

TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING
June 12, 2017
5:30 PM

Selectboard

Martha “Marty” Feltus, Chair
Dan Daley
Kermit Fisher

Press

Public

Justin Smith, Steve Gray
Dawn Powers
Joe Dauphin
Mark Bean

1. Approval of minutes:

Dan Daley made a motion to approve the minutes from May 30, 2017 with two changes. In #3 Mr. Daley asked that it be clarified the open house is for the “Joint Garage”. In #16 Mr. Daley noted it was the NEMBA Fest, not the NIMBA Fest. Kermit Fisher seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

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

The Board approved and signed the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks 23-24.

3. Highway Report:

At 44% through the year, payroll is 53% spent and the entire budget is 36% expended.

4. Wastewater Abatement Request: Mark Bean, dba. Northern Vermont Rentals, LLC. presented a history of an on-going leak that he has had at the Riverview Estates Mobile Home Park. He explained he had purchased a water reader so that he can keep track of water usage more frequently than just receiving a bill once every quarter. It has allowed him a way to monitor for leaks in a timelier manner. He was able to show the Selectboard a timeline in which the water usage started going up and when it drastically increased starting in December of 2016. Mr. Bean, with the help of VT Rural Water was able to identify the location of the leak on March 21, 2017 and fix the break in the waterline. The readings after the fix was made to show the water usage reverting back to historically usages for the Park. Given this information it appears that a correction has been made. Mr. Smith noted that generally the Selectboard only considers abatement on two quarters previous to the fix occurring. Mr. Dauphin noted that he was unsure how much water actually did not enter our wastewater system. He noted that the sewer line, which was within two feet of the waterline was also broke when the waterline break was located. In all other instances that he could think of the water always surfaces and identifies itself as an issue. This break never surfaced therefore he felt much of the water actually found its way into the broken sewer line and into our system. Mr. Fisher concurred that he had never seen a water leak that did not surface at some point. Mr. Fisher said that there was obviously no way to know how much water did go into the wastewater system, he did however feel that some of it had. Kermit Fisher made a motion to abate 2/3 of the wastewater bill for the last two quarters. The total abated amount will be \$5,624.42. The abated amount will be applied to Mr. Bean’s bill over 3 quarters. Dan Daley seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

5. Promise Committee Presentation: Dawn Powers made a presentation on behalf the Promise Committee; they received a \$150,000 grant for use within the Lyndon Community. Her Committee largely focuses on childhood and family development for children 0-6 years of age. They have a fiscal agent (Northeast Kingdom Learning Services) to handle funds associated with educational piece of this grant. Upon attending the community meetings organized by VCRD they realized that their issues regarding communication, the need for a web site and a web site organizer closely aligned with the Recreation

Committee which formed as a result of the VCRD meetings. Both groups have a number of resources but do not have a good way currently to spread the word and inform the public of opportunities that are available. Ms. Powers was interested in whether or not the Town would be willing to be the fiscal agent for the web designer/ recreation coordinator position. The Promise Committee would give the Town \$90,000 to house and employ a full time employee for year # 1 and a part-time position (20 hours/week) for year #2. Marty Feltus felt the web site position and coordinator position could be much smaller and more money should go the educational side. She did not feel being the fiscal agent would be a problem, but she wanted to hear from the Recreation Committee to justify a full time position. The Board agreed that they wanted the Recreation Committee to provide further information.

6. Wastewater Treatment Facility Update: Mr. Smith informed the Board that the WWTF Phase 2 paperwork was completed and the project was closed out. Once T-Buck Construction signs and returns the paperwork we will release the final check to T-Buck Construction for the rest of their money minus the set-off for work associated with defective equipment relating to blower #2. Mr. Smith informed the Board that one hour after closing out the paperwork the fan in Blower #1 seized up. The Blower is under warranty and Hartzell will be coming to the Wastewater Treatment Facility on June 27th, 2017 to correct the issue.
7. Traffic Safety Issue Request Update: A letter from Nancy Blankenship requesting the installation of a traffic mirror at the intersection of Mathewson Hill Road and Gilman Road (VT 122) was presented to the Board on May 30th, 2017. The Board requested at that time that the matter be discussed with Dale Perron from VTrans District 7 to find out what he recommends. Mr. Perron provided an email response to Mr. Smith stating that traffic mirrors are not an approved traffic control device under the standards laid out in the Manual of Unified Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). VTRANS does not install them, nor do they allow them in their right of way.
8. Other:
 - a. The Board signed the TAN & RAN paperwork that was approved at the last meeting.
 - b. Mr. Smith provided the Board with paperwork regarding a pilot grant program to fix road segments which have been identified under the new Stormwater rules. The Board asked Mr. Smith to speak with the Road Foreman and see if he had time to complete a project and take advantage of the funds being offered.
 - c. Mr. Smith informed the Board that a representative from Bernie Sanders' office was coming to see if there were any challenges facing the community that they might be able to help with. The Board recommended providing the VCRD Report to the representative and Kermit Fisher mentioned discussing the Broad Street project.
 - d. Steve Gray noted that the S.W.I.P. was on the agenda for the Waste District meeting to be held at 7 PM Tuesday, June 13th.

Having no other business to conduct the meeting adjourned at 7:14PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM
Minutes taken by Justin Smith
Approved by the Selectboard: June 26, 2017