

TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING
August 10, 2015
5:30 PM

Selectboard

Martha "Marty" Feltus
Kermit Fisher
Dan Daley

Press

Public

Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith, Kaela Gray
Brian Coderre, Joe Dauphin, Steve Gray
Barry Ford, Jim Davis (6:10 PM)

1. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the July 27, 2015 minutes. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the July 27, 2015 Joint Meeting with the Village Trustees minutes. Motion carried 3 to 0.

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

The Board approved and signed the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks #32 & 33.

3. Highway Report:

At 63% through the year, payroll is 56% spent and the entire budget is 54% expended.

4. Bicycle/Walking Safety Discussion:

Kaela Gray discussed with the Board the interest that has been generated for a safer bike/pedestrian path. Local Motion (LM), a Burlington based non-profit organization has connected with a group of local residents. LM has partnered with VTrans to provide grant-funded support to five towns in developing bicycle and pedestrian safety action plans. A smaller committee will be formed from the interested local residents. Dan Daley has expressed an interest in being the Selectboard representative on this committee.

5. LASA Request:

Barry Ford and Jim Davis of Lyndon Area Sport Association requested permission/help from the Town in digging into the bank north of the building so that a storage unit could be placed to store their artificial turf. Justin would like a letter from the Fire Marshall regarding the fire lane around the building. He will also check with Rob Nutting, road Foreman, regarding when his schedule would allow an hours' time to dig out the bank.

6. Joint Garage Update:

The joint Boards have received the progress prints and Mark Stewart and Andrea Day are continuing to work on the site development and a cost. Joe Dauphin, the Village Public Works Supervisor, has some concerns with the prints. Justin will meet with Rob Nutting, Road Foreman, regarding his comments and concerns with the progress prints and send them to Mark Stewart as soon as possible.

7. Cemetery/Perpetual Care:

The cemetery perpetual care CD at Passumpsic Savings Bank (PSB) will mature on August 14, 2015. With interest rates so low, it would be advantageous to invest the money for a longer period of time to take advantage of higher rates. The Board has asked Sexton Brian Coderre to prepare a list of projects that the perpetual care money could be used to complete in the short-term. His suggestions were cleaning the remaining un-cleaned stones in the cemetery, repair of the roads, a larger tractor, and

guardrails along the steeper sections, a cemetery truck and top soil to fill in sinking lots. The Board has asked Brian to obtain costs on the stone cleaning, fixing the roads, installing guardrails and the top soil. Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Dan Daley, to move the entire balance of the PSB restricted perpetual care CD into the Town Restricted Funds account with the intention of obtaining bids for the perpetual care projects (stone cleaning, fixing the roads, installing guardrails and top soil) and then investing the balance for a longer period of time at a higher interest rate. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Dog Complaint Update:

Justin Smith, Municipal Administrator, sent a registered letter to Sal Ardizzola reminding him of the conditions and consequences of the dog complaint discussed during the June 15, 2015 meeting.

9. Unregistered Dogs:

Second and final notices have been sent to approximately 130 unregistered dog owners. The due date is Friday, August 14th. The next step would be for the Selectboard to issue a warrant, published in the newspaper, to pick-up all unlicensed dogs.

10. Road Salt:

Cargill was once again the only company that extended road salt prices to municipalities under the State of Vermont's contract. The price is up 3% or \$2.35 to \$80.56.

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Dan Daley, to purchase road salt from Cargill at \$80.56 for the 2015-2016 winter season. Motion carried 3-0.

11. Special Appropriations:

Marty Feltus explained that the Board's intention during the March 10, 2014 meeting was to make an annual decision on the Special Appropriation process. It was decided that the best time to set the annual decision would be during the re-organizational meeting held after Town Meeting each year.

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Dan Daley, to only request a petition in 2016 from organizations that did not submit a petition in 2015 or organizations requesting more money than in 2015. Organizations that did receive a Special Appropriation in 2015, and are not requesting more money, must still make a written request to the Selectboard along with submitting a one page summary for the Town Report. A representative must be present at Town Meeting. Motion carried 2-1 with Kermit Fisher voting no.

12. Access Permits:

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the access permit for Larry & Laurie Willey for access on the west side of Vail Drive with noted conditions from the Road Foreman. Rob Nutting has determined that a 15" culvert is necessary. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the access permit for Jessie Currie for access on the south east side of Buchler Road with noted conditions from the Road Foreman. Rob Nutting has determined that "the property owner will pay for the installation of a 'hidden drive' sign due to the close proximity with the crest of the hill". No culvert is necessary. Motion carried 3 to 0.

13. Lyndon Rescue:

Lyndon Rescue is asking for community support for their efforts to get a grant for a new ambulance. Marty had some questions and Justin was able to obtain answers from Mark Podgwaite (email attached). Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Dan Daley, to support the application to being submitted to USDA Rural Development by Lyndon Rescue Inc. for a new ambulance. Motion carried 3-0.

14. Town Garage Furnace:

The furnace in the Town Garage needs to either be rebuilt or replaced. With the proposed Joint Garage Project, is it more feasible to replace the existing furnace with a new one, which the company has offered to buy it back once the Garage is moved to the new location at a depreciated cost, or to repair the existing furnace? More details are needed before a decision can be made. Justin will speak with Rob Nutting, Foreman, to get more details.

15. Centrifuge Estimates:

The centrifuge has been removed and sent away to Centrisys for inspection. The centrifuge is approximately three and a half (3 ½) years old, put in during the upgrade. There is no warranty left. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Marty Feltus, to approve the repair of the centrifuge. Motion carried 3-0.

16. Executive Session – Personnel:

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Dan Daley, to enter into executive session at 7:58 PM. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Marty Feltus, to come out of executive session at 8:26 PM. No decision was made.

17. Other:

- a. Steve Gray informed the Board that there will be a Feasibility Study presentation at the Recycling Meeting held Tuesday, August 11th at the Public Safety Building at 7:00 PM. The presentation will be on various methods of separation of recyclables.
- b. The decrease in PILOT monies has been rectified. It was a combination of tax rate reporting issue and a clerical error on the State's part.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM

Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer

Approved by the Selectboard: August 24, 2015