

TOWN OF LYNDON PUBLIC HEARING February 18, 2020 6:00 PM

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

Officials: Dawn Dwyer (Clerk & Treasurer), Justin Smith (Municipal Administrator)

Press: NVU-News 7, Todd Wellington- The Caledonian-Record

Public: Marty Feltus, Evan Carlson, Jim Gallagher, Luverne Patton, Nicolas Anzalone, Jacob Simpson,

William R. ?, Karen Hardie, Dana Caspersen, Cameron Somers.

Dan Daley, Chair, opened the first public hearing on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 6:05 PM in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building, for the public review and comment on the proposed NEK Community Broadband - Communications Union District to be known as NEK Community Broadband, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Ch82. The question to the voters is:

"Shall the Town of Lyndon enter into a communications union district (CUD) to be known as NEK Community Broadband, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Ch82.?"

Marty Feltus shared literature and gave a brief explanation regarding the proposed communications union district (CUD.) to be known as NEK Community Broadband. The voters of approximately 27 towns, including Lyndon, will be asked if their Town should enter the CUD during Town Meeting. To form the CUD only two towns will need to vote yes. The creation of the CUD will allow the CUD to apply for grants and bonds to build the network. Each town in the CUD will have a seat on the governing board which will work to plan and fund the building and operation of new broadband infrastructure. The process will be multi-year. The costs of building and operating the broadband will be invested by investors and end users.

After a brief question and answer period, the public hearing was closed at 6:32 PM.