



TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING

February 18, 2020

5:30 PM

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

Officials: Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith,

Press: News 7 – Northern Vermont University Lyndon, Todd Wellington – The Caledonian Record

Public: Steve Gray, Charles Fergus, Joe Buzzi, Holly Taylor, Nancy Blankenship, Marty Feltus, Mark Bean, Luverne Patton, Chad Bigelow, Jacob Simpson

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

*Tax Map Maintenance Proposal

2. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Fred Gorham, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the February 3, 2020 minutes as amended. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the February 3, 2020 Public Hearing 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 # 6 & # 7.

4. Highway Report:

At 13% through the year, payroll is 18% spent and the entire budget is 19% expended.

5. Approval of the Sewer Rates:

Based on the proposed 2020 budget and the total gallons of wastewater processed in 2019, the proposed 2020 wastewater rates are as follows: \$118 base fee (the same as 2019) and \$8.71/1000 gallons (up from \$8.65/1000 in 2019).

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the wastewater rates of \$118 Base Fee and \$8.71/1000 gallons. Motion carried 3-0.

These rates will be effective with the bills being mailed after March 1, 2020.

6. Liquor Licenses:

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the First-Class License Restaurant License to sell malt and vinous beverages for Kingdom Creek, LLC dba The Hub Brew Counter and Sodexo Vermont, Inc. dba Sodexo “Lyndon State College”, with standard conditions. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Motion made by Fred Gorham, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the First-Class Club License for Club to sell malt and vinous beverages for Tom Breslin community Center, Inc., with standard conditions. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Motion made by Fred Gorham, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the Second-Class Licenses to sell malt and vinous beverages for Global Montello Group, Corp. dba Jiffy Mart #462 and KPH Drugs, Inc. dba Kinney Drugs, Inc. #94, with standard conditions. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Motion made by Fred Gorham, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the Third-Class Club License to sell spirituous liquors for Tom Breslin community Center, Inc., with standard conditions. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the Outside Consumption Permit for Kingdom Creek, LLC, dba The Hub Brew Counter, with standard conditions. Motion carried 3 to 0.

7. Excess Weight Permits:

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the ten (12) Fleet Excess Weight Permits with approval for Justin Smith to sign on behalf of the Board. Motion carried 3 to 0. Permits are for Allen Lumber Company, Inc., AmeriGas Propane, Barrett Trucking Co., Inc., Beacon Sales Acquisition, Gingue Construction, Inc., JC Rendering Inc., Josh Gervais Trucking, Poulin Lumber – US LBM LLC., Russell Riendeau, Simpson Dirtworx LLC, VELCO, and Winterset, Inc.

8. Planning Commission Membership Concerns:

Mark Bean expressed his concerns with the Planning Commission's lack of transparency, trust and biased opinions. Mr. Bean cited sections from a document obtained from the Secretary of State's Office titled "So...you've just become a member of your town's Planning Commission, Zoning Board or Development Review Board" regarding "what's expected of me?, What are my roles and responsibilities?, and How do I make decisions?" Mr. Bean mentioned comments made in Planning Commission meetings, emails and Facebook posts. He ended by respectfully asking the Selectboard to "either terminate Evan Carlson or ask for his resignation so the town can move forward with the business at hand and rebuild trust within the community".

9. Northeast Kingdom Gravel Rides Project Concerns:

Mr. Charles Fergus shared material from his neighbor Luverne Paton and himself, with the Board, regarding the NEK Gravel Rides Project. He feels the cart has been put before the horse and asked that the Board "proceed cautiously on this, and to plan ahead, rather than to find ourselves in a situation such as the one that exists in East Burke, where the quality of life has gone down for many residents as a result of over tourism from biking caused by Kingdom Trails". Mr. Fergus & Mr. Paton believe that the possible negative impacts of increased bike tourism in Lyndon could outweigh any unproven economic benefits to the town.

Selectboard member Fred Gorham asked Mr. Fergus what legal right do we have to keep people off the public highways while engaging in lawful enterprises? Mr. Fergus acknowledge that we don't but feels there is a difference between allowing and promoting these types of activities. He is just asking the Board to investigate this project more deeply before we say yes, go ahead and do it.

Motion made by Fred Gorham, seconded by Christian Thompson, to suspend the Selectboard meeting at 6:04 PM to hold the public hearing on the Communications Union District. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion made by Fred Gorham, seconded by Christian Thompson, to resume the Selectboard meeting at 6:33 PM. Motion carried 3-0.

10. Tax Map Maintenance Proposal:

The Tax Map Maintenance Proposal from CAI Technologies covers compilation and computer map index services. The proposal covers the period April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 at a cost of \$2,525. Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the Tax Map Maintenance Proposal from CAI Technologies for a cost of \$2,525. Motion carried 3-0.

11. Other:

- a. Steve Gray provided copies of the Notes for the February 2020 Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District which includes a section on the Host Town Agreement.
- b. Justin Smith, Municipal Administrator, shared the letter sent to the Caledonia County Fair Association confirming their proposed Demo Derby events during the fair.
- c. Mr. Smith also shared a letter addressed to the Selectboard from the Planning Director and Zoning Administrator Annie McLean.