



TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING
February 16, 2021
5:30 PM

Selectboard: Christian Thompson-Chair, Dan Daley, Nancy Blankenship

Officials: Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith

Press: Todd Wellington – The Caledonian-Record

Public: Steve Gray, Mark Bean, Pierce Thompson

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

Set By-Law Hearing Date and Time

2. Sign the Orders for weeks 5-6:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Nancy Blankenship, to approve the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks # 5 & # 6 with the Treasurer to sign due to COVID-19. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Excess Weight Permits:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Nancy Blankenship, to approve the six (6) Fleet Excess Weight Permits with approval for Municipal Administrator Justin Smith to sign on behalf of the Board. Motion carried 3 - 0. Permits are for JC Rendering, Inc., JP Sicard, Inc., New England Quality Services, Inc., Poulin Lumber USLBM LLC, Russell Riendeau and VELCO.

4. Liquor Licenses:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Nancy Blankenship, to approve the First-Class Restaurant/Bar License to sell malt and vinous beverages for Asia Restaurant, with standard conditions. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Nancy Blankenship, to approve the Second-Class Licenses to sell malt and vinous beverages for Nick's Gas N Go and Jiffy Mart #462, with standard conditions. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Nancy Blankenship, to approve the Third-Class Restaurant/Bar License to sell spiritous liquors for Asia Restaurant, with standard conditions. Motion carried 3 - 0.

5. Access Permit:

Motion made by Nancy Blankenship, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the access permit for Heather Johnson, for access on the south side of Mathewson Hill Road. Motion carried 3-0. Rob Nutting, Road Foreman has inspected the location. He feels a culvert will not be needed and there are no other conditions.

6. Planning Commission Resignation:

Sylvia Dodge submitted her letter of resignation from the Planning Commission (PC). Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Nancy Blankenship, to accept Sylvia Dodge's resignation with much gratitude for her work on the Planning Commission. Motion carried 3-0.

7. Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) Board Representative Appointment:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Nancy Blankenship, to appoint Ken Mason as Lyndon's representative to NVDA for a one-year term. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Health Inspection Request:

Health Officer Deb Smith would like to reinspect 427 Main Street. It has been at least one year since the last inspection. There is at least one outstanding health and safety issue. In addition, there was one apartment that refused access. Motion made by Nancy Blankenship, seconded by Dan Daley, to have Deb Smith, Health Officer, Patrick McLaughlin, Deputy Health Officer, and a Lyndonville Police Officer, conduct a health and safety inspection at 427 Main Street. Motion carried 3-0.

9. Cemetery Lot Pricing:

Brian Coderre, Cemetery Sexton, proposed increasing the single and cremation lot prices for both residential and non-residential by \$100 each. The Selectboard would like more information on how he came up with the increase and if the current prices are keeping up with the cost of maintaining the Cemetery.

10. Discussion on Materials for Informational Meetings:

The Board went through the Power Point that will be used at the informational meetings. Justin Smith will set the Zoom link to allow automatic entry. Nancy Blankenship will control the slide presentation as Christian Thompson reads through them. The slide presentation will be posted on the Town's website after Saturday's information meeting, allowing for any corrections or amendments.

11. Set By-law Hearing Date & Time:

Mark Bean voiced that, in his opinion, there was confusion on what was voted on by the Planning Commission (PC). Municipal Administrator advised that both Ken Mason and Curtis Carpenter, PC members, approved the version voted on by the PC, after the minor changes were made. This is the version the Selectboard must work with. The Selectboard set the hearing for Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6:00 PM via Zoom. The hearing must be warned for fifteen days, allowing the general public an opportunity to provide public comment.

12. Other:

Steve Gray reported that the NEK Waste Management District held its monthly meeting last week. Items being discussed included the 2021 budget being approved by the Supervisors due to COVID-19, asking how the Towns feel about having the supervisors vote the budget moving forward, refinancing the baler (interest rate dropped from 3.39% to 2.5%) which will result in a saving of approximately \$2,000 annually, the line of credit interest rate dropped from 3.35% down to 1.29%, the annual report was due out at the end of last week (2/12/21) and they discussed the fine Chittenden County received for improper glass dumping. In the 2/16/21 edition of The Caledonian-Record is an article regarding the NEKWMD exploring a program to harvest farmer's leftover, misfit produce for human consumption.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM
Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer.