



TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING

June 24, 2019

5:30 PM

Selectboard

Dan Daley, Chair
Christian Thompson
Fred Gorham

Press

Amy Nixon

Public

Tim Stone, Steve Gray, Sarah Cousino, Annie McLean
Evan Carlson, Marty Feltus

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

Lyndon Rescue, Inc. (LRI) Update from Sarah Cousino

2. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the June 10th, 2019 minutes as amended. Motion carried 3 to 0.

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

The Board approved and signed the orders drawn on the Treasurer for week's # 23 & 24.

4. Highway Report:

At 48% through the year, payroll is 56% spent and the entire budget is 32% expended. The Board would like to go on record thanking Rob & crew for the great job this spring after a long winter.

5. Broadband Feasibility Study:

Marty Feltus and Evan Carlson gave the Board an update on the previous USDA broadband grant application & the next grant application. Evan is representing the group who is working on this. He discussed current broadband availability and usage in our area, and the need to provide better service moving forward. He explained that a feasibility study was completed to determine the best course of action to improve service to Lyndon and the surrounding area. Vantage Point Solutions (VPS) from South Dakota was selected to do the study. Through a survey, VPS found that a very small number of residents (24%) in our area were satisfied with their internet service, which is extremely low. They also held several interested stakeholders' meetings to determine other needs and issues. The study confirmed that the biggest issue facing Lyndon and surrounding communities is inconsistent and/or poor residential and business internet service. Mr. Carlson then explained a few rural models in Vermont that work to provide internet service. For our area, VPS has recommended establishing a Communication Union District (CUD) modeled after the EC Fiber CUD in central Vermont. The CUD is a Municipal entity made up of two or more towns. The CUD builds out the broadband infrastructure. There is no financial risk to the taxpayer or municipality.

The next step will be to form a working group with representatives from Lyndon and surrounding communities to work on CUD formation procedures. The Selectboard voiced their support for this process going forward. Marty Feltus explained that some State money is available to help a CUD get started. Evan's group will return later in the year with more details and to ask to put the question of forming a CUD on the Town Meeting ballot for next March.

6. Public Safety Building Sprinkler System: Tim Stone from G. Tim Stone Fire Protection Sprinkler Design and Consulting Services came to answer the Selectboard's lingering questions about sprinkler work at the Public Safety Building (PSB). Mr. Stone provided valuable information about how a sprinkler system works, the differences between a wet & a dry system, and why pipes within a system can fail. He then explained the benefits of a Nitrogen system which the Board was currently contemplating installing. He explained that using nitrogen with little or no oxygen in the pipes could last up to 100 years. A dry system

with oxygen in the pipes might last 15 years. Mr. Stone also addressed the question the Board had about why a 200 PSI pressure test needed to be done on the pipes. 200 PSI is the requirement to certify a new system. Even though our system will likely sit around 70 PSI under normal circumstances, if a fire truck were needed to add pressure to the system in the event of an emergency, the PSI will run at about 200 when delivering water to a system.

The Board next asked about doing the project in two stages: 1. fix and pressurize the piping this year; and 2. install the N2 generator next year. After more discussion Christian Thompson made a motion to complete the necessary work to the sprinkler system this year. It was noted that the Town was going to be unable to replace the existing roof due to the cost estimate we received so if the sprinkler system goes over, we will have extra money in the maintenance budget to do the work. Any money left over would be carried over toward the cost of replacing the roof next year. Fred Gorham seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

7. Lyndon Rescue (LRI) Update: Lyndon's LRI Representative, Sarah Cousino came to the meeting to update the Board on a couple of items. The last couple of LRI meetings have involved budgets, calls, and fundraising. The fundraising item has been put on hold until they identify a specific goal amount so towns will know what they are working towards. Ms. Cousino mention a multipurpose feasibility study would be presented at the next LRI meeting on July 8th, at 6 PM. It will have a feasibility study for a new facility and a second feasibility study to look a regionalization of emergency services.

Sarah Cousino and the Board briefly touched on the open position of deputy Health Officer.

8. Revenue Anticipation Note (RAN): The Board signed the RAN documents which were approved at the last meeting.
9. Tax Anticipation Note (TAN): The Board signed the TAN documents which were approved at the last meeting.
10. Millers' Run Bridge: Dan Daley reported that we are still waiting for an update from Rob Durfee as to why there is such a discrepancy between the engineer's estimate for the bridge repair and the contractor's quote to complete the bridge work. The gap approaches a 3-1 ratio. The there was a couple other concerns over how long the project would take that remain to be answered by Dubois & King.
11. Stormwater Runoff Issue: The Board reviewed the issue of gravel on Doug John's backyard off the corner of Pine Ridge Circle and Lily Pond Road. After reviewing the photos, the Selectboard felt that the materials deposited in the yard were coming from a ditch the neighbor had connected into the wooded area where the Town's culvert outlets. There is light gravel material on the stone lined outlet for the Town's cross culvert and a heavy amount of material 20 feet further down where the neighbor's fully graveled ditch runs into the same low-lying area. The neighbor's ditch is not the Town's responsibility and it is located outside the Town's right of way. Additionally, the materials in Mr. John's back yard are well outside the right of way.
12. Stars and Stripes Donation Request: The Chamber of Commerce sent letters seeking donation for the Stars & Stripes parade. The Selectboard decided that it would not be an appropriate allocation of taxpayer funds.
13. Broad Street Discussion: Bruce Martin from VTrans had asked for an update on what direction the Town was going to take regarding the engineering to relocate some of its utilities that need to be relocated as part of the Route 5 reconstruction project. The Board decided it made the most sense to have one engineering company design the plans rather than having several engineers having to adjust prints & plans for relocation of utilities within the State's right of way. The Board also decided to pursue the State's offer of a deferred loan to cover the costs of this engineering. Motion was made by Fred Gorham. Chris Thompson seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

14. Access Permit Applications: Christian Thompson made a motion to approve the access permit for Steven & Betty VI Walker located at 404 Pine Ridge Circle. Fred Gorham second, and the motion carried 3-0.
15. Christian Thompson made a motion to approve the access permit for Russ Blake located at 145 Dune Way. The motion included a condition from Rob Nutting the Road Foreman to taper the driveway away from the road for a minimum distance of fifteen (15) feet. Fred Gorham second, and the motion carried 3-0.
16. Other:
 - a. Steve Gray discussed bills S113 & S 116.
 - b. Christian Thompson asked about the ice arena repairs. It was reported that LI is currently obtaining quotes for the work to the roof, snack bar, and bathroom/locker room.
 - c. The Board noted that the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District still has not gotten back to them regarding the tax issue or a host agreement.
 - d. Dan stated that he will follow-up with Joe Buzzi regarding the status of the motel.
 - e. Christian Thompson questioned whether the Police contract to cover NEMBA Fest had any impact on the coverage in Town. The answer was no it done with off-duty officers.

Having no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Minutes taken by Dan Daley

Approved by the Selectboard: July 22, 2019