

## TOWN OF LYNDON SELECTBOARD MEETING May 6, 2020 5:30 PM

Selectboard: Christian Thompson, Chair, Fred Gorham, Dan Daley

Officials: Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith, Chief Jack Harris Press: Todd Wellington – The Caledonian Record

Public: Jason Harris

## 1. Police Hiring Announcement:

The initial advertisement for a full-time police officer only brought in one application. It was run again using Indeed.com and eighteen applications were received. Four candidates were chosen to interview; two chose not to participate in the interviewing process.

Each candidate was interviewed by two separate committees. The first committee was made up of the Police Advisory Committee which includes Sarah Lafferty, Amy Bean, Tim Gaskin, and Curtis Carpenter along with Chief Harris, and the second committee was the Hiring Committee, consisting of Village Trustee Chris Hunter, Selectboard member Christian Thompson and Municipal Administrator Justin Smith. It was a unanimous decision to offer the position to Jason Harris.

Officer Harris was the only full-time certified officer that applied. He graduated from Lyndon Institute in 2013 and from Johnson State College (now known as Northern Vermont University-Johnson) in 2016. He attended the Vermont Police Academy, worked for the Lamoille Sheriff's Department for two years, the Vermont State Police Auxiliary, University of Vermont (UVM) Police Services before going to the Town of St. Johnsbury in September 2019. His first day with the Lyndonville Police Department will be May 19, 2020.