

TOWN OF LYNDON  
SELECTBOARD MEETING

March 10, 2014  
5:30 PM

Selectboard

David Dill  
Martha Feltus  
Kermit Fisher (5:34)

Press

Public

Dawn Dwyer  
Steven Gray  
Sarah Smith  
Connie Sandahl

Reconstitution of the Selectboard:

Motion made by David Dill, seconded by Marty Feltus, to elect Marty Feltus as Chairperson of the Selectboard for the coming year. Motion carried 2-0.

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by David Dill, to name the Caledonian-Record as the local paper to publish notices and to set the meeting schedule to be alternating Monday evenings at 5:30 PM. Motion carried 2-0.

1. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by David Dill, seconded by Marty Feltus, to approve the February 24, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried 2 to 0.

2. Approval and signing of orders drawn on the Treasurer:

The Board approved and signed the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks # 10 & 11.

3. Highway Report:

At 19% through the year, payroll is 25% spent and the entire budget is 23% expended.

4. Budget Decisions:

Motion made by David Dill to allocate the extra money as specified by the voters at Town Meeting, in the amounts as specified by the voters, to the organizations as specified by the voters. Kermit Fisher noted that he doesn't agree that any of these organizations should be receiving taxpayer's dollars to conduct their business. But he agrees that this was the taxpayer's wishes, so he seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The amended amounts from Town Meeting are \$2,000 for the benefit of the Lyndon Area Chamber of Commerce, \$2,750 for the Northeast Kingdom Youth Services, \$1,700 for Retired Senior Volunteer Program and \$1,000 for the Caledonia County Special Olympics.

Steve Gray asked the board to reconsider giving the money to organization's special appropriation requests. He doesn't think it is fair for the organizations that followed the policy.

Dan Hill informed the Board that now that the budget has been approved by the voters, the bids will go out for a new cab and chase for the highway department.

5. Appointments:

Motion made by David Dill, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to reappoint the following appointees to their previous positions. Motion carried 3-0. Those positions are: Municipal Administrator – Dan Hill, Police Chief – Jack Harris, Road Commissioner – Selectboard, Fire Chief & Warden – Greg Hopkins, Tree Warden – Selectboard, Fence Viewers – Robert Townsend & Craig Weston, Animal Control Officer – Cindy Cady, Weigher of Coal – Todd Wellington, Surveyor of Wood/Lumber – Todd Wellington, and Town History Advisory Committee – Sheila Fors, Duane Garfield, Eric Paris, Chris Raymond & Al Toborg.

Motion made by David Dill, seconded by Kermit Fisher to appoint Brian Coderre as Cemetery Sexton. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion made by David Dill, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to reappoint the following individuals already serving in the noted positions including Alana Langmaid on the Police Advisory Committee, and to appointing Russ Blake to a one year term as a Representative to NVDA. Motion carried 3-0. Those positions are Marty Feltus – Representative to NVDA for a two (2) year term, Town Energy Coordinator – Ken Burchesky, Representatives to Lyndon Rescue – Jim Gallagher & Bruce James, Representatives to Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District – Libre Drouin, Steve Gray & Derek Blankenship, Jay-Lyn Fund for a three (3) year term – Doug Wheeler, Industrial Park Board for a three (3) year term – Doug Wheeler, Town Health Officer – Lorraine Matteis, Town Service Officer – Sue Teske, E-911 Coordinator – Justin Smith, Planning Director – Justin Smith, and RCT Board – Edward Jarrosak.

Motion made by David Dill, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to reappoint Sue Mills for a three (3) year term to the Planning Commission and Jon Prue and Craig Weston both to three (3) year terms to the Development Review Board (DRB) as well as to continue to look to fill the two vacancies on the Planning Commission and one vacancy on the DRB. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Liquor License Requests:

Motion made by David Dill, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to approve the First Class Restaurant/Bar License and the Outside Consumption License for Blissrite Pizza Company Inc. dba Hoagies. Motion carried 3-0.

7. Overweight Permits:

Motion made by David Dill, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to approve the nine (9) Excess Weight Permits with approval for Dan Hill to sign on behalf of the Board. Motion carried 3-0. Permits were approved for Barrett Trucking Co., Inc., Bourne's Energy, Brent Newland Construction/Logging, C & C Bunnell Excavating LLC, Ditech Transportation Inc., Gilman I & Sylvia J. LaCourse, New England Quality Service Inc. dba Earth Waste Systems, Whitcomb & Bickford Trucking and Arnold L. Withers.

8. Appropriation Policy Discussion:

Dave Dill noted that this policy has not been addressed since the February 10, 2014 meeting when the motion was made and carried that “starting in 2015 organizations requesting a special appropriation would submit a petition with the required number of signatures. This petition would be good for three years. In 2016 and 2017 organizations would simply send a request to the Selectboard. Only if the amount requested changed would an organization have to submit a new petition”. The Secretary of State's office has recommended not extending the policy beyond a year as it would then tie the hands of your future boards.

Motion made by David Dill, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to require petitions for all Special Appropriation Requests in 2015. Motion carried 3-0.

9. Snow Plow Request:

Dan Hill presented to the board a letter from Harold Grosser Jr. on Cold Hill Road requesting permission to plow, carry and dump snow across Cold Hill Road on his neighbor's property from whom he has obtained permission. Dan Hill didn't feel it was an issue, but Rob Nutting, Highway Foreman was opposed based on principle. Letters have been sent as Rob makes Dan Hill aware of them, to offenders who have been plowing across the roadways. The Board would like to check with the neighbor before making a decision.

10. Other:

a) Shores update – Dan Hill met with the Historical Committee. The committee would like to restore only the downstairs bathroom and fix the floor in the upstairs bathroom. They gave Dan a list of their concerns, being: a hole in the foundation letting small animals in, paint chipping on the north side, rot over the porch roof, floor rotting on the second story porch, and pruning plants and removing trees. They would also like an item in the General Fund Budget for ongoing repairs. If the money wasn't used each year, it would then be put into a reserve fund for future projects. The budget currently has \$600 for maintenance. Dan Hill is going to have the building re-keyed.

- b) Cindy Karasinski, Cobleigh Public Library Director, would like to apply for a FEMA grant to get the Library repairs to the Children's Room completed. Dan explained it would only be for 75% of the costs and the remaining 25% would have to come from local money. The mitigation grant would only cover the infrastructure work. Dan informed the Board that no date has been set for the "Round Table Discussion" regarding the library flooding. Attending will be the two engineering firms (Leach Engineering Consultants and Aldrich & Elliott, PC), Leach Engineering's attorney, the Town's attorney, Nott's Excavating, Inc., Cindy Karasinski, Library Director, David Martin, Library Trustee and one of the Selectboard Members. Dan & the Board agreed they would like to have the meeting before the grant application deadline of May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- c) Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District's water is frozen and they are unable to thaw it due to a rubberized joint. They are requesting permission to use the Public Safety Building restroom. They are also checking with Rick Wheeler to use Wheeler Sports facilities.

11. Executive Session-Legal:

Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by David Dill, to enter into executive session at 6:07 P.M. to discuss a legal matter.

Upon returning to open session at 6:17 P.M., no decision was made.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer