

TOWN OF LYNDON  
SELECTBOARD MEETING  
February 21, 2017  
5:30 PM

Selectboard

Dan Daley, Chair

Kermit Fisher

Martha "Marty" Feltus (via phone)

Press

Amy Nixon

Public

Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith, Steve Gray

Chris Lamonina, Aegis Energy.

1. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Marty Feltus, to approve the February 6, 2017 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 #6-7.

3. Highway Report:

At 13% through the year, payroll is 22% spent and the entire budget is 14% expended.

4. Rural Edge Warrant # 12:

The Board approved and signed the order drawn on the Treasurer for Warrant #12.

5. Aegis Energy:

Chris Lamonina of Aegis Renewable Energy presented a solar net metering proposal to the Board (proposal attached to minutes). The project is located on a woodlot, owned by Jackson Mitchell, on the west side of Route 5 behind Northeast Kingdom Community Action's daycare facility. It is a 401.76 kW project, permitted under 2015 Net metering Rules which allows for \$0.19 per kWh from Lyndonville Electric as opposed to the \$0.14 under the new rules. The project will be started in April 2017. The benefits of the Town would be protecting the taxpayers from rising electric costs with a fixed kWh purchase price, which will in turn aid in budget projections. The project will provide clean energy with no maintenance risks/cost as a third party owns the array and maintenance costs have already been factored in. The next step would be to sign the Net Metering Agreement. The Board would like more time to review the information.

6. Liquor License Approvals:

Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Marty Feltus, to approve the First Class License for Club to sell malt and vinous beverages and an Outside Consumption Permit with standard conditions for VFW Lyndonville Post 10038. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Marty Feltus, to approve the three (3) Second Class Licenses to sell malt and vinous beverages with standard conditions. Motion carried 3 to 0. Licenses are for ABFB Corp., Inc. dba White Market, ABFB Corp., Inc. dba The White Market Plaza Store and Maxi Green Inc. dba Rite Aid #10337.

Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Marty Feltus, to approve the Outside Consumption Permit for SIJM LLC dba The Pizza Man, with standard conditions. Motion carried 3 to 0.

7. Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Marty Feltus, to approve the two (2) Fleet Excess Weight Permits with approval for Justin Smith to sign on behalf of the Board. Motion carried 3 to 0. Permits are for Desrochers Excavating, Inc. and John Bogie dba JFB Trucking.
8. Bridge & Culvert Standards:  
Justin Smith presented the Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory for the Board's approval and signature. Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to accept and sign the Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory stating that Lyndon meets all standards. Motion carried 3-0.
9. Municipal Property Land Sale:  
The previous owner, Peter Downing, failed to execute the purchase option for the lot on Darling Hill in accordance to the town's policy for Conveyance of Real Estate Obtained Through Tax Sale. Therefore the next step will be to post Notice of Sale of Municipal Real Estate giving the general public the opportunity to purchase the land by sealed bid.  
Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to proceed with the sale of the lot on Darling Hill as outlined in the town's policy. Motion carried 3-0 with Dan Daley signing the Notice of Sale as Selectboard Chair and Duly Authorized Agent.
10. Perpetual Care Agreement:  
Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to approve the Perpetual Care Agreement for the Bruce H. Grant lot (Section 36 Lot(s) E-13 A,B,C,D). Motion carried 3 to 0.
11. Library Furnace:  
The Board was advised that the Library's heating system needs to be replaced. Currently they have two boilers. Justin reviewed with the Board the proposal offered by Fred's Energy. He also reminded the board that since the price is estimated to be over \$20,000, according to the Town's Purchasing Policy, it must be pre-approved by the Selectboard and subject to a bid process from two or more vendors. There also seems to be some confusion as to who is responsible for the cost of replacing the system. It was discussed that in 2012 the Library asked for a "one-time" increase of approximately \$15,000 in their appropriation from the Town to help with maintenance. The subsequent appropriation requests have never been reduced by the "one-time" amount. The Board would like to have a discussion with the Treasurer, Don Welch, at the next meeting.
12. Composting Totes:  
The Board was confused by a bill received by the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) for twenty-seven compost totes @ \$12.50/tote for the month of January 2017. In the Fall it was decided that NEKWMD wouldn't be charging for the totes since they did not have a mechanism in place to determine who was contributing to the compost, therefore, the District didn't know what Town(s) to bill. Steve Gray, Lyndon's representative to the NEKWMD reported that the District had three options for compost. 1- the District would absorb the cost, 2- charge each individual who is bringing food scraps to the facility or 3- since the District does not offer Fast Trash, they are exempt from the July 2017 requirement to accept compost at all.  
Justin Smith will speak with Paul Tomasi, Executive Director of NEKWMD and try to get a clarification on composting.
13. Other:
  - a. Marty provided to the Board copies of the VLCT Presentation on Vermont's State Budget.
  - b. VT Enhanced 9-1-1 Board reviewed the submission by Annie Geratowski, Lyndon's 9-1-1 Coordinator of an address on Apple Tree Lane. The 9-1-1 Board felt a better address, since

Apple Tree Lane is not a through, passable road, would be Gramps Lane. Annie will notify the property owner of their address change.

- c. Dan received a call from Jenna Whitson of Vermont Council on Rural Development. There has been a lot of positive feedback from the Community Visit Day which was held on February 16<sup>th</sup>. She was wondering if one of the Board members would be willing to speak at the next VCRD meeting, The Community Meeting Day, scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>. She would also like an announcement made at Town Meeting regarding that meeting. It's important to have as many residents as possible at the meeting to prioritize the action items that were established at the February meeting and to sign up for the Task Forces. Jenna will also provide flyers to make available at Town Meeting.

Dan had a conversation with Michele Boomhower, Director of Policy Planning and Intermodal Development, Agency of Transportation as well as a visiting team member at the Community Visit Forums. She was interested in discussing the Route 5 project and wanting to know where the Town was at in regards of moving forward with the project. Dan shared the Boards feelings regarding not wanting the project to take on a life of its own and Lyndon not having any input. Michele wants to take the project back to her department for review.

- d. Dawn Dwyer relayed from Annie Geratowski, Zoning Administrator, the need for more Development Review Board and Planning Commission members. Justin will update the Opportunities to Volunteer flyer and they will be made available at Town Meeting as well as posting it on the Town's website. Annie does a great job posting to Front Porch Forum.
- e. Steve Gray handed out Lyndon's 2015 & 2016 statistics on Trash Generation and Recycling Generation. Trash generation is down 234 tons and recycling is up 218 tons, with 5% more residents recycling.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM

Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer

Approved by the Selectboard: March 6, 2017