

TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING
January 9, 2017
5:30 PM

Selectboard

Dan Daley, Chair
Kermit Fisher
Martha “Marty” Feltus

Press

Amy Nixon

Public

Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith, See attached sign-in sheet

Before calling the meeting to order, the following agenda items were added: Special Appropriation Request, Certificate of Highway Mileage, CAI Technologies Contract, and Executive Session: Personnel.

1. Approval of minutes:
Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to approve the December 28, 2016 minutes.
Motion carried 3 to 0.
2. Approval & Signing of Orders drawn on the Treasurer:
The Board approved and signed the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks #52-1.
3. Highway Report:
The Board was presented two Highway Reports. The first was Week #52 for 2016. They were informed that there are still expenditures that are coming in to be paid, so this will not be a final report. They were also given Week #1 for 2017. The budgeted figures used are proposed, not approved by the Selectboard. Therefore they are subject to change.
4. Wastewater Treatment Facility Update:
The new “replacement” blower has been ordered to replace the new blower that was unacceptable due to vibration and the noise the first new blower made once installed. The grant will remain open until this issue has been resolved.
5. Lyndon Rescue, Inc.:
Mark Podgewaite and Jack Berube attended the meeting to answer questions the Board had regarding Lyndon Rescue, Inc.’s (LRI) budget. LRI is asking Lyndon for an appropriation in the amount of \$133,510 up from 117,048, a 14% increase. Question and answers attached to minutes.
6. Brown Farm Road:
Wayne Whitelock, a Brown Farm Road resident thanked the Lyndon Road Crew publically for the job they do. Their presence tonight is for one of safety, not criticism. Ken Burchesky presented to the Board several pages of a petition (See attached) containing 36 signatures asking the Board to address the concerns regarding a section of Brown Farm Road along with suggested improvements. Several residents and users spoke of their own experiences with going off the road as well as the issues the Town trucks have had in the past, with the most recent occurrence happening on December 22, 2016. The Board asked Justin Smith to set up a meeting with Shauna Clifford, District Project Manager for the Agency of Transportation. Mr. Burchesky asked the Board to include \$50,000 in the 2017 budget for this project. The Board wants to look at the budget as a whole and understands that this is a critical project and that something needs to be done. The Board does not want to make hasty decisions; they want the engineer’s opinions as well as the users opinions of the engineer’s suggestions.

7. Certificate of Public Good Solar Projects: Commercial Lane.
The Town has received complete copies of the Petition of Certificate of Public Goods for the Lyndonville West Solar, LLC - Lyndonville 1 Solar Project and Lyndonville East Solar, LLC – Lyndonville 2 Solar Project. The applications will be on file at the Town Clerk’s Office and are available for public review.
8. Budget Status Update:
The Board received updated proposed budgets for the General Fund, Highway Fund, Wastewater and Sanitation Funds. The Board will meet on Saturday, January 14th at 9 AM at the Municipal Office Building Conference Room to continue to work on the Budget.
9. Special Appropriation Request:
Cheryl McMahon, Secretary for the Lyndon Chamber of Commerce asked that the Chamber be considered on the Annual Town Meeting Warning for a special Appropriation in the amount of \$2,000. The request was submitted five days late and the Chamber was informed in writing that they had missed the deadline. The motion made by Marty Feltus to allow the Chamber of Commerce to be added to the Warning failed due to a lack of a second. Dan Daley informed Ms. McMahon that a Lyndon resident could ask the Selectboard to increase the General Fund budget from the floor of the Annual Town Meeting in the amount of their request. It would be then be up to the discretion of the Board where to designate the additional funds.
10. Certificate of Highway Mileage:
Justin Smith presented the Certificate for the Boards signature. There were no changes in mileage for the different classes. Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to sign the Certificate of Highway Mileage for 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
11. CAI Technologies Contract:
CAI Technologies publishes the Town’s GIS to the Internet as well as offers support for their Tax Mapping. The cost is \$2,400 for a year. Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to renew the GIS Internet Services Maintenance Agreement with CIA for Tax Mapping services. Motion carried 3-0.
12. Other:
 - a. Steve Gray reported to the Board that the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) will not have a meeting for January. The year ended with a \$53,000 deficit which includes nine haulers not having paid their November surcharges yet. Some of the NEKWMD supervisors have asked for a re-vote on the charter change that was defeated in December. Steve feels the Town should be billing the NEKWMD for sanding the parking lot. Steve also discussed the food scrap July 1, 2017 deadline and that it doesn’t affect NEKWMD since NEKWMD doesn’t offer fast trash.
 - b. Marty looked into whether Towns are required to have Constables. The Statutes indicate that you must have an elected First Constable or the voters can authorize the Selectboard during an Annual Meeting to appoint them. The duties of a constable mirror the duties our local police department does. The Board may consider putting this question on the 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warning.
 - c. Justin informed the Board that we are still awaiting the necessary paperwork to proceed with the sale of land obtained through tax sales. The parties have until January 19th to submit the paperwork.

- d. The draft Wastewater Treatment Facility Nitrogen Optimization Evaluation Plan, as required by our Wastewater Treatment Facility Discharge Permit was submitted to the State. We are currently awaiting approval or suggested changes.
- e. Due to Marty's legislature schedule, she asked that we change the meeting time from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM for the meetings on January 23rd and February 6th.
- f. Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to make a memorial contribution of \$100 to the Lyndonville Fire Department in memory of Wendell "Jack" Cassidy. Motion carried 3-0.
- g. The Board was reminded of the Community Visit Program meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30 PM at the Municipal Office Building Conference Room.
- h. There is still ongoing discussion regarding the blower for the wash bay at the Joint Garage. Joe Dauphin, Public Works Supervisor, wants to begin moving some things to the garage. A meeting is scheduled for 8:15AM on Friday, January 13th to go over the remaining items on the punch list.

13. Executive Session: Personnel

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to move into executive session at 6:30 PM to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to Title 1, Section 313(a), of the Vermont Statutes. Motion carried 3-0. Upon coming out of executive session at 7:31 PM, no action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31PM
Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer
Approved by the Selectboard: January 23, 2017