the ambulance showed up. So that is like a fifteen minute time period. And, on Glass Factory Road we are very close to where the ambulance is. So, the response times here, you have to take into consideration, it's going to take time to get to things and I am not sure that the bulk of the situation we have been dealing that moving down to Wilton is going to make that much of a significant difference in most situations. Those of us who chose to live in Lyndeborough, for the ruralness. We like to get away from everybody. I try to sit away from everybody. We have to expect it might be a longer time to get here.

**Mike Kaelin:** First of all, a few minutes ago it was mentioned, something was mentioned about leaving Wilton and I don't think that was the question at hand. And I hope that is not under consideration, I don't think there is a better option than Wilton. Secondly, I have a couple of questions. We have two ambulances, is there a chance that we could have one stationed in Wilton and one in Lyndeborough or if we do put the ambulances in Wilton is there a chance that we could renovate the building and they would come back. The third question is maybe we are being a little selfish because the ambulance has to service Wilton as well. That means there response times are longer and they have a larger population. I don't expect an answer to all of these questions right now but it is a good thing to bring it up.

**Geoffrey Allen:** I am usually against pretty much anything that is going to raise my taxes. But we also, when we discussed this as Mr. Pomer said you know we live in a small town and we take with the decisions to live in a small town we are not going to get big city service. But, looking at that, those of you who may have sat in on the Ambulance discussions several months ago there is some things that, that concern me. I have a couple of questions and I have a statement. The answers that we were given at that it seems like nobody, it's almost like we are jumping into something without knowing what we are doing. A lot of questions were asked of the Ambulance Director at that meeting that she was unable to answer. Today we hear a lot about potential costs but we don't have any real numbers. We hear a lot of people throw out solutions that aren't static so with those, some of the questions I have. Like we hear a lot, well Lyndeborough Fire Department is there first so, I wouldn't worry about the response time as much. So, what percentage of calls that the Ambulance rolls on is Lyndeborough Fire Department at? Of the how many calls they have to Lyndeborough in a year, what percentage of those does Lyndeborough show up and provide support first, at first. There was also a discussion about how the response time wouldn't be the same for everybody. There are certain areas of Lyndeborough where the response time might improve a little bit. I would like to know what percentage of the population would have an increase in the response time and what percentage of the population wouldn't see much of an effect. We also heard that don't worry about where the station is because so many times the ambulance is called when it is already on the road. I would like to know what percentage of the calls start from the station. What percentage of the calls take place once the ambulance is already out of the barn. I am happy to hear that maybe we are looking at other options. I absolutely agree with you that even if Wilton maybe our best option we had a 64.something percent increase this year, it's going up. There is talk of projected costs in the future but nobody knows what those are going to be and we are hinting at numbers and making it sound like it's going to be a lot. Maybe it will be nothing. We hear talk of well we are doing the work in house in the Fire Department so don't worry about that cost. Well why can't we do the same thing where we are now. Those are the questions I have, it is refreshing to learn you are looking at other options, I appreciate that. I echo the comment that

was made earlier. Boy you want to see somebody try to give us the best service for the dollar, Russ Boland and the Selectmen are there. I sit in on those meetings all the time and we would not be where we are at today if they didn't care about this as much as they do. The one thing we haven't heard, I know there hasn't been a vote from the Selectmen but I would like to hear individually what your thoughts are and your opinions are on this because you have the bulk of the information.

**Town Administrator Russ Boland:** Like everywhere in the nation Lyndeborough's challenged during the daytime. About a third of the Town would decrease in response time essentially anywhere from Wilton Road and Johnsons Corner East. About two thirds would increase. One of the questions I had earlier on was, because simultaneous runs and I believe it was addendum C right that we debated forever about calling back people to cover the second ambulance. Several years ago I received information that the simultaneous runs where very high but then they looked at it in more detail and the most recent numbers I have, Sherry if I am wrong please tell me, that 98.5% of all the ambulance calls are handled by ambulance one. (She is shaking her head so it is still valid) The 1.5% of the calls are handled by ambulance two and of those 1.5%, 66% of that 1.5% are handled by mutual aid. I have said repeatedly publicly and I want to be clear on this again. We have options but I always say they are not as good as this one. It is encumbered upon all of us whenever anything comes up to see what the options are and that is why we went out to look and see what the other options could be. The Fire Chief wants to comment on that Chief as far as daytime coverage for Lyndeborough. There are times the ambulance is first in.

