

TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING
January 7, 2018
5:31 PM

Selectboard

Kermit Fisher, Chair
Dan Daley
Christian Thompson

Press

Public

Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith, Steve Gray, Mike Flynn
Adrienne D'Olimpio, Cathy Boykin, Barrett & Jill Nichols
Carrie Tomczyk, Harry & Claire Morrison, Margarethe Mentis

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

*Rec Department

* Cruiser Bid

*Elm Street Dog Complaint

2. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the January 3, 2019 minutes as amended. Motion carried 3 to 0.

3. Approval & Signing of Orders drawn on the Treasurer:

The Board approved and signed the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks # 2.

4. Highway Report:

At 2% through the year, payroll is 3% spent and the entire budget is 6% expended. The annual Property & Casualty insurance is paid in full the first week of the year.

5. Sign the Certificate of Highway Mileage:

Justin Smith noted that there were no changes from 2018. The mileage is used for highway state aid. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve and sign the Certificate of Highway Mileage for 2019. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Cruiser Bid:

Justin Smith provided a copy of the 2013 Dodge Charger cruiser bid for review and approval. The ad will be placed and bids will be due by Wednesday, January 30, 2019 by 1:00 PM. The full notice can be seen on the Town's website www.lyndonvt.org.

7. Elm Street Dog Complaint:

A written complaint was received by Brian Fenoff at 921 Center Street (complaint filed with minutes). The dog was muzzled and on a leash but the owner was not able to control the dog while Mr. Fenoff was walking to his truck. The dog made contact with Mr. Fenoff three times before he was able to get away. The dog is not currently licensed. Cindy Cady, Animal Control Officer, met with Mr. Fenoff today. In reviewing the case, it has been determined that Mr. Fenoff's dogs are not licensed as well. Justin Smith asked that Cindy Cady send both dog owners written notice to license their dogs. A copy of the ordinance will be included in the letters explaining that their dogs must be under control at all times. Michael Flynn asked if Cindy has a procedure to follow regarding these issues. Cindy must follow State Statues.

8. Rec Department:

The one forum was held on Thursday, January 3rd at the Lyndon Outing Club. Kermit Fisher asked why tax payer dollars should go to promote certain private businesses. The list was generated more as contact information for the Director. They would promote community events. Dan asked how the All Things Lyndon (ATL) website differs from the Rec Department website. Adrienne D'Olimpio explained that the ATL site was created with the Promise Grant. The website was designed and done; it's not dynamic

nor gets updated regularly. Adrienne felt the Rec Dept. website would be more dynamic and updated regularly. Adrienne asked the Board what they think of the Rec Department idea. Dan Daley thinks it's a great idea but is concerned with the major tax increases this year that are out of the Board's control. Claire Morrison asked what is driving the taxes. Kermit explained insurance such as workman's compensation and health insurance, roads are in dire need of attention, also the Clean Water Act mandates ditching and stormwater runoff. The Board's concern is how to keep taxes affordable to bring in business and residents. Chris explained Lyndon Rescue has asked for a 10% increase, increase in Police Department call volume, the opioid issues and the results of a survey from the 2018 Town Meeting has the Police Department asking for a fourth officer, the Fire Department is requesting a new jaws-of-life equipment, the Library will lay off a part-time worker if their request isn't approved. Chris reminded the public that the Selectboard members are voted by the residents to prioritize needs and wants and to make these hard decisions.

Mike Flynn asked about multiple tax bill payments. It's easier to pay four payments of a thousand dollars than to make one four thousand dollar tax bill. The administration costs would be more to send out four bills. Dawn Dwyer, Town Clerk & Treasurer, said the cashier takes payments all year long. Many in attendance were not aware the office accepts payments year round.

The deadline to get the information to the printer is January 25, 2019 in order to get the reports back to the residents by the State mandated time. The Board will continue to look at all the budget requests.

9. Preliminary Budget Discussion:

The Board took a more detailed look at the General Fund Revenues and Expenditures. There were no changes made to the Revenues as most are consistent year after year. They removed \$25,000 from Lister's Reappraisal Savings. The Board has designated 100% of the \$19,975 of the Reappraisal funds received from the State into the restricted fund for a future reappraisal. In years past, they have used a portion of these funds to offset the expenses. The Board increased the Public Safety Maintenance budget by \$5,000 to cover unforeseen maintenance needs that may arise during the year. The Fire Department Equipment Operating & Maintenance line item was reduced by \$5,000 based on historical needs. The Equipment Savings for the Fire Department was also reduced by \$5,000 based on past practices. In the Police Department the following items were reduced based on previous need: Cruiser Fuel & Upkeep lowered from \$20,000 to \$17,000, Maintenance/Equipment from \$3,000 to \$2,000 and Computer from \$2,500 to \$1,500.

10. Other:

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