

## Selectboard Report for 2010

It was a productive year for the Town of Lyndon in 2010. Lots of things going on and significant progress made in several areas. The biggest thing was the completion of the planning and engineering work for the upgrade to our wastewater plant. This is a major project that will basically rebuild and completely modernize the old plant at a cost of \$4.7 million. Voters have approved a bond for \$1,288,000, which is our share of the cost. We will be going out for bids this spring and construction will get under way this summer. The plan is to have the project completed within one year.

We purchased a new dump truck last summer to replace an old one that had served us for 13 years. Our road foreman, Rob Nutting even managed to find one and get it equipped for less than we had budgeted. Thank you, Rob! On the subject of highways, we removed the short, paved section on Mathewson Hill Road, rebuilt it and decided to leave it graveled, like the rest of the road. Our road crews continue to do an outstanding job maintaining our roads in both winter and summer. I think we all appreciate the hard work our crew puts in.

As per the State's rules, when our CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) dropped below 80%, we were required to do a reappraisal of all the property in town. That reappraisal will be finished this spring and the results will be reflected in your property tax bills for 2011. We also completed an update to the Town's tax maps. The Planning Commission is continuing its work on updating and rewriting the zoning bylaws.

This year also saw some major improvements made to the Cobleigh Library. Our library is one of the best in the State and we applaud the staff there for continuing to improve it and keep it a cornerstone of the community. Improvements were also made to the Center Street pumping station as we strive to keep our infrastructure up-to-date.

With an eye to the future, we have formed two committees to look into situations of concern to the town and village. First, there is a committee that is looking at flood mitigation strategies for the area. Kerry O'Brien from the Caledonia Conservation District and Staci Pomeroy from the State have been working with a local committee to begin developing strategies to reduce the effects of future floods. A new committee headed by Russ Blake is investigating potential locations for a new combined Town/Village garage to be built in the future.

We finally found a location for the proposed skate park. It will be at the Outing Club and we are now awaiting final word from Washington as to funding with an eye toward spring construction.

Ralph Aussiker has returned from his deployment to Afghanistan (thanks Ralph for your service) and he will now become our third police officer. This will expand our presence and allow us to be more proactive in our policing efforts.

Lastly, we finished 2010 with a balanced budget and with money reserved for future improvements. We are asking for a budget in 2011 that will not require any tax increase but will allow Lyndon to continue moving forward. Thank you for your support of our work.

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