

LYNDON SELECTBOARD MEETING  
August 4, 2008  
5:30 PM

Select board

Martha Feltus  
Kevin Calkins  
Kermit Fisher

Press

Amy Nixon

Public

Dan Hill  
Jack Harris  
George Mathias  
Sarah Simpson  
Joe Newell  
Peter Morrisette  
Tim Sturm  
Pauline Harris  
Marie Hemond  
Al Dilley  
Linda Hilton

1. Approval of Minutes:

Marty Feltus asked for a change to item 17 of the minutes of July 21, 2008. She asked for the first sentence to be changed to read "in order to allow overweight vehicles to use the interstate." Kevin Calkins moved to accept the amended minutes. 2nded by Kermit Fisher. Approved 3-0.

4. VCDP Grant Resolution

George Mathias of Gilman Housing was present to explain the need for a resolution to an existing loan fund grant so that it could continue in 2009. He also advised the board that they were applying for an additional \$200,000 to be used for energy efficiency loans to low income people. Kevin Calkins moved to approve the resolution. 2nded by Kermit Fisher. Approved 3-0,

5. Area Agency on Aging Presentation

Sarah Simpson, a board member of the Area Agency on Aging was present to say thank you to the community for their support of the agency's work. She explained some of the services they provide to the area.

6. Joint Discussion with the Planning Commission and DRB

The Select Board has asked members of the two boards to attend to discuss what can be done about preserving the pedestrian bridge behind the municipal building. Marty asked if the by-laws could be amended. Pauline Harris said the by-laws could be looked at to see if they could be changed to agree with FEMA regulations which would give a little more flexibility. Tim Sturm reminded everyone that the by-laws couldn't be changed until the Town Plan was in place.

After discussion, it was decided to look specifically at the floodway portion of the by-laws after adoption of the Town Plan. Marty asked Dan to prepare a zoning application to preclude and enforcement action by the DRB and to get temporary permission for the bridge. Dan was also asked to get estimated costs of having a No Rise Analysis study done on the river and bridge.

## 2. Approval and Signing of Orders

Marty moved to sign and approve orders for weeks 31 & 32. Kevin 2nded. Approved 3-0.

## 3. Highway Expense Report Thru July 25, 2008

The Board reviewed the latest highway expense report. Kermit Fisher asked the effects of all of the rain on the budget. Dan responded that he and Rob Nutting were going to discuss the impact of the rain this week. Dan also advised that planned summer work was way behind as the crew was spending all of its time simply keeping roads passable.

## 7. Setting of the Tax Rate

The Board discussed the proposed tax rates for the calendar year 2008. Kermit Fisher moved to approve a homestead educational tax rate of \$1.3614. 2nded by Kevin Calkins. Approved 3-0. Kermit moved to approve a general fund budget tax rate of \$0.3252. Kevin 2nded. Approved 3-0. Kermit moved to approve a highway budget tax rate of \$0.3904. 2nded by Kevin. Approved 3-0. Kermit moved to approve a non residential education tax rate of \$1.5869. 2nded by Kevin. Approved 3-0.

## 8. Catering Permit

Front Row Sports Tavern submitted a catering permit to set up a beer tent at the Caledonia Fair August 20-24. Jack Harris said they were subject to a liquor control hearing on Wednesday and may not have a license after that. He also asked that the beer be closed at midnight each night. Marty Feltus moved to approve a catering license for Front Row Sports Tavern with the conditions that they have a liquor license and that the tent close at midnight each night of the fair. Kermit 2nded. Approved 3-0.

## 9. Ancient Roads Grant Administrator Appointment.

Marty Feltus moved to appoint Dan Hill as grant administrator for the Ancient Roads grant. Kevin Calkins 2nded. Approved 3-0. It was asked that the Town try again to recruit members for the committee.

## 10. Loader Purchase Discussion

Dan explained that the road crew had tried out 4 of the machines being considered for purchase and unanimously wanted to buy the John Deere. Kermit moved to purchase the John Deere loader for \$99,200 including trade-in of the old loader plus buy an extended 5 year-2,500 hour warranty plus buy two blanks for use with attachments. Kevin Calkins 2nded. Approved 3-0.

## 11. Use of Public Safety Facility Discussion

Dan presented the board with a proposed policy and rental form for the use of the Public Safety Facility. After discussion, it was decided that the use of the training room and conference room would be handled thru the Town Clerk's office. The alarm system will be changed to make those rooms a separate zone and Dan will make changes to the proposed forms and the Board will revisit at the next meeting.

## 12. Snow Plowing Policies Discussion

Dan presented a summary of plowing policies and practices for surrounding towns. It was decided to have Rob Nutting attend the first meeting in September to discuss how we can best serve the public but reduce costs.

## 13. Other

Dan reminded the Board that the Packing House was due for a 3 month review of its liquor license. Jack Harris reported that they had done well in complying with the Town's requests and that he had no concerns at this time. Dan was instructed to write a letter to the owner of the lounge advising him of the review and express appreciation for the improvements.

The Board agreed to have the clump of trees near the Russell monument removed in order to create a new garden space.

Dan asked about a representative to the annual VLCT meeting in October. Kermit moved to appoint Dan as the voting member for Lyndon. Kevin 2nded. Approved 3-0.

Purchases of winter salt was discussed. Dan explained that the efforts of VLCT to form a coalition of towns to get a better price did not work for our area and no bids were received. The Town did receive a price guarantee from Cargill for the entire winter. Dan was asked to call other dealers to see what their prices would be and report back.

Jack Harris reported that he and his German Sheppard, Ox would be attend the K-9 Olympics on August 9<sup>th</sup> and that Ox would be retired after that event. Marty expressed the thanks of the Board for all of his good work.

Marty asked where we were with the skateboard park. Dan advised that he was waiting for a response from Leach Engineering.

It was discussed that the Town Plan should be finished by the Planning Commission by Tuesday and the Select Board should plan on having a special meeting on Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup> to begin their review of the document. If the Plan is delivered on Tuesday, Dan will advise the Board and warn a meeting.

At 7:35 Kermit Fisher moved to go into Executive Session to discuss contracts. Kevin Calkins 2nded.

Out of Executive Session at 8:10. Marty Feltus Moved to discontinue curbside pickup of recycling effective September 1, 2008 due to greatly increased costs. Kermit Fisher 2nded. Approved 3-0.

Meeting adjourned 8:11

Minutes taken by Dan Hill