**Fire Chief Brian Smith:** 2021 we actually had 106 med calls give or take there is a few other calls that the ambulance responds to as well. What I feel in my position is to protect the town's people and do the best I can to do that. As far as the budget I am not really looking at that because that is really not in my department. I want to protect you guys so response time is big. I know our territory is kinda odd shaped. So from points of Mountain Road out to the Turnpike it could take someone a long time to get there. I do have agreements set up depending on the type of calls that we have New Boston started automatically and once Wilton Ambulance signs on they are cancelled. Granted they are a volunteer base so they have time to get out there but sometimes they can still get there quicker. So, I am looking at all options of what I can do to benefit the town. As far as Lyndeborough Fire, we are all volunteers. We are lucky that we have three members on the Fire Department that work for the Town Highway. They show up when they can, they're throughout the town doing whatever they are doing so it is going to take them time to get there as well. Volunteers, we are a dying breed. It's known all over the place, so to try to get someone in to do what we do, it's hard and then try to keep them for the little amount of money that we can give them. But, we will continue to run on all med calls and we will try to do what we can to protect you guys.

**Kevin Boette:** Chief what is your opinion on the Ambulance move, do you support, yes or no?

**Fire Chief Brian Smith:** I won't give a yes or no. I can see a benefit on either which way, but my biggest thing is response times and I will do what I can to make that better. If there are better options out there we will definitely look into them. I really feel that this really needs to be voted on by the Town to see.

**Town Administrator Russ Boland:** Add one more thing, the Lyndeborough Board has been strong in resolve to say that if the decision is made to stay where you are that the employees deserve a safe environment and the building needs to be brought up to speed and with that comes a cost. Also they increased the wages this year and I try not to get personal but I think that was well worth it and there is probably still a lot of room because across the board EMS folks just don't get paid enough. That is my personal opinion.

**Stephanie Roper:** Just to give the number from the book because a couple of people asked. In 2021 there were 322 calls in Wilton for the ambulance, 118 in Lyndeborough and 95 calls in Greenfield that is out of, let's take out the mutual aid because that is separate, 535 calls. So roughly, very roughly, about 60% are Wilton calls. A little over 20% Lyndeborough and a little under 20% for Greenfield.

**Alyssa Lavoie:** Russ, can you just give some oversight because I think there is another piece to this puzzle that is a bit of an unknown but is important probably to have the full picture is the building, the property. The ownership, the potential of if we stay what happens, if we leave what happens.

**Town Administrator Russ Boland:** I don't know.

**Wilton Selectman Kermit Williams:** I can tell you that the ownership of the current ambulance building is in the Courts right now. It is being determined. It's my personal opinion that it will eventually belong to the three Towns that were part of the original system, Temple, Lyndeborough, and Wilton per propionate by population. But, that's up to the Courts.

**Town Administrator Russ Boland:** We also have joined the legal action. Our Attorneys talked to your Attorney because the building as I understand it was owned by the Wilton Ambulance Association which was administratively dissolved in 2011 and now it's been referred to the Courts as to who is going to own the building. I believe the motion before the Courts would be to reconstitute the Association for the sole purpose of turning it over to the three Towns, Wilton, Lyndeborough and Temple. And, I believe the split was 55/25/20. At which time the Towns would have a decision to make as to how to resolve ownership.

**Richard Herfurth:** Who is currently receiving the Rent?

**Town Administrator Russ Boland:** Currently I don't believe there is any Rent being paid. The Mortgage has been paid off, if that correct? Through the budgetary process the Ambulance has the maintenance and insurance what have you is being paid through that. There is no Rent being paid. I know Greenfield feels very strongly about there should be Rent being paid because they're not a party to this, in a sense of ownership of the building. That is my understanding of where we are at today with the plans.

**Kevin Boette:** A quick question to follow-up. What is the Selectmen's individual opinions on this and whether we should move it? I would be very curious because you guys have been privy to a lot more information. Can you offer us your thoughts on this?

**Selectman Fred Douglas:** Response time is important to me as it would be important to every citizen in the Town of Lyndeborough. In my prior job I was Police Chief in Milford NH. We built a 3.4 million dollar new Police Station and the information the research and development and meetings that we had to attend to put that together was immense over a course of two years. This seems like it's been accelerated way to quick. It is too many unknowns and there is no definitive numbers. That would have never happened in Milford. That is my concern.

