



TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING

June 7, 2021

5:30 PM

Selectboard: Christian Thompson-Chair, Dan Daley, Nancy Blankenship (5:37 PM)

Officials: Dawn Dwyer

Press: Amy Ash Nixon – The Caledonian Record

Public: Steve Gray, Pauline Harris, Jeremiah Aiken, Amy Rast

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

None

2. Sign the Orders for weeks 21-22:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks #21 & #22 with the Treasurer to sign due to COVID-19. Motion carried 2-0.

3. Lyndon Rescue Inc. (LRI) Update:

Sarah Cousino reported to the board that due to COVID, 911 calls were down, and transports were up. Last year at this time they had performed twenty transfers, to date they are up to eighty. When asked how COVID affected 911 calls, Sarah explained that individuals were cautious about calling for an ambulance as well as events such as biking and skiing were not happening so calls were reduced. Currently LRI has four full-time and two part-time paramedics with another just passing the course. Director Jillian McLaughlin has been working to make LRI financially healthy. With the extra income, debt is being paid off, credit cards are not being used and money is being set aside for future capital expenditures such as ambulances and a new facility. Sarah asked the Board to keep LRI in mind should the Town be gifted land that LRI may be able to build a new facility on. Paramedics are being checked on after tough calls to ensure a healthy mental state. Northern Vermont University has been asked to reduce their footprint. LRI has established a committee to explore options should their current location is put up for sale.

4. Access Permit:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the access permit for Jeanine Peal for access on the north side of Fall Brook Road. Motion carried 2-0. Rob Nutting, Road Foreman has inspected the location. No culvert or any other conditions were needed. As the proposed access will be located at the intersection of Buchler & Fall Brook Roads, Ms. Peal would prefer to have a Fall Brook Road address if possible.

5. Executive Session: Development Review Board Appointment Interviews 1V.S.A §313 (a)(3):

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Nancy Blankenship to enter executive session at 5:37 PM. Motion carried 3-0.

Upon coming out of executive session at 6:05 PM, motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Nancy Blankenship, to appoint Amy Rast to the remaining two-year term and Jeremiah Aiken to the Alternate position. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Other:

a. Special Event Permit for Next Trick Brewing LLC:

The special event is a beer pick up where nine brewers can sell beer as a fundraiser for the Vermont Brewers Association. The event would be held at The Chapel at Darling Ridge at 1165 Darling Hill Road. Attendees will pay online, in advance of the event, or if they purchase the day of the event, they will use a credit card. There will be no limit to the number of 12- or 16-ounce

cans they can purchase. Concern for on premise consumption was raised by Chief Harris and the Selectboard. Before the permit is signed and forwarded to the Vermont Board of Liquor and Lottery, email will be sent to the event licensee inquiring about the prevention of onsite consumption.

- b. Steve Gray, rep to the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District, asked Christian Thompson if the Downtown Economic Development Committee was still meeting. Christian has not received any emails in awhile and suggested he reach out to Sarah Lafferty. Steve asked Dan Daley what the status was with the compost discussions with Eric Paris. Dan made a note to check with the Municipal Administrator, Justin Smith. Steve announced the NEKWMD will be meeting tomorrow night, June 8, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM
Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer.