



TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING

July 19, 2021

5:30 PM

Selectboard: Christian Thompson-Chair, Dan Daley, Nancy Blankenship(Zoom)

Officials: Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith, Nicole Gratton

Press: Paul Hayes – The Caledonian Record

Public: Steve Gray, Ken Mason, KC Mason, Lee & Pam Schabler, Keith Johnson, Scott Beck, Robin Ware, Larry Golden, Andrew McGregor, Matt Young. Zoom participants: Crystal Bigelow, Denise Montgomery, Jeni Maynard, Kermit Fisher, Beth Bigelow, Adrienne D'Olimpio, Chris Carr, Catherine Boykin, Danny Bigelow

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

None

2. Approval of the Orders for weeks 25-28:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Nancy Blankenship, to approve the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks #25 through #28 with the Treasurer to sign. Motion carried 3-0.

Nancy Blankenship would like Fire Department budget status reports for 2020 and a 2021 to see how they compare, year to year.

3. Warrant # 55 – Gilman Housing:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Nancy Blankenship, to approve and sign the Gilman Housing order drawn on the Treasurer for Warrant #55 in the amount of \$32,053. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Perpetual Care Agreement:

Motion made by Nancy Blankenship, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the Perpetual Care Agreement for the Hagman lot (Section Crem 2 Lot 3). Motion carried 3-0.

5. Financial Controls Approval Form:

Treasurer Dawn Dwyer explained that Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT) created the Internal Financial Controls to help municipalities apply government accounting principles to assess and improve the accuracy, transparency, and security of municipal finances and assets. Internal Financial Controls help to assure that public funds are administered and expended in compliance with applicable statutes and regulations, that funds are used for purposes for which they were authorized and intended, and that there is accurate reporting regarding the use of those funds. Dawn explained that the Town has a good process for division of duties in place. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Nancy Blankenship, to accept the Internal Financial Controls Checklist for the Town of Lyndon as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Ice Arena Public Comments:

The Selectboard asked for public comments regarding the Town's involvement in the repairs of the Fenton Chester Ice Arena. Speaking in favor of working together with Rink, Inc. in getting the arena ready to open were Pam Schabler, Adrienne D'Olimpio, Jeni Maynard, Beth Bigelow, and Cathy Boykin. Kermit Fisher asked that the Selectboard proceed with caution as they could be setting a precedent with other organizations. Written comments, in support, were received and read from Thelma Wilkins, Linda Palmer, Marty Feltus and Amanda Sanville. Andrew McGregor, trustee of Rink, Inc. updated the fundraising efforts and plans to open the arena for skating in the fall. Rink Inc. has raised \$27,000 toward the operating costs which include the compressors, Zamboni, and electricity. The Town was asked to consider the repairs to the building which include the furnace, electrical materials as the labor is being donated, and interior repairs due to the ice damage a few years back. Motion made by Dan

Daley, seconded by Nancy Blankenship, to agree to fund the following projects, up to a maximum amount of \$25,000, which include the code electrical work, roof expenses, insulation repair, water softener repair, and bathroom fixture work. Motion carried 3-0.

The Selectboard will consider the furnace at a future meeting when all the quotes have been received.

7. Access Permit Approval:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Nancy Blankenship, to approve the access permit for Brian Clifford for an access on the north-west side of Lily Pond Road. Motion carried 3-0. Rob Nutting, Road Foreman has inspected the location and has no issue or condition to add.

8. Helping Other People Everyday (HOPE) Color Run Request:

HOPE's Color Walk/Run will be held on Saturday, September 18th at 9 AM. The request goes before the Selectboard and the Trustees for approval. The Selectboard's approval is due to the five color stations being located outside of the Village limits. Registration will be in Bandstand Park. There is an adult race route along Stevens Loop and a children's race route around Bandstand Park. Chief Harris has been consulted and recommends closing Maple Street from 10 AM to 12 PM. Motion made by Nancy Blankenship, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the HOPE Color Run request for September 18, 2021 from 8 AM to 3 PM. Motion carried 3-0.

9. Local Emergency Management Plan Adoption:

Justin Smith, Municipal Administrator, provided the Local Emergency Management Plan to the Selectboard for its annual adoption. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Nancy Blankenship, to accept and adopt the Local Emergency Management Plan with noted changes. Motion carried 3-0.

10. Other:

- a. Keith Johnson addressed the Board as the spoke person for The Vail Action Alliance (TVAA) regarding the purchase of the former Fold property located off Couture Flat Road by Northeast Kingdom Human Services. TVAA wanted to make sure the Selectboard is informed of the situation. TVAA does not feel this type of service is a benefit to the neighborhood or community. The people housed there are from out of town. The only permits filed were with the Fire Marshall. Zoning Administrator Nicole Gratton is addressing the lack of town permits.
- b. Justin Smith has sent out a couple household waste violation letters out. The owners will have seven days to respond with their plans to clean up their property.
- c. Steve Gray, Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District rep, reported that at their last meeting the directors voted to suspend accepting plastic bags. The District was in hopes to find a market. The District was finding that there were other materials inside the acceptable bags. Plastic bags are now to be placed in their trash. The District also got a loan for a new truck that was partially funded by a grant. Two of the four applicants that have applied for the Compost Infrastructure Grant have advanced.
- d. Dan Daley and the Town's legal council Dan McCabe will be meeting with the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to mediate the Districts property taxes on August 12, 2021.