**Bob Newton:** I have a question about the information on the sheet. The estimated cost savings, five thousand one fifty seven, is that net of capital outlays to effectuate the move or is that a gross number and if so what would it cost to actually make the move happen?

**Town Administrator Russ Boland:** Wilton will have to speak to that. I believe what you see with the 5157 is just the operational costs. Is that correct Sherry?

**Ambulance Director Sherry Miller:** That is correct.

**Bob Newton:** So that is not net of what it will cost to make the moves. So what will it cost us in terms of outlays to relocate to Wilton? So I mean that's a 2022 expense.

**Ambulance Director Sherry Miller:** Just wanted to clarify a few things. We did reach out to Primex, our risk management insurance company. They came out and they viewed our building. They gave us a list of a bunch of things we needed to address for the safety of our employees and we did a bunch of them in 2021. A part of the list that we need to look at are things that have to do in the future. I can't tell you what a roof is going to cost five years from now. I don't think a roofing company can tell you what a roof is going to cost. They did come out and looked at our roof and gave an estimate and I do have estimates from people but that is at today's cost. What it is going to be later I don't know. So, I didn't just make up numbers. Some people can't even come out and give estimates because they are busy and if anybody out there tries to get work done it is really hard right now. At the end of the day we have to look at the building that we are putting money into a building that doesn't suit our needs as a service. We want to make sure our employees that are staffed there 24/7, they are safe. A lot of those things have been addressed. The sleeping quarters, that is something that when I talk about is going to be done internally with the Fire Department members (inaudible). The work that needs to be done at Forest Road station is not something staff can do. That is not what they are there for. They are not trained. They are not qualified to do that. The other important thing is that I appreciate Selectman Douglas's comment on chain of command but this is a real estate transaction we weren't moving there, we're not housing we are occupying the end of the building. The Fire Department is under the direction and management of the Fire Chief in Wilton and the EMS is going to be under the direction of Ambulance Director. We are totally separate. It is a Wilton Fire Department budget and a Wilton Ambulance budget, totally separate. We are not being combined.

**Olivia Binstead:** If we stay on the Forest Road building, Temple no longer operates under Wilton Ambulance, we operate under Peterborough. But Temple partially, if the Courts rule in the case that Temple is a partial owner where does Temple stand if we stay there and we have to repair it on fronting costs. Do we know that? Because if Temple owns 20% of the building and we stay there and we have to fix it, 20% of the costs would technically be under Temple because they would be part owner. Has there been talk of Temple selling there portion back to the Towns that operate. That would be my question.

**Town Administrator Russ Boland:** We don't have an answer for that. I will tell you we are working jointly with Temple because we share the same Attorney because we had to respond along with Wilton. I think Temple has been extraordinarily patient.

**Olivia Binstead:** As a First Responder and a Firefighter I do see benefits on both sides. I get both sides of it. But, I think that we also need to wait for the Courts. I think this is a decision that can't be made until the Court decides what is, what the stakeholders in that building need. Obviously it needs renovation. It's probably needed it for a long time but to response time, I am here or there on that. That would be my question.

**Alyssa Lavoie:** Mr. Williams can you come and just answer that there is no rent being paid. Can you explain the rent expenditures on the line item budget for the Ambulance Service?

**Wilton Selectman Kermit Williams:** There is no rent in the Ambulance budget because we don't know who to pay it to. Because we don't know who the building is really owned by at this point, that is the whole point of the three Towns taking it to Court that needs to be settled. I think that since Lyndeborough potentially is a partial owner of the building which is more or less proportional to their size and so therefore proportional to their costs. I would think that the rent would be a wash but obviously the point of what happens as far as Temple's ownership that is a really good question. One of the points that I would like to make is that this is not like a switch. Assuming you vote one way or another it doesn't mean that we are done and you know Selectman

Douglas talks about analysis and certainly the decision hasn't been made about this move to a point where all we are waiting for is for Lyndeborough to say yes or no. We are going to have to spend more time in the Ambulance Advisory Committee, in different Selectboards and elsewhere to decide what to do. We are not done as this day ends. We still need to do that analysis. We still need to understand what the right thing to do is financially from a service perspective from a response time perspective and from an operational perspective. But I think the point of this is that you guys only meet like this once a year. ...wait till next year to get the input from your citizens' so yes this is an important vote and I hope that you vote to support what the Ambulance Service believes which is that they believe that they should move. But that doesn't mean that it is going to happen tomorrow and that it is a done deal. We still need to do the analysis.

**Alyssa Lavoie:** Mr. Williams, there is a line item budget, line item on the budget that specifically says rent. I forget the exact amount, twenty, forty thousand. So there is rent being charged to the Town of Lyndeborough, whatever their portion percentage is.

**Wilton Selectman Kermit Williams:** So the rent would be if the service moves to the Fire Station.

**Alyssa Lavoie:** No, that is not the way the budget was presented.

**Ambulance Director Sherry Miller:** So, the twenty four thousand that was put in by the Selectboard is to address the issues that we need to fix at the station that didn't get finished last year because we had a pretty big expense last year trying to get things done. This is to finish that and that went out to a cost to Greenfield, Lyndeborough and Wilton across the board well percentage wise.

**Alyssa Lavoie:** So the Town of Lyndeborough is currently paying rent.

**Ambulance Director Sherry Miller:** For this year, in the past they did not. In 2022 that got put in, initially there was a sixty thousand dollar number to address repairs that were needed. They opted to put in a rent to, and that is what is going to be used to make the necessary improvements to the immediate things not the big things. That is going to come in the future.

**Bob Newton:** A point in the question, the point is that it appears from the number of questions that are being raised here today that the information on this sheet is neither completed enough or clear enough for anybody to make a decision. On that basis as I read Article 16 and it is asking for the Towns people to vote to endorse moving or to, that we authorize the Lyndeborough Board of Selectman to endorse moving the Wilton Ambulance operations, clearly this question is not ready for primetime. We do not have enough information to make that decision and I recommend that we vote no on this Article. My second question is does the Ambulance Service charge its patients when it makes a run? Does it charge the patients insurance company or anything like that? Or is one hundred percent of the operating cost born by the taxpayers?

**Moderator Walter Holland:** No, there is a charge.

**Bob Newton:** Then it seems to me that if we are running the Ambulance Service as a business it should be capable of providing an income statement that add/balances its income and its revenues against its expenses so that we can see what it really is costing the Town or providing to the Town on a net net basis.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Bob, just to read the last little bit of sentence on Article 16 it says the Lyndeborough Selectboard to convey to the Wilton Selectboard the results of this. And, this is really a discussion. I don't know if we are going to have a yes or no or what when we get to the end of it.

**Selectman Robert Howe:** I am concerned about response time. It is critical and I do have some concerns and I am inclined to agree with a lot of the conversation that has going on here in terms

of the need for more examination of the financial operational aspect of this proposed move. The numbers that we have been seeing have changed from one extreme to the other, I think. I just believe that this is probably the best option, it is the best option we have but I just think we need to zero in on the financial aspect of it and see how we can fine tune it to fit both our needs and the Ambulance Service needs.

**Kevin Boette:** I just want to reiterate that even the Wilton Selectmen say we are not really sure about all of this stuff yet. This Article, to me, is just very premature. If there is no rush to move the Ambulance, if we vote no or yes they are not going to go changing it tomorrow anyway. Why don't we leave them with some direction to say come back to us next year with all the information? Get us all the costs. Get us what's wrong and what's right with doing both of them and operationally what is it going to cost to move the Ambulance down there. Well, that's going to come out of the benefit statement as well. So, we just need that information. I feel that the entire group of us are asking questions that there aren't answers to. I feel that this is just early so I would like to call the question because I feel that it is the sense of the room.

**Selectman Fred Douglas:** Mr. Moderator I have another question for the Director. Is there anything that is in that building that you are in right now is a life safety issue that needs to be replaced or fixed this year.

**Ambulance Director Sherry Miller:** The largest item that needs to be addressed this year that will be if we stay is we need to put in an exhaust evacuation system. When our trucks back in all that diesel stays in our garage. We did seal the door last year but we do have to install that and the cost last year was ten thousand four hundred and eleven dollars. I am waiting for a call back to find out if that cost has increased for this year. That is something that is at the Fire Department we don't have to do. There is also some electrical that needs to be finished up. I don't have the list in front of me.

**Selectman Fred Douglas:** Director is that in your budget?

**Ambulance Director Sherry Miller:** That is what that twenty four thousand, we are hoping that the twenty four thousand that is the rent. We are going to utilize that line item to make those changes.

