



TOWN OF LYNDON  
SELECTBOARD MEETING

April 27, 2020

5:30 PM

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Selectboard: Christian Thompson, Chair; Dan Daley, Fred Gorham (6:06 PM)

Officials: Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith

Press: Andrew McGregor, Caledonian-Record

Public: Steve Gray, Sue Russell (6:13 PM)

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

None

2. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the April 14, 2020 minutes as amended. Motion carried 2 to 0.

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

The Board approved and signed the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks # 16 & 17.

4. Liquor License:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the First-Class Restaurant/Bar License to sell malt and vinous beverages for Lyndon Buffet LI, Inc. dba Lyndon Buffet, with standard conditions. Motion carried 2-0.

5. Excess Weight Permits:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the three (3) Fleet Excess Weight Permits with approval for Justin Smith to sign on behalf of the Board. Motion carried 3 to 0. Permits are for Cardinal Logistics Mgmt. Corp, Darrell Mathews/Mathews Excavating and Kelly-View Farm, Inc.

6. Ordinance Amendment Traffic and Parking Ordinance: Covered Bridges:

Justin made the requested changes from the previous meeting. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the addition to the Traffic and Parking Ordinance pertaining to the Miller's Run and Chamberlain covered bridges. Motion carried 2-0. The ordinance will be effective 60 days from April 27, 2020 unless the Town receives a valid voter petition within 44 days of date the Selectboard adopted the ordinance. Then the Selectboard must warn a Special Town Meeting to allow the voters to determine whether the ordinance will be enacted or not.

7. Roadside Mowing Bids:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to accept Walt Neborsky's roadside mowing bid in the amount of \$9,000. Motion carried 2-0. The other bid received was from KML Forestry & Excavation in the amount of \$15,000. Mr. Neborsky has done roadside mowing for the Town in previous years and is familiar with the area.

8. Sign Fire Warden Paperwork:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to sign the Appointment Form for Vermont Town Forest Fire Warden for Chief Jeff Corrow. Motion carried 2-0. Chief Corrow was appointed to the position of Forest Fire Warden on March 30, 2020.

Selectman Fred Gorham joined the meeting at 6:06 PM.

9. Wastewater Application:

The application is in order and the fee has been paid. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the Application for Waste Water Connection for RLD Properties LLC/Robert Durocher. Motion carried 3-0. The connection will be made at 6202 Memorial Drive. The sidewalk across the street access will need to be torn out and replaced at the owner's expense. When replaced, it will need to meet ADA compliance.

10. Fenton Chester Ice Arena Management Agreement with Lyndon Institute (LI):

The Board has received a letter from LI giving the necessary notice, as written in the Management Agreement for the Fenton Chester Ice Arena, to not renew the Agreement as written. LI is willing to renegotiate the terms of the next agreement. Justin will reach out and set up a time to meet to discuss their desired terms.

Sue Russell joined the meeting at 6:13 PM.

11. Revisit Town Plan Hearing Date:

With the current Stay Home, Stay Safe in effect until May 15, 2020, the Board is not able to set a new hearing date. Since the original hearing was not opened, the new hearing date will need to be re-warded for thirty (30) days. With the expectations of a large group of residents showing interest in the Town Plan, and the limitation of group size, it is anticipated that the Hearing could be postponed until mid-June.

12. Northern Vermont University (NVU) Discussion:

The discussion centered around the amazing amount of support and requesting the Town to be involved in showing support in keeping NVU open in Lyndon. The massive amount of ideas being sent to the Legislature and Vermont State College System (VSCS) Board is clogging down the beginning process of maintaining the NVU system. The Board feels the best thing they can do at this time is to wait until the Legislature and the VSCS Board decides how to forward. A task force is being considered to work on a sustainable plan for the future of NVU. The Selectboard sent a letter of support to Lyndon's local legislatures as well as to the Vermont State College Board of Trustees and the Chancellor.

13. Executive Session: Personnel

Motion made by Fred Gorham, seconded by Dan Daley, to move into executive session at 6:50 PM to discuss the employment of a public officer or employee pursuant to Title 1, Section 313(a)(3), of the Vermont Statutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion made by Fred Gorham, seconded by Dan Daley, to come out of executive session at 7:09 PM. Upon coming out of executive session, motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Fred Gorham, to move forward with the criminal background check, and personal and work reference checks for the proposed candidate as recommended by the Police Advisory Committee (residents Sarah Lafferty, Amy Bean, Tim Gaskin and Curtis Carpenter and Chief Jack Harris) and the Town-Village committee (Trustee Chris Hunter, Selectboard member Christian Thompson who replaced Dan Daley due to a time conflict and Municipal Administrator Justin Smith). Motion carried 3-0.

14. Other:

- a. Sue Russell wanted to update the Board on the proposed Bike Park at Shonyo Park. The Bike Park Committee was able to secure two loans: \$2,500 from Kingdom Trails and \$3,000 from BlueCross/Blue Shield. They have also applied to Pay Dirt for a grant and just recently Sue received notice from them that due to the current pandemic, the grant awards were on hold until perhaps 2021. The Committee met with Parker Mountain Trails and walked the property to make a proposal. Sue showed the draft map. The plan, if completed in its entirety, would cost

approximately \$12,000. There is one piece, the proposed Pump Track, that could be eliminated to save money. This piece was picked since the Pump Track that was installed at Power's Park is not very well used. The Committee needs approximately \$7,000 to get started and are still working on obtaining more funding.

- b. Steve Gray informed the Selectboard that the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) Board met on April 14<sup>th</sup>. At the February meeting the Board wanted to extend their Line of Credit up to \$80,000. It was approved reluctantly. It will be used to cover payroll and operating expenses. With facilities in the District closing during the pandemic, it has reduced the amount of recycling materials for sale. The cost of cardboard went up from \$47/ton to \$87/ton. Haulers are also asking that the surcharge be reduced. The District has reduced the staff in half. Those remaining are working twenty-four (24) hours and being paid for forty (40). It does not appear that the Legislature is going to postpone the mandated compost recycling start date from July 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021 as previously discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM  
Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer  
Approved by the Selectboard: May 11, 2020