



TOWN OF LYNDON  
SELECTBOARD MEETING

January 13, 2020

1:07 PM

Selectboard: Dan Daley, Chair; Christian Thompson, Fred Gorham

Officials: Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith, Cindy Cady (2:30 PM), Jeff Corrow (3:05 PM)

Press:

Public: Jan Wade, Cindy Karasinski, Jeanne Laughton, Steve Gray,

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

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2. General Fund Budget:

Cindy Karasinski, Director, Jan Wade, Treasurer, and Jeanne Laughton, Trustee of the Cobleigh Public Library came to answer questions for the Selectboard. Cindy presented a revised proposed budget to the Selectboard. The appropriation amount the Library is requesting dropped from \$261,504 to \$251,154. The original budget contained a period in the wrong place on one of the revenue items. Cindy explained the added request is to cover the cleaning of the carpets, new drapes and insurances.

Cindy Cady, Animal Control Officer (ACO) met with the Board at 2:30 PM. The Board is trying to justify the monthly stipend with the low number of stray animals and the low number of complaints coming into the ACO. In answering questions from the Board, Cindy informed the Board that currently she has four (4) rabbits, four (4) dogs that she's boarding and three (3) cats. In 2019 she had ten (10) dogs and (10) cats. On average, Cindy spends about one and a half (1 ½) hours each day at the pound. The number of strays has dropped, showing that owners are taking better care to keep their animals at home. When asked about food, Cindy informed the Board that she hasn't had to purchase dog or cat food in years. It is donated from individuals that have lost pets and businesses and organizations that donate.

Chief Jeff Corrow came in to give some clarification to some of the line items in the Fire Department budget. Chief Corrow explained the Fire Department needed a new cascade system to fill their air tanks. He also revisited his request for a new fire truck. Average cost for a new truck is \$500,000. This does not include the equipment to outfit a new truck. The equipment they currently have wouldn't work to transfer to a new truck. The cost to outfit a new truck would be approximately \$100,000. Currently there is \$120,000 in restricted savings. Chief submitted a grant in 2019 and was not awarded to Lyndonville Fire Dept. The grant will open again in February 2020 and he will reapply. Typically, Fire Truck Grants will require a 10% match from the Town.

Currently the Fire Department has twenty-two (22) State Certified Fire Fighters on a forty (40) person roster. Chief Corrow will be changing his recruitment process. He will be recruiting for specific positions. He is currently looking for a truck driver and an exterior fire fighter. The truck driver will only drive the fire trucks and the exterior fire fighter will remain outside and not be required to go inside buildings. This will free up certified fire fighters to fight the fires.

3. Highway Fund Budget:

The Board will review the Highway Fund Budget at the next scheduled meeting to be held on January 15, 2020 at 2:00 PM.

Dawn Dwyer explained the importance of getting the budgets approved by the Board's next regular meeting on Monday, January 20, 2020. This will allow time to format the budgets for printing the Town Report.