**Selectman Fred Douglas:** So it's in your budget?

**Ambulance Director Sherry Miller:** Yes, whether or not there is enough to address everything, we are hopeful.

**Alyssa Lavoie:** I don't disagree with anybody in terms of response times, nobody is going to argue that response time is as critical as it is. My concern is that we go through this budget and we put money into a building that ultimately Wilton has the final decision on and will move the Ambulance Service within the next one to five years. So, all this money goes in with no return as well as no known on what is going to happen with building ownership and the requirement for money to buy out Temple in the future. I think there is a lot of unknowns but the other thing to consider is how much money are we putting into the unknown of staying to potentially be required to leave anyways.

**Bob Newton:** Mr. Moderator a question on a point of order. Do we have a motion seconded to consider Article 16?

**Moderator Walter Holland:** We had a motion but it is a very important Article. I want to leave it open we only have two more people.

**Bob Newton:** So there is a motion about Article 16 on the floor. I second the motion to call the question and I hope we will proceed with haste to a vote on the question.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** We are going to bring up the Question now. I am going to paraphrase this so that you understand what we are going to say. What this is about the way I understand it and the way they explained it to me is this is to ask the Lyndeborough Selectmen, they have taken notes, the Town Clerk has been taking notes for all of this discussion. The Selectmen and the Committee are going to convey the results of this discussion this morning on this Article. That is what I am going to be asking you for. If you affirm and say Yea , what we are going to say is we want the Selectmen of Lyndeborough to convey the results of all of this discussion to the Committee's and to the Wilton Selectmen about the ambulance.

**Bob Newton:** Point of Order Mr. Moderator. That is not what the Article says. You are paraphrasing.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Read Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Lyndeborough Board of Selectmen to endorse moving the Wilton Ambulance operations currently located at 404 Forest Road in Wilton to the Wilton Fire Station, located at 102 Main St. Wilton and to authorize the Lyndeborough Selectboard to convey to the Wilton Selectboard the results of this warrant article.

If we say that we agree with this we are endorsing the move. If we say no then that means we don't give them the results of this discussion.

**Selectman Robert Howe:** Mr. Moderator, the way I am looking at it is if we say the meeting says No we do not authorize it but it also says to convey to the Wilton Selectboard the results of this Warrant Article. I would say a No vote means you don't endorse it but you want to continue the discussion.

**Alyssa Lavoie:** The point of this is they want to investigate. How many people who are here are in favor of moving the service, how many people here are against moving the service? That is what the intention of this Article is supposed to be. Just by voting to investigate it we are literally turning around in circles doing the same thing we have been doing for the last six months already. The point is to say how many, let's get a count, endorse our interest in going to Wilton and how many do not. If you don't know than you don't vote. That is the intention of what this is supposed to be doing.

**Bob Newton:** Point of Order Mr. Moderator. The question has been called, the motion to call the question has been seconded under Roberts Rules the rule is we must proceed to a vote on the Article, discussion has been closed.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Read Article 16. All those in favor of Article as written signify by saying Aye, all opposed signify by saying Nay. **Voice vote, the Nays say No to Article 16**

### **Article 3: 1994 Fire Department Pumper Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000)** to be added to the **Repair and Replacement of the 1994 Fire Department Pumper Capital Reserve Fund** previously established for that purpose. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance, no amount to be raised from taxation; or to take any other action relative thereto. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article. (Majority Vote Required)*

Motion made by Selectman Bob Howe to move article as read. Seconded by Selectman Fred Douglas.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion, seeing none are you ready for the question? All in favor of Article 3 signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by say Nay. Ayes have it. **Article 3 Passes**

**Article 4: 2005 Fire Department Pumper Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty-One Thousand Dollars (\$31,000)** to be added to the **Repair and Replacement of the 2005 Fire Department Pumper Capital Reserve Fund** previously established for that purpose. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance, no amount to be raised from taxation; or to take any other action relative thereto. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article. (Majority Vote Required)*

Motion made by Selectman Mark Chamberlain to move article as read. Seconded by Selectman Bob Howe.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion, seeing none are you ready for the question? All in favor of Article 4 signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by say Nay. Ayes have it. **Article 4 Passes**

**Article 5: Lyndeborough Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)** to be added to the **Repair and Replacement of Lyndeborough Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**, previously established for that purpose. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance, no amount to be raised from taxation; or to take any other action relative thereto. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article. (Majority Vote Required)*

Motion made by Selectman Fred Douglas to move article as read. Seconded by Selectman Mark Chamberlain.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion, seeing none are you ready for the question? All in favor of Article 5 signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by say Nay. Ayes have it. **Article 5 Passes**

**Article 6: Police Vehicle**

To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$20,500)** to partially defray the cost of the replacement of the 2018 AWD Ford Police Vehicle. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the vehicle is replaced or December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance, no amount to be raised from taxation; or take any other action relative thereto. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article. (Majority Vote Required)*

Motion made by Selectman Bob Howe to move article as read. Seconded by Selectman Fred Douglas.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion, seeing none are you ready for the question? All in favor of Article 6 signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by say Nay. Ayes have it. **Article 6 Passes**



**Article 7: 2016 One-Ton Truck Capital Reserve Fund**

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 **Repair and Replacement of the 2016 One-Ton Truck Capital Reserve Fund** previously established for that purpose. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance, no amount to be raised from taxation; or take any other action relative thereto. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article. (Majority Vote Required)*

Motion made by Selectman Mark Chamberlain to move article as read. Seconded by Selectman Bob Howe.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion, seeing none are you ready for the question? All in favor of Article 7 signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by say Nay. Ayes have it. **Article 7 Passes**

**Article 8: 2016 Mid-Size Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund (Freightliner)**

To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000)** to be added to the **Repair and Replacement of the 2016 Mid-Size Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund** previously established for that purpose. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance, no amount to be raised from taxation; or take any other action relative thereto. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article. (Majority Vote Required)*

Motion made by Selectman Fred Douglas to move article as read. Seconded by Selectman Mark Chamberlain.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion, seeing none are you ready for the question? All in favor of Article 8 signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by say Nay. Ayes have it. **Article 8 Passes**

**Article 9: Backhoe / Loader Capital Reserve Fund**

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 **Repair and Replacement of the Backhoe / Loader Capital Reserve Fund** previously established for that purpose. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance, no amount to be raised from taxation; or take any other action relative thereto. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article. (Majority Vote Required)*

Motion made by Selectman Bob Howe to move article as read. Seconded by Selectman Fred Douglas.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion, seeing none are you ready for the question? All in favor of Article 9 signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by say Nay. Ayes have it. **Article 9 Passes**

**Article 10: 2018 Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund (Ten-Wheeler)**

To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000)** to be added to the **Repair and Replacement of the 2018 Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund** previously established for that purpose. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance, no amount to be raised from taxation; or take any other action relative

thereto. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article. (Majority Vote Required)*

Motion made by Selectman Mark Chamberlain to move article as read. Seconded by Selectman Bob Howe.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion, seeing none are you ready for the question? All in favor of Article 10 signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by say Nay. Ayes have it. **Article 10 Passes**

### **Article 11: Bridge Build/Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)** to be added to the **Bridge Build/Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund** previously established for that purpose. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance, no amount to be raised from taxation; or take any other action relative thereto. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article. (Majority Vote Required)*

Motion made by Selectman Fred Douglas to move article as read. Seconded by Selectman Mark Chamberlain.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion, seeing none are you ready for the question? All in favor of Article 11 signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by say Nay. Ayes have it. **Article 11 Passes**

### **Article 12: 2008 Backhoe Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500)** to be added to the **Repair and Replacement of the 2008 Backhoe Capital Reserve Fund** previously established for that purpose. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance, no amount to be raised from taxation; or take any other action relative thereto. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article. (Majority Vote Required)*

Motion made by Selectman Bob Howe to move article as read. Seconded by Selectman Fred Douglas.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion, seeing none are you ready for the question? All in favor of Article 12 signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by say Nay. Ayes have it. **Article 12 Passes**

### **Article 13: 2020 Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund (Freightliner)**

To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000)** to be added to the **Repair and Replacement of the 2020 Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund** previously established for that purpose. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance, no amount to be raised from taxation; or take any other action relative thereto. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article. (Majority Vote Required)*

Motion made by Selectman Mark Chamberlain to move article as read. Seconded by Selectman Bob Howe.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion, seeing none are you ready for the question? All in favor of Article 13 signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by say Nay. Ayes have it. **Article 13 Passes**

