



TOWN OF LYNDON  
SELECTBOARD MEETING

August 3, 2020

3:30 PM

Selectboard: Christian Thompson-Chair, Dan Daley

Officials: Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith, Annie McLean, Deb Smith (3:47 PM)

Press: Todd Wellington - The Caledonian-Record

Public: Steve Gray

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

\*Health Officer Update

2. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the July 20, 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 #30 & #31 with the Treasurer to sign due to COVID-19. Motion carried 2 to 0.

4. Rural Edge Warrant:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve and sign the Gilman Housing order drawn on the Treasurer for Warrant #43 in the amount of \$92,734. Motion carried 2 to 0.

5. Perpetual Care Agreement:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the Perpetual Care Agreement for the Harris Lot (Section 33 Lot E10 A, B, &C). Motion carried 2 to 0.

6. Cemetery Planting Request:

A family member of the Wright's was contacted regarding trees on their cemetery lot dying. The family member agreed that the trees should be removed. He would like to replace the trees with a miniature tree. The rules regarding landscaping and flowers, in the brochure, state that "there shall be no permanent plantings without the approval by the Selectboard ....". Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the planting of miniature trees. Motion failed 0-2.

7. Meeting Posting Locations Act 113 Discussion:

Marty Feltus forwarded a copy of Act 113, an Act relating to temporary municipal provisions in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Sec. 1 speaks to the Open Meeting Law and allow temporary authority to post meeting notices and agendas in two designated electronic locations in lieu of the two designated public places in the municipality, or in a combination of a designated electronic location and a designated public place. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to add Front Porch Forum as a temporary electronic posting location during the State of Emergency, in addition to the current locations which include the Town website, the Municipal Office Building, Cobleigh Public Library and the White's Market Plaza. Motion carried 2-0.

8. Historic Roadside Marker Update:

Rob Nutting, Road Foreman, met with Larry Willey and agreed on where to place the historic roadside marker for the first Town Meeting location in Lyndon. Mr. Nutting will schedule the installation.

9. Town Plan Hearing Update:

Town Plan Hearing scheduled for July 30, 2020 was postponed due to it not being properly warned. The meeting has been warned again for September 2, 2020 at 6:00 PM. This allows more time to receive public comment as well as additional outreach. Nancy Blankenship has offered to help with ideas as well as work to get the word out to maximize attendance. This includes increased advertisement on Front Porch Forum, FaceBook, and the Caledonian-Record.

10. Health Officer Update:

Deb Smith, Health Officer, updated the Board on the open cases she continues to work on. These cases include 474 Little Egypt Road, 427 Main Street, 921 Center Street, 961 Center Street, and 24 Chamberlain Bridge Road. Deb is also researching the process to be able to issue tickets. She has learned that municipal ordinance tickets are different than the tickets issued for Health Order Violations. She will continue to research the process.

11. Executive Session: Police Union Contract:

Motion made by Dan Daley to find that premature general public knowledge of the labor relations agreement with the Lyndonville Police Department will clearly place the town of Lyndon at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy.

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to enter executive session at 4:57 PM to discuss the Town's labor relations agreement with the Lyndonville Police Department under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes.

Upon coming out of executive session at 5:28 PM, no action was taken.

12. Other:

- a. Dawn Dwyer, Clerk & Treasurer, updated the Board on the offer made to the Claire Sikilian Estate to repurchase the property sold at tax sale that was purchased by the Town of Lyndon. The offer expires on Monday, August 10, 2020. It will then be put out to bid.
- b. Dawn Dwyer also informed the Board that the Board of Abatement (BOA) has the authority to abate water and sewer charges per 24 V.S.A. § 1535. Ms. Dwyer will send the state statute to the Board.
- c. Steve Gray updated the Board that the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) monthly meeting is scheduled for next week. He has not received the agenda yet. Steve is still trying to obtain the name of the compost company in Coventry.
- d. Justin Smith, Municipal Administrator, relayed that Paul Tomasi, Director of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District, was unable to attend the 3:30 PM meeting. He has been working in the warehouse to meet the recycling demands. The Board has asked Justin to investigate the process needed for a taxpayer to become tax exempt.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer

Approved by the Selectboard: August 17, 2020