



TOWN OF LYNDON  
SELECTBOARD MEETING

May 28, 2019  
4:20PM

Selectboard

Dan Daley, Chair  
Christian Thompson  
Fred Gorham (5:18 PM)

Press

Amy Nixon

Public

Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith, Steve Gray, Larry Willey  
Yvette St. Hilaire @4:55

1. Site Visit - Conant Property:

The Board opened their meeting at 6137 Memorial Drive owned by Minty Conant. Ms. Conant wants to give the parcel to the Town of Lyndon and the Board wanted to view the parcel before making a decision.

The meeting was suspended at 4:30 PM and moved back to the Municipal Office Building after the site visit.

The meeting reconvened at 4:40 PM at the Municipal Office Building Conference Room.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda:

- Remove Item #7 – Warrant #37 Rural Edge

3. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the May 13, 2019 minutes as amended. Motion carried 2 to 0.

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

The Board approved and signed the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks #21 & 22.

5. Highway Report:

At 40% through the year, payroll is 49% spent and the entire budget is 30% expended.

6. Excess Weight Permit:

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the Fleet Excess Weight Permit for Red Line Unlimited Inc., with approval for Justin Smith to sign on behalf of the Board. Motion carried 2 to 0.

7. Minty Conant Land Discussion:

The Board met at the property located off the South Wheelock Road. Mrs. Conant is willing to grant an easement to the landlock parcel as well as donating the property to the Town of Lyndon. Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Dan Daley, to accept Minty Conant's offer to give the Town the piece of property and the easement for future recreation and access to an existing Town utility (wastewater).

8. Cotton Road Drainage Discussion:

Yvette St. Hilaire of 1409 Cotton Road came to discuss a drainage issue affecting her property. When there is a heavy rain or snow melt-off the water comes down the edge of Cotton Road, going over her driveway. The recommendation from Rob Nutting, Road Foreman, was to install an 18" culvert on her property as well as digging the ditch out. She has a concern with installing the culvert as there would be a lower grade to the next culvert and the water would pool. She was told that years ago there was a

culvert that would have diverted the water before it got to her property. Ms. St. Hilaire tried to locate the old culvert and found what she thought was an old culvert that is now plugged. The Board will have Rob Nutting look for the old culvert.

9. Fenton Chester Ice Arena Repair Work:

During the winter the Fenton Chester Ice Arena had snow and ice come off the roof causing damage in two separate events. The first event involved the exhaust vent for the snack bar in which the vent was bent and ripped the roof open allowing water into the snack bar area. The second event involved the two bathroom exhaust vents. Again the vents were pushed, peeling the roof open. Additionally, the exhaust piping in one of the bathrooms was pulled, breaking part of the block wall between the bathroom and locker room "B". The insurance company considers each project a separate claim. At this time one bill and one quote do not reach the \$1,000 deductible, therefore it doesn't make sense to file claims. This leaves one project (locker room wall) that goes over the \$1,000 deductible. The Board has asked Justin to file a claim for the project relating to the locker room.

10. Paving Bids:

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the paving bid of 63.92/ton from Pike Industries, Inc. for paving. Motion carried 3 to 0. The only other bid received was \$72.43 per ton from Blaktop, Inc.

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the reclaiming bid of \$.80/SY from Pike Industries, Inc. for reclaiming South Wheelock Road. Motion carried 3-0. The only other bid received was \$1.18/SY from All States Asphalt, Inc.

11. Sprinkler Bids:

Sawyer Sprinkler Service, LLC was the only company to submit a bid for the proposed work at the Public Safety Building which will convert the system from a wet system to a nitrogen system. They cannot bid a fixed cost due to unknown issues that may arise (see bid for unknown issues that may arise). With the roof bids that have come in, there is not enough money to cover both the sprinkler work and the roof. The necessary repairs needed were budgeted at \$115,000 for both. The Board would like more clarification on the shipping costs on each of the two systems (Engineered Corrosion Solutions and N2 Blast-FPS-500) before making a final decision.

12. Lily Pond Road Repair:

With the heavy rain that fell May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, the dam to a recently installed pond failed washing out 25-30' of Lily Pond Road. The cost to repair came in at \$14,369. The Board would like Justin to contact the pond owner for reimbursement. Dan Daley asked if the pond was constructed with the proper permits and the answer was unknown.

13. Millers Run Bridge Update:

On May 16<sup>th</sup> an oversized truck owned by Upper Valley Produce went through the Miller's Run Bridge causing significant damage. Rob Durfee from Dubois & King met with Dan & Justin on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Durfee determined that the decking was okay but the supports for the roof were damaged enough not to allow for vehicular travel and recommended not re-opening the bridge. Mr. Durfee will return on May 30<sup>th</sup> to complete his study.

14. VTrans Grant: South Wheelock Road:

Lyndon received the Town Highway Class 2 Roadway Program grant, which will be used toward the South Wheelock Paving Project. The grant is in the amount of \$175,000.

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham that we sign the Grant Agreement P01889 with the State of Vermont in the amount of \$175,000 to be used towards road construction on S. Wheelock Road with Justin Smith to sign. Motion carried 3-0.

15. Public Safety Building Roof Discussion:

When combining the roof and sprinkler bids for the Public Safety Building, they come in way over budget. The Board decided to put off the roof replacement this year. The money budgeted for the project will be carried forward to be used next year on this project.

16. Other:

- a. Information was shared from the VT Department of Environmental Conservation regarding update to the Statewide River Corridor Map.
- b. Justin shared with the Board changes to the Bylaws of the Vermont Rural Water Association. As a member of the association, the Town of Lyndon gets to vote on the proposed changes.
- c. It was noted that the Selectboard received Mark Bean's letter regarding the May 9<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission minutes.
- d. Justin shared the notice received from the Town of Kirby notifying us of Kirby's intent to discontinue two Class four roads. Those roads are Town Farm Road and Willoughby View Drive.
- e. Steve Gray gave a brief summary of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District's meeting. Most of the discussion was on the Coventry landfill and that there is only three years left of use unless it gets expanded.
- f. Larry Willey suggested that the Town post signs on Vail Drive with the increased usage now that the Miller's Run Bridge is closed due to the damage done by the large truck. Lyndon Rescue is using Vail Drive more as well as more vehicular traffic causing dust and wash boarding. Mr. Willey saw ten to twelve ATV's go down Vail Drive as well.
- g. Chris Thompson checked out the monument located on the Willey property on the east side of Vail Drive. The monument sits on a very small triangle of land and is in need of repair. The Board and Mr. Willey discussed the possibility of moving the monument to the west side of Vail Drive.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23PM

Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer

Approved by the Selectboard: June 10, 2019