**Article 14: Purchase a Highway Department One-Ton Truck**

To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventy-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$77,000)** to purchase a Highway Department one-ton truck, sanding unit, plow set up, other associated equipment including but not limited to set up costs. Further, to authorize the withdrawal of up to **Seventy-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$77,000)** from the **Repair and Replacement of the 2016 One-Ton Truck Capital Reserve Fund**, previously set up for this purpose and, to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any steps to facilitate said sale including, but not limited to, the right to convey title of any vehicle(s) being provided in sale or trade. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the vehicle is purchased or December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner; or take any other action relative thereto. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article. (Majority Vote Required.)* Motion made by Selectman Fred Douglas to move article as read. Seconded by Selectman Mark Chamberlain.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion?

**Selectman Fred Douglas:** I would like to have the Town Administrator explain why we are buying this.

**Town Administrator Russ Boland:** As you will see we are replacing a 2016 one ton dump truck that had an expected life of nine years. This is only six years. It suffered a catastrophic failure up on Mountain Road of which was a result of either a massive overheat or a small fire. There is approximately twelve thousand dollars' worth of damage done to that vehicle. Primex is covering it. We will be responsible for one thousand dollar deductible, fourteen hundred dollar depreciation on the repair. So, Primex will be covering roughly about ninety five to ten thousand dollars. We will cover just shy of twenty five hundred dollars at which time we will purchase this new vehicle and use either the trade in or the sale of the old vehicle to offset the cost. We are looking at the cost of approximately ninety thousand dollars so it should be easy enough to get thirteen thousand dollar difference. I am hoping we obtain far more than that where we don't have to take seventy seven thousand. The truck has had a history that has been disappointing and that was why this Board of Selectman on the recommendation of the Road Agent in conjunction with the Budget Committee decided that we needed reliability. So, we also, from the Capital Improvement point of view, we have to revisit whether or not demanding nine years out of the one ton vehicles is too long. The previous one lasted eight years but it barely lasted eight years. That is the plan for the purchase of this vehicle.

**Ray Humphreys:** Russ, are we under sizing this vehicle? Should it be the next size up?

**Town Administrator Russ Boland:** No, the short answer is no. At one time the one tons had a dedicated route. And that was something across the industry and the industry found out that that just doesn't work. So what we use this vehicle for is day to day operations year round and also to do the parking lots and dead-end streets. If you see it on a route it is because something else very bad happened. That is why we have two little Freightliners now, I call them two little Freightliners. They are far more heavy duty than the one ton. So the one ton is strictly for daily operations and then parking lots and dead-end streets. We are going to have to revisit the expected longevity of this type of vehicle.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Read Article 14, All those in favor of Article 14 as read signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by saying Nay. **Article 14 Passes**

**Article 15: Capital Reserve Fund Change of Purpose**

To see if the Town of Lyndeborough will vote, pursuant RSA 35:16, to change the purpose of the existing **Repair and Replacement of the 2016 One-Ton Truck Capital Reserve Fund** to **Repair and Replacement of the 2022 One-Ton Truck Capital Reserve Fund**; or take any other action relative thereto. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article. (2/3 Vote Required.)*

Motion made by Selectman Bob Howe to move article as read. Seconded by Selectman Fred Douglas.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Motion has been made and seconded. Does anybody have any questions? Ready for the question? On this one we need to get a count because it is two thirds vote required. All those in favor of Article 15 as read please raise your yellow voting card. All those that are opposed to this Article 15 raise your yellow voting card. **37 Yes 0 No**  
**Article 15 Passes**

**Article 16: Wilton Ambulance Relocation**  
**(moved forward to after Article 2)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Lyndeborough Board of Selectmen to endorse moving the Wilton Ambulance operations currently located at 404 Forest Road in Wilton to the Wilton Fire Station, located at 102 Main St. Wilton and to authorize the Lyndeborough Selectboard to convey to the Wilton Selectboard the results of this warrant article.

**Article 17: Other Business**

**Police Chief Rance Deware:** As everybody knows it's been a pretty rough year for me and I just want to say thank you to everybody, especially the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator. Everyone has been there for me. Thank you, it means a lot to me and my kids and I appreciate everything you did.

**Moderator Walter Holland:** Motion to adjourn from Audience member, second from Mike Kaelin. All those in favor of adjourning signify by saying Aye, those opposed signify by saying Nay. Ayes have it. Meeting adjourned at 12:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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