

TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING
May 14, 2018
5:30 PM

Selectboard

Dan Daley, Acting Chair
Christian Thompson

Press

Amy Nixon

Public

Dawn Dwyer, Steve Gray, Libre Drouin,
Adrienne D'Olimpio, Carrie Tomczyk, Dana Welch
Barret & Jill Nichols, Lance Brigham,
Frank Belliveau, Innovative Surface Solutions

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:
none
2. Approval of minutes:
Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Chris Thompson, to approve the April 30, 2018 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 # 19 & 20.
4. Liquid Chloride Bids:
Motion made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Dan Daley, to accept the low bid of \$0.76/gallon for 35% Liquid Calcium Chloride from Innovative Surface Solutions. Motion carried 2 to 0. Other bids received were \$0.78 from The Gorman Group LLC and \$0.80 from All States Asphalt, Inc. Any or all deliveries will be tested to ensure it meets the 35% spec. Any deliveries not meeting the specs will be refused.
5. Roadside Mowing Bids:
Motion made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Dan Daley, to accept the low bid of \$9,100 from Walter Neborsky Roadside Mowing. Motion carried 2 to 0. Other bids received were Kirby Mtn Lawns, Landscaping & Ex LLC for \$11,500.40 and \$12,000 from Summit Contracting and Property. A bid was rejected from Patenaude Bush Hogging as it did not meet the specs.
6. Recreation Department Task Force:
Adrienne D'Olimpio provided copies of the Feasibility Study on the Lyndon Area Arts & Recreation Center as developed by five Lyndon State College students. None of the students were available to attend the meeting due to their exam schedules. The committee feels they have done all that was asked of them and were looking for direction in the next step to be taken.

Chris Thompson felt the revenue section of the study wasn't complete. Adrienne feels the startup money will need to come from the Town. Carrie Tomzyck said there are grants available if the Town would back the grant application. It was explained that to have a Rec Director starting from the start in writing the Business Plan and grants would be beneficial. Otherwise, who would do the grant writing to establish the position?

The Feasibility Study proposed a full-time position and that it would be three to five years before the Center would be fully self-sufficient. It was explained to the committee members present that there is no funding available from the Town in the current year budget. Funding would need to either be special appropriation agenda item on the Annual Town Meeting Warning or a line item in the General Fund Budget. Either way, it would require approval by the voters at the 2019 Annual Meeting. It was agreed by both Selectboard members that the Town would support municipal grants as the fiscal agent.

7. Appointments:

Dan Daley expressed his concerns regarding Libre Drouin to the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District after the meeting held on April 30th. He recalled Ms. Drouin said she recused herself because she was the clerk as well as her husband being an employee. He felt Ms. Drouin was more interested in being the clerk than the Lyndon representative. Lyndon wants someone who is going to be an active participant as a representative. He is appreciative of what she has done but didn't hear a lot of positive comments about being a Lyndon Representative. Ms. Drouin restated that her concern was that she received her letter about not being reappointed after the NEKWMD Annual Meeting, and the NEKWMD Executive Board was not contacted about the Selectboard's feelings on the subject. Not reappointing Ms. Drouin has left the NEKWMD Board without a clerk. No other supervisors have expressed interest in being the clerk. Chris Thompson feels the burden of taking minutes at the NEKWMD is on NEKWMD, not the Selectboard. The Board apologized for the timing of the letter, it was just a bad coincidence. Chris Thompson came away with a different conclusion. He supports her reappointment. He feels Ms. Drouin does speak up when appropriate, there are two other representatives on the Board and he thinks they are both active and acts on Lyndon's behalf. With the official Conflict of Interest policy, it gives clear guidelines of when Ms. Drouin should or should not recuse herself and he trusts her judgement and leadership to make sure it's enforced and followed. He acknowledged the difficulty in getting people to volunteer and applaud Ms. Drouin for the years she has served in this position. He would like to see more feedback from all representatives, keeping the Board in the loop about what is happening. Ms. Drouin asked if she was not the clerk, would the Board be more inclined to reappoint her as a supervisor. Dan said yes, he would support her reappointment as a supervisor and not a clerk. Dan & Chris would like to wait until they have a full board to vote on the reappointment. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, May 29th at 5:30 PM. Ms. Drouin will attend that meeting. The Selectboard would like to see the NEKWMD Conflict of Interest Policy. Ms. Drouin's reappointment as the Clerk of NEKWMD was tabled until their next NEKWMD meeting, which might not be until July, 2018.

8. Excess Weight Permit Applications:

Motion made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Dan Daley to approve the Fleet Excess Weight Permit for J.P. Sicard, Inc. with approval for Justin Smith to sign on behalf of the Board. Motion carried 2 to 0.

Motion made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Dan Daley to approve the Single Excess Weight Permit for Haskins & Associates Concrete LLC with approval for Justin Smith to sign on behalf of the Board. Motion carried 2 to 0.

9. Perpetual Care Agreement:

Motion made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the Perpetual Care Agreement for the Gamble Lot (Section 39D Lot E9). Motion carried 2 to 0.

10. Wastewater Abatement:

Joe Dauphin, Public Works Supervisor, confirmed that the water leak at the State of VT Military Department located at 286 Hill Street did not go into the Town's sewer system. Motion made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the abatement of sewer charges in the amount of \$2,651.04 for the State of Vermont Military Department. Motion carried 2-0.

11. Road Name Request:

Motion made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the request from Susan Hanus that the road coming into her property from Darling Hill Road be named Violet's Way. Motion carried 2-0.

Motion made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the request from Robert & Betty McClure that the road coming into their property off Cotton Road be named Dog Wood Lane. Motion carried 2-0.

12. Access Permit Request:

Motion made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the access permit for Jeremy & Holly Ely for access on the North side of Couture Flat. Motion failed 2-0. Rob Nutting, Road Foreman did not recommend this access due to the cross culvert across Couture Flat Road.

13. Former Town Garage Discussion:

Mike Bickford has requested to lease the former Town Highway Garage yard and some of the buildings for a year. He would like to put up some sand and store his construction equipment there. The Board required more information and tabled the request until the next meeting. They would like Mr. Bickford to attend as well.

14. Delinquent Tax Collecting Procedures:

Dawn Dwyer, Treasurer, presented a draft copy of the Policy for Collection of Delinquent Taxes as well as a draft copy of the Schedule for Collector of Delinquent Taxes. The Collector of Delinquent Taxes (CODT), Dawn Dwyer, is ready to proceed with tax sales. The Board would like more time to review the two draft documents but approved moving forward under the old tax sale procedure.

15. Other:

- a. Chris Thompson was able to observe residents bringing in compost to the NEKWMD during Green-up Day. There still is the question of the amount of sawdust being used to cover the compost, as well as how full the totes are before being picked up.
- b. The Board discussed abandoned property. Justin Smith, Municipal Administrator was asked to look into State statutes and zoning ordinances. The abandoned properties are becoming a bigger health and safety issue as well as economic issue. The willful neglect is lowering property values of neighbors who are trying to sell their homes.
- c. Steve Gray reported that at the last recycling meeting they received the results of the financial audit for 2017. Their unaudited surplus was \$55,000 and the audited surplus was \$33,000. The difference is in part the deficit from 2016. Steve spoke of the legislative activity last week and handed out a House vs. Senate Comparison on S285 (compost). He also gave a spreadsheet showing the bids from four different companies for Bulky Weeks for the various towns. Steve said the recycling market is dropping as China was a large market for the US. Paper dropped from \$100/ton to \$40 and cardboard dropped from \$160 to \$70.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM

Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer

Approved by the Selectboard: 05/29/2018