



TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING

July 6, 2020

5:30 PM

Selectboard: Christian Thompson-Chair, Dan Daley, Fred Gorham (5:43PM)

Officials: Dawn Dwyer

Press: The Caledonian-Record-Andrew McGregor

Public: Steve Gray

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

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2. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the June 22, 2020 minutes as amended. Motion carried 2 to 0.

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

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks # 26 & # 27 with the Treasurer to sign due to COVID-19. Motion carried 2-0.

4. Quarterly Highway Report:

At 50% through the year, the General Fund is 40% expended, the highway is 46% expended and the Wastewater Fund is 51% expended.

5. Broad Street Road/Sewer Project:

The Board reviewed the scope of work for the full roadway reconstruction of Broad Street (US Route 5) as provided by Fuss & O'Neill. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Fred Gorham, to accept the engineering proposal from Fuss & O'Neill with a maximum budget of \$122,238 with Justin Smith to sign the Authorization to Proceed on behalf of the Board. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Access Permits:

Two Access Permits were submitted by Donald Johnson on Airport Road. The permits were tabled until more information could be obtained.

7. Purchase & Sale Agreement-Delinquent Tax Sale:

The Clair Sikilian property, land located on Valley Lane, was sold at tax sale on June 25, 2019 was not redeemed by the redemption date. The Town of Lyndon was the only bidder therefore is now the owner of the property. Per the policy adopted on November 2, 2016 the Town will first offer the property to the previous delinquent taxpayer that lost it due to tax sale. The Purchase and Sale Agreement has been drafted and if approved by the Selectboard, will be mailed to Ms. Sikilian by certified mail with return receipt requested. Ms. Sikilian will have thirty (30) days from receipt of the letter to return the Agreement. If we do not receive the Agreement back by the due date, the Selectboard can then proceed to sell the property per the policy.

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Fred Gorham, to offer the Purchase & Sale agreement to Clair Sikilian with conditions as outlined in the agreement. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Delinquent Property Tax Parcel:

Three properties appeared in today's edition of The Caledonian-Record for tax sale. The Treasurer asked where it stood with the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD). The NEKWMD currently have two years of delinquent taxes. It appears the tax-exempt application was incomplete when

submitted by Paul Tomasi, Director of the NEKWMD, for the 2020 tax year. The burden of proof is on the taxpayer to establish what state statute they fall under for tax exemption. The Board has asked Justin Smith to ask the Department of Tax Property Valuation & Review for guidance on how to resolve the tax-exempt stalemate. The Board would also like Justin to ask the Listers and Mr. Tomasi to attend a Selectboard meeting soon in hopes of moving either the tax exemption issue or the Host Agreement forward to resolve the delinquent tax situation.

9. Other:

- a. Lyndonville Electric Department installed the streetlight at the Park & Ride on the existing pole to the left of the walking kiosk.
- b. Steve Gray, Lyndon representative to the NEKWMD, spoke to Mr. Tomasi today about the number of compost totes for the month of June. Mr. Tomasi did not have the information and his Administrative Assistant was out of the office. The next NEKWMD meeting is schedule for July 14th and the agenda will not be available until Friday, July 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer

Approved by the Selectboard: July 20, 2020