

TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING
January 8, 2018
5:30 PM

Selectboard

Martha “Marty” Feltus, Chair
Dan Daley

Press

Public

Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith, Steve Gray
Christian Thompson, Kerry O’Brien

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:
Add Stormwater Discussion
2. Approval of minutes:
Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Marty Feltus, to approve the December 11, 2017 minutes as amended. Motion carried 2 to 0.
Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Marty Feltus, to approve the December 18, 2017 Joint Meeting with the Trustees minutes for the Selectboard as amended. Motion carried 2-0.
3. Approval & Signing of Orders drawn on the Treasurer:
The Board approved and signed the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks 51, 52, 1 & 2.
4. Rural Edge Warrant #19
Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Marty Feltus, to approve and sign the Rural Edge Warrant #19. Motion carried 2-0.
5. Sign the Certificate of Highway Mileage for the State of Vermont
Justin Smith noted that there were no changes from 2017. The mileage is used for highway state aid.
Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Marty Feltus, to approve and sign the Certificate of Highway Mileage for 2018. Motion carried 2-0.
6. Sign Interlocal Police Agreement:
Marty explained that both the Selectboard and Trustees have reviewed the agreement each year since its creation in 2002. Chief Harris feels the 50/50 split between the Town and the Village is still accurate. The Department spends more time patrolling and more case load in the Village but provided more education in the Town, so it balances it out. Chief Harris is preparing a survey for Town Meeting to seek public input into areas that need more attention. At this time the Advisory Committee is short on members for both the Town and Village. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Marty Feltus, to approve the 2018 Interlocal Police Agreement. Motion carried 2-0.
7. Appointment to the Bike & Ped Committee:
Jill Nichols has been attending all Bike & Ped Committee meetings and has expressed an interest in being a member of the committee. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Marty Feltus, to appoint Jill Nichols to the Bike & Ped Committee. Motion carried 2-0.

8. Budget Discussion:

Marty announced that the PILOT and Current Use funding is expected to be the same as 2017.

- Fire Dept: \$2,053.20 under Misc. This was grant revenue. It was suggested to put under a separate line item to better identify it.
- Listers: Did the suggested pay rates come from the State? The Board would like comparisons against other towns similar in size to Lyndon. The \$20,000 for Lister Support is for 30 days of service. Does the Town only pay for what it uses, if less than 30 days?
- Health Officer: Rates were compared to other towns similar in size to Lyndon. The Health Officer has also requested \$300 for supplies to cover costs such as printing pictures and Personal Protection Equipment.
- Lyndon Rescue Inc.: Suggest the wages be increased incrementally over a period of three years.
- Next Budget Meeting will be held Monday, January 15th at 5:30 PM. At that time it should be clear how 2017's budget ended and the Wastewater and Sanitation budgets should be completed.

9. Stormwater Discussion:

Kerry O'Brien, District Manager of Caledonia County Natural Resource Conservation District came to discuss the Town of Lyndon Storm Water Master Plan that was completed in December. The Plan was the result of a grant that was received by the Town in 2017.

Fitzgerald Environmental conducted the study and visited seventy-two (72) sites in Lyndonville. They identified thirty (30) projects of which four (4) have already been corrected. A crew from Northwood Stewardship Center was available to install Rain Gardens at Lyndon Institute (LI) and Lyndon State College (LSC). Another twelve (12) projects have site restoration plans which say that these are worthwhile projects, they should be moved forward and this is what needs to happen, the benefits of doing the project, and estimated cost for the next steps. Kerry discussed two projects that they feel are priorities and developed them into concept design level which requires more design work. One is at LSC and is working with Tom Archer on that one. The other is at the bottom of High Street. Kerry's next step is finding the funds to design the next steps. Funding sources are mixed; some requires a match which can be in kind work, other sources are competitive with other projects around the State. Other projects mentioned were Fenton Chester Arena parking lot, Chamberlain Bridge and South Prospect Street. Kerry's job is to coordinate funding for water quality projects and at this time Kerry is looking for guidance from the Town. Is the Town interested in moving forward with some of these projects? The Board expressed their support of the goal to improve water quality and would like to complete as many of the smaller projects as possible that can be funded. Kerry will provide a link to the Plan to put on the Town's website.

10. Other:

- a. Steve Gray informed the Board that the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9th. On the agenda is the contract with Cloud Path Farm, who picks up the food scraps. Their contract is up. They are requesting an increase from \$12.50/tote to \$13.50/tote. Steve doesn't feel there was enough advance notice of the increase. A Rural Business Development Grant will be discussed. The NEKWMD has been working with NVDA, NVRH and the Center for Agriculture in Hardwick to apply for the grant to be used to rescue food that could be used at the food pantries. The State is interested in regional sites for year round collection of Household Hazardous Waste. More information will be available after the meeting. The NEKWMD ended 2017 with a \$55,000 surplus compared to the \$53,000 2016 deficit.
- b. Christian Thompson reported that the Planning Commission will be meeting on Wednesday, January 10th at 6:30 PM. On their agenda will be a discussion on the former garage property. They will prepare a short survey looking for feedback from the voters on proposed uses.

Christian should have a draft of the water shed planning grant in the amount of \$3,500 to Justin by the end of the week. The grant will be used for producing simple sketches by the engineering firm of the Planning Commissions ideas. He doesn't believe it will be enough to get a cost estimate. They will do as much as possible with the grant funds.

- c. Marty made a formal announcement that she does not intend to run for another term on the Selectboard.
- d. Dawn Dwyer asked for guidance on articles that need to appear on the Town Meeting Warning. Items that were discussed throughout the previous year were abolishing the position of Delinquent Tax Collector and moving the process in house, abolishing positions such as Weigher of Coal, Surveyor of Wood & Lumber and Second Constable, and voting Special Appropriations by Australian ballot. The Board asked to have a draft of the Warning available at the next scheduled meeting on Monday, January 15th.
- e. Susan Cherry from Restorative Justice emailed their letter requesting a Special Appropriation on Thursday, January 4th. The deadline to receive the request, as set by the Selectboard is December 31st. After Susan appeared at the Selectboard Meeting on October 30th a letter was sent explaining the process for getting their request on the Town Meeting Warning which included the deadline for the request. Restorative Justice will not be on the Warning.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM
Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer
Approved by the Selectboard: January 15, 2018