

TOWN OF LYNDON SELECTBOARD
VILLAGE OF LYNDONVILLE
JOINT SELECTBOARD & TRUSTEE MEETING

March 28, 2016 - 6:00 PM

Trustees

Ray Durocher, Chair
Heather Bollman
Ron Aiken
Doug Conly
Chris Hunter

Selectboard

Dan Daley, Chair
Marty Feltus
Kermit Fisher

Press

Amy Nixon

Public

Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith
Joanie Hahr, Larry Willey
Ken Mason, Steve Gray
Joe Dauphin, Paul Costello
Jenna Whitson

Ray Durocher called the meeting to order for the Trustees and Dan Daley for the Selectboard at 6:00 PM.

1. Presentation by Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD)

Paul Costello, Executive Director and Jenna Whitson, Community & Policy Manager, gave a brief overview of the organization and presented the Community Visit Program (CVP) they are currently facilitating. The VCRD's CVP program is a way for "towns to engage and bring together their residents, set common goals and directions in a neutral and facilitated structure, and access resources that will help them take action on those goals". (See attached description).

Some of the other Towns VCRD has worked with include Rutland, Swanton, Craftsbury & St. Johnsbury. VCRD has run this program on a grant from USDA and is currently working to renew the grant and need to line up their next two years of Towns as a part of that renewal. If Lyndon is interested, VCRD would need a letter of interest by April 10, 2016. The cost to the Town & Village would be to provide a community dinner and Mr. Costello estimated that cost to be approximately \$500. The project would be scheduled to fit with Lyndon's schedule.

Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Marty Feltus, to approve participation in the Vermont Council on Rural Development's Community Visit Program by submitting a letter of interest by April 10, 2016. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion made by Chris Hunter, seconded by Ray Durocher, to approve participation in the Vermont Council on Rural Development's Community Visit Program by submitting a letter of interest by April 10, 2016. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Northeast Woodland Training, Inc. Contract:

Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT) has suggested a Chain Saw Safety Training in response to an incident one of the Town Highway crew had while felling a tree a couple months ago. The classes allow for ten (10) students so we are combining both the Town Highway and the Village Highway crews and will be taking the Level 1 and Level 2 training. Each year VLCT allows \$2,300 in grants for educational training provided by VLCT. Justin will be writing a grant request for the Town to cover the first day of training and the Village to cover the second day. The grants should be sufficient to cover the costs. The training will be two full days, being held on June 14 & 15, 2016.

Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Marty Feltus, to adjourn for the Selectboard at 6:45 PM. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Ray Durocher, seconded by Chris Hunter, to adjourn for the Trustees at 6:45 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer

Approved by the Selectboard: April 4, 2016

Approved by the Trustees: _____