



TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING

July 20, 2020

5:30 PM

Selectboard: Christian Thompson-Chair, Dan Daley, Fred Gorham (5:37PM)

Officials: Dawn Dwyer, Larry Willey

Press: Amy Nixon - The Caledonian-Record

Public: Steve Gray, Jonathan Davis

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

*Sewer Abatement * *

2. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the July 6, 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 #28 & #29 with the Treasurer to sign due to COVID-19. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Northern Vermont University (NVU)– Fall Plan Update:

Jonathan Davis, Dean of Student Affairs, shared with the Board NVU's plan to resume classes for the Fall Semester. NVU is following the state's guidelines. Students are expected to return to campus August 13th and 14th. All students will be tested for COVID-19 on the day of arrival and on day seven. Then random testing will be done throughout the semester. All housing will be single occupancy and NVU is expecting fewer students. Students will be required to wear masks apart from when in one's own room with no one present or social distancing on campus. Out of state students will have to quarantine until they receive two negative test results. Each student will have to sign an NVU Health Pledge to help keep safety protocols in the forefront. Today it was announced that Fall athletics will not be playing out of state competition. This directive came from the North Atlantic Conference. Mr. Davis explained that classroom will have limited capacity to maintain social distancing. Faculty are working on remote learning as well as classroom learning. NVU staff and employees will be using CastleBranch App to report temperature and symptoms daily. The app will be used to report trends, educate students, and offer best practices. NVU's procedures are a work in progress as the state requirements are ever changing. Mr. Davis will be more than happy to keep the Board apprised as changes happen.

5. Access Permits:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the two access permits for Donald & Elaine Johnson for accesses on the North side of Airport Road. Motion carried 3-0. Rob Nutting, Road Foreman, has inspected the location and is requiring a fifteen-inch culvert at each access.

6. Internal Financial Controls Checklist:

Annually the Treasurer, Dawn Dwyer, completes an Internal Financial Controls Checklist for Municipalities. The checklist is then presented and receive by the Selectboard. Dawn presented the checklist for the Town of Lyndon and was received by the Selectboard. Christian Thompson, Chair of the Board, will sign on behalf of the Board.

7. Sewer Abatement:

Glenn & Linda Dozier, owner of 585 Hill Street, had a water leak in the last quarter of 2019 totaling fifty-six thousand gallons. Joe Dauphin, Public Works Supervisor, inspected the premises and

determined the lost water did not go into the sewer system. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Fred Gorham, to abate sewer charges for Glenn & Linda Dozier in the amount of \$484.40. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Other:

- a. Christian Thompson shared an email from Annie McLean, Planning Commissioner, sharing draft remote public hearing guidelines, which were modified from the guidelines the Planning Commission utilized for their in-person public hearing on the DRAFT Plan. Ms. McLean also suggested making written comment available via screen sharing or to read all the written comment during the meeting. Christian asked the other board members to read the guidelines and let him know if they have any comments or concerns. Christian will reach out to Annie prior to the scheduled public hearing on July 29th.
- b. Steve Gray, Lyndon's representative to the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District, shared numbers regarding the 2020 per capita charge. As was presented to the members of the District, the per capita charge was to cover the payment on the new baler. The 2020 baler payment totals \$17,074.46. The total per capita bills sent out and due in October total \$42,500. Steve was told by the Director, Paul Tomasi, that the surplus will be used to make the payment on the truck.
Steve would like the Board's permission to research the cost of composting through a company in Albany, VT. It is Steve's understanding that they pick up twice a week, Thursday and Sunday. The Board gave their approval to get more information.
- c. Dawn Dwyer, Clerk, reported that to date five hundred and seventy-seven early and absentee ballots have been mailed as the result of the postcard campaign mailed out by the Secretary of State's Office. The most time-consuming job is trying to locate the voters whose postcards were undeliverable. A second round of postcards were mailed by the Secretary of State's Office to voters who were already challenged. The hope is to get each Town's checklist cleaned up before the early and absentee ballots are mailed out for the November General Election.