

TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING

July 9, 2018
5:30 PM

Selectboard

Kermit Fisher, Chair
Dan Daley
Christian Thompson

Press

Kevin Doyon

Public

Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith, Steve Gray, Nick Rivers (Myers)
Michael Casella, Greg & Lottie Nelson, Jennie Somers
Roy Grant, Ron & Nancy McMurtry, Larry Willey,
Gary Cavino (Casella), Becky Masure, Matt Moore,
Adrienne D'Olimpio, Chuck & Mary Crosby

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

Add Roadside Mowing

2. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the June 11, 2018 minutes.
Motion carried _ to _.

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

The Board approved and signed the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks # 27 - 28.

4. Highway Report:

The 2nd Quarter report was shared with the Board. At 50% through the year, the General Fund is 44% expended, the Highway Fund is 36% expended, the Wastewater Fund is 44% expended and the Sanitation Fund is 51% expended.

5. Rural Edge Loan Deferral Discussion:

Becky Masure of Rural Edge and Matt Moore of Housing Vermont came to address the questions that must be answered when deferment of loans is requested. (See attached memo with answers). Matt also reviewed the schedule for putting in the application due in September and the next steps moving forward for the application for the new monies which is separate from the refinancing of the existing monies. This is also a good time to discuss anticipated challenges to get the project financed; ratio of debt to worth by working on alleviating the issue by the Town forgiving the interest as previously discussed and reducing levels of old grant monies with VHCB by means of forgiveness. The application deadline for new monies (\$350,000) is due by September 4, 2018. Pre-application will be ready by August 1st, then warning the notice for a public meeting by August 5th, with the public meeting being held on August 20th. The final decision would come in November.

Matt and Becky will update the Board as more information becomes available.

6. Trash Bid Discussion:

Justin presented where the Town stands in regards to the sanitation budget and how curbside pickup would affect the budget in regards to revenues. His projections are that the Sanitation Fund would be running a deficit of \$571,265 to \$687,857, depending on the number of units (1,787 residential or 2,134 including apartments) just for curbside pickup without including the other budgeted items. He anticipates an estimated sanitation bill would be between \$487.65 and \$485.76 respectively. Kermit outlined each bid (see attached bids).

Casella: Option 1 – 96 gallon weekly trash and 96 gallon every other week (EOW) zero sort recycling for \$39.95/month for the franchise arrangement with Casella billing.

Option 2 – (5 year contract & Casella provides totes) 96 gallon weekly trash and 96 gallon EOW zero sort recycling \$28/month per unit starting two week from signing of contract with the Town handling the billing.

Option 2 – (5 year contract with town providing totes) 96 gallon weekly trash and 96 gallon EOW zero sort recycling at \$25.50 per month with the Town handling the billing.

Myers: Option 1 – Franchising with totes provided for \$47/month. Allows for one 68 gallon tote for trash and one for recycling. Trash weekly and recycling EOW for all options.

Franchising without totes for \$44/month allowing for 68 gallons of trash and 68 gallons for recycling.

Option 2 - \$39.50/month per house without totes billed directly to the Town of Lyndon.
\$42.00/month per house with totes billed directly to the Town of Lyndon

Kermit suggested sticking with the fast-trash option as well as allowing residents to contract directly with any hauler at their own expense in the interim until more public input can be obtained toward a long-term solution. A special meeting was suggested. Currently there is not any funds in the budget for curbside trash pickup.

7. Trash Update:

Justin Smith updated the Board on the current trash pickup options. There has been both positive and negative opinions. Nothing negative regarding the companies offering the services. The negative is lack of convenience and some residents do not feel this is good long term solution. Some residents are very happy with the option. Termination notices have been sent to Earley Rubbish & Recycling for both trash and recycling services as outlined in the contract.

Starting this week, fast trash will be set up at the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) or the recycling center on Church Street four days (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday).

8. Highway Equipment Purchase Discussion:

With the Stormwater project brings maintenance. Rob Nutting, Highway Foreman, suggested purchasing a ditch cleaner costing between \$5,000 and \$7,000. There is approximately \$15,000 leftover in the New Equipment Budget from the purchase of the loader. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to allow Justin Smith approval to accept the lowest bid, not to exceed \$15,000, for the purchase of a ditch cleaner. Motion carried 3-0.

9. WWTF Updates and Upgrades:

The Board previously approved the capacitor for power factor correction. An analysis was done of the ATAD tank aeration and was determined that a post-ATAD aeration blower is needed for a cost of \$1,184. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the post-ATAD tank aeration blower VFD retrofit for a cost of \$1,184. Motion carried 3-0.

There were odor complaints a few weeks ago. Upon inspection, Rodger Sheldon, Project Manager for Utility Partners found that the bio-filter was dried out. They installed a sprinkler system which seems to have alleviated the problem.

10. Request for Use of Public Parking Space for a Food Truck:

The Board reviewed the previous request from Zeb Smith. The largest concern was for safety during school functions.

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the location of one parking space near the Free Baptist Church on College Road from Zeb Smith of Natural Express to park his food truck. Motion was denied 0-3.

11. Kingdom Challenge Half Marathon Request:

Lauren Chamberlin is requesting on behalf of Good Shepherd Catholic School permission to use the Municipal Office Building and to hold their Kingdom Challenge half marathon course through some of the town's streets on October 27th. Chief Jack Harris does not have any concerns with the route. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the use of the Municipal Office Building on October 27th from 7 AM to 11 AM as well as to run the Kingdom Challenge half marathon. Motion carried 3-0.

12. Other:

- a. Roadside Mowing – Thelma Wilkins contacted Christian regarding lack of signage being used by the company doing the roadside mowing. Justin will speak with the company.
- b. Curtis Carpenter has submitted a letter of interest for the Development Review Board opening. Justin will ask him to attend the next Selectboard Meeting.
- c. Ailes Roofing has submitted a proposal to reroof the two sides of the municipal building. Christian said the Town should be mindful of the quality of the shingles being used. The proposal is for shingles with a 50 year warranty.
- d. Justin shared the Education Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2019 from the Vermont Department of Taxes. Non-residential tax rate is \$1.6132 and the Homestead tax rate is \$1.5028.
- e. Steve Gray informed the Board that the NEKWMD meeting is scheduled for July 10th. On the agenda is to elect a clerk.
- f. In nine months the Town has saved \$3,700.78 in electricity costs due to solar credits.