



TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING

August 17, 2020

5:30 PM

Selectboard: Christian Thompson-Chair, Dan Daley

Officials: Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith, Jeff Corrow

Press:

Public: Steve Gray, Christian Yandow

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:
Community Mask Distribution
2. Approval of minutes:
Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the August 3, 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 #32 & #33 with the Treasurer to sign due to COVID-19. Motion carried 2 - 0.
4. Access Permits:
Postponed for more information from the Road Foreman.
5. Perpetual Care Agreement:
Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the Perpetual Care Agreement for the Gilman's Lot (Section 37 Lot E1B). Motion carried 2 to 0.
6. Real Estate: Notice of Intention to Sell Property:
The Town obtained a 1.7-acre lot on Valley Lane through tax sale. In accordance with the policy, the owner did not reply to the offer to repurchase the property within the allotted time, so the next step in the process is to offer it for sale to the public by sealed bid. The posting requires a thirty (30) day period to receive bids which allows time for any Lyndon voters who do not agree with selling the property to present a legal petition to the Clerk with the required 5% of the voters' signatures. The sealed bids will be accepted through September 25, 2020 at 1 PM. The sealed bids will be opened at the Selectboard meeting on September 28, 2020.
7. Special Appropriation Discussion:
The Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging (NEKCA) is requesting that if signatures are required for the 2021 Special Appropriation requests, that this procedural requirement be withheld due to COVID-19. The NEKCA advised in their letter that they would not be seeking an amount different than 2020. At their March 30th meeting, the Selectboard voted to require any organization that did not submit a petition in 2020 and is requesting an appropriation in 2021, or any organization that did submit a petition in 2020 and is requesting a higher amount in 2021, to submit a petition with the required number of signatures by the due date set by Statutes. The Board will wait to see if there are any other requests.
8. Census Boundary Lines Confirmation Paperwork:
The Town has been asked to validate the boundary data for the 2020 Census as provided by a map accompanying the request. The Municipal Administrator confirmed the boundaries. The form must be signed by the Chair of the Selectboard. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson,

to validate and sign the 2020 Final Boundary Validation Program with Christian Thompson to sign as Chair of the Selectboard. Motion carried 2-0.

9. Road Name Request:

Mike Greenblatt wishes to name the private road, which he recently received an access permit for, "Frances Lane". The private road is off Darling Hill Road and he has created a three-lot subdivision which requires the road to be named. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the road name "Frances Lane" leading to the three-lot subdivision created by Mike Greenblatt. Motion carried 2-0.

10. Planning Commission (PC) Grant Request:

The Planning Commission is considering applying for a Kingdom Trail Association (KTA) 2020 Mini Grant to start cleaning up the land on the south side of Route 114, across from the old town garage. The PC would like the space to be mowed twice a week and make it more inviting for recreational opportunities. Justin Smith spoke with Brian Coderre, Cemetery Sexton, who thought he would have time every week to mow the space. The PC is looking for the Selectboard's approval to apply for the grant. In addition, the PC would like to use the Cemetery's mowing as an in-kind contribution for the grant. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the Planning Commission to apply for the 2020 KTA Mini Grant and to consider the mowing by the Cemetery workers an in-kind contribution. Motion carried 2-0.

11. Fire Chief Jeff Corrow updated the Selectboard about the 300,000 donated cloth masks that the State of Vermont is making available to all communities in Vermont. The Town of Lyndon was given 1,500 for local distribution. These masks are available to the public subject to the distribution strategy of each municipality. Chief Corrow is looking for the most efficient way to distribute the masks to Lyndon residents. Town Clerk Dawn Dwyer has asked other towns how they are distributing their masks and will forward the information to Chief Corrow as it becomes available.

12. Other:

- a. Justin Smith shared a community partner letter from the Vermont State Police. The VSP is inviting the town to participate in shaping their approach to policing across Vermont as well in our own community.
- b. Rob Nutting, Road Foreman, informed Justin Smith that the solar flashing bridge signs have been installed and the repairs made to the Miller's Run Bridgers were completed on Monday afternoon. One resident that travelled through the bridge reported that the signs and repairs looked great.
- c. Christian Thompson commented on how great the Park & Ride off Route 122 looks. Mr. Bill Walker has again provided trash and recycle containers.
- d. The Town Clerk remarked on the State Primary that was held on Tuesday, August 11th. There were three voters who took advantage of the outside voting booth. There was an issue with the tabulator memory card and a ballot that was stuck in the tabulator. Both issues were remedied with a quick call to LHS, the organization that supplