



TOWN OF LYNDON  
SELECTBOARD MEETING

March 30, 2020  
5:30 PM VIA Zoom

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

Officials: Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith

Press: Todd Wellington – The Caledonian-Record

Public:

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

\*Front Porch Forum Contribution

2. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the March 16, 2020 minutes as amended. Motion carried 3 to 0.

3. Approval & Signing of Orders drawn on the Treasurer:

The Board approved the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks # 12-15, and due to the Stay Home – Stay Safe order issued by Governor Scott during the COVID-19 pandemic, granted permission for the Treasurer, Dawn Dwyer, to sign the orders on their behalf. A copy of the minutes will be attached to each warning.

4. Appointments:

See attached list

5. Liquor Licenses:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the First-Class Restaurant/Bar License to sell malt and vinous beverages for Blissrite Pizza & Pasta dba Hoagie's Pizza & Pasta, with standard conditions. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Motion made by Fred Gorham, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the Second-Class License to sell malt and vinous beverages for Cumberland Farms of Vermont, Inc., dba Cumberland Farms #8034, with standard conditions. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the Third-Class License to sell malt and vinous beverages for Blissrite Pizza Company, Inc., dba Hoagie's Pizza & Pasta, with standard conditions. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Motion made by Fred Gorham, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the Second-Class License to sell malt and vinous beverages for Kingdom Campground LLC, with standard conditions. Motion carried 3 to 0.

6. Excess Weight Permits:

Motion made by Fred Gorham, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the five (5) Fleet Excess Weight Permits with approval for Justin Smith to sign on behalf of the Board. Motion carried 3 to 0. Permits are for Amadon Construction, Inc. Courtland Construction Corp., Desrochers Excavating, Inc., Larry Brown Logging & Chipping, Inc., and Newton/Dubois Construction Inc.

7. Rasputitsa Bike Road Race:

Justin Smith has reviewed the race with Chief Jack Harris. Chief Harris has no concerns. It has been run here in the past and is very well organized and run. Chief Harris has run the route after the race and was pleasantly surprised to find no trash left behind. One of the three proposed routes follow along Route 122 and Chief Harris made the recommendation that the organizers contact VTrans, have organizers

stationed on the sharp corners on South Wheelock Road for safety purposes and do a trash sweep after the race. Chief has asked for the actual route of the race to be forwarded to him as soon as the organizers have made their decision. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the Rasputitsa Bike Road Race with the conditions that they notify Chief Harris a week before the race with the actual route, have the organizers stationed on South Wheelock Road for safety purposes and to do a trash sweep after the race. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Bridge & Road Standards Form Approval:

Justin Smith reported to the Board that there were no changes to report in 2020 on the Bridge & Road Standards Form. The State has combined a couple of their forms so now it includes the Certification of Compliance for Town Road & Bridge Standards and Network Inventory. Basically, by signing, the Board is agreeing to the Town Road & Bridge Standards and the certification says they will comply with them.

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the Town Road and Bridge Standards for 2020. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Fred Gorham, to certify that the Board understands and will comply with the Town Road and Bridge Standards as adopted on April 6, 2015. Motion carried 3-0.

9. Mobile Home Park Licenses:

Motion made by Fred Gorham, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve and Mobile Home Park Licenses for Northern Vermont Rentals LLC for Northern Hill Estates, Riverview Estates, and Woodland Heights. Motion carried 3 to 0.

10. Stormwater Connection Permit Form and Fee Approval:

Justin Smith presented a Highway Access & Work Permit Form (1111) for approval. The permit would allow a business to connect a parking lot or roof drain to the Town's existing storm water system. The permit will require an employee to oversee and inspect the connection. Therefore, the proposed fee is \$100. Motion made by Fred Gorham, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the Highway Access & Work Permit Form with a fee of \$100. Motion carried 3-0.

11. Special Appropriations Policy for 2021:

Every year after Town Meeting, the Selectboard generates the Special Appropriation Policy for the following budget year. Motion made by Fred Gorham, seconded by Dan Daley, to require any organization that did not submit a petition in 2020 and is requesting an appropriation in 2021, or any organization that did submit a petition in 2020 and is requesting a higher amount in 2021, to submit a petition with the required number of signatures by the due date set by Statutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Dawn Dwyer, Town Clerk, will draft a letter to be sent to organization that requested an appropriation in 2020.

12. Vac Con Update:

The Gold Package Vac Con repairs are moving forward and the company anticipates completion and shipment by mid to late May.

13. Budget Discussion:

The Budget discussion centered around the COVID-19 pandemic and the anticipation of incoming revenues slowing down as residents are being forced to stay home from their jobs. The department heads will be asked to hold off on any expenditures that are not a necessity at this time.

Vermont League of Cities & Towns has sent a Municipal Funding Survey asking Towns to anticipate any potential funds they will need to borrow during this time.

14. Front Porch Forum (FPF) Donation:

Clerk & Treasurer Dawn Dwyer reported that Front Porch Forum is asking individuals and organizations to make a small donation to help them with the increase of postings during COVID-19. Since the Town has used and will likely use it more to post notices announcing meetings and closings, it was suggested the Town donate \$100. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Fred Gorham, to make a \$100 donation to Front Porch Forum. Motion carried 3-0.

15. Other:

- a. It was suggested to post information and a link for the 2020 Census to the website to encourage residents to complete their census information. The census information is used to determine how much Federal and State aid the Town of Lyndon receives.
- b. Chief Harris & Justin Smith have been in discussion regarding the Miller's Run Bridge. Currently when the bridge is hit and damaged, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) tickets the driver and the State receives all but a small amount of the fine. Chief & Justin suggested we create a Town Ordinance outlining the fine. The Town would then collect and keep the money. This topic will be discussed further at the next scheduled meeting. In the meantime, the Town will move forward with ordering solar signs notifying of the bridge height.
- c. Steve Gray spoke with Dan Daley in regard to the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District employees. Mr. Gray did not feel the employees were following the Governor's requirement of social distancing. Several participants in the Selectboard meeting witnessed the same concerns when they were recycling. The Board agreed it was not their place to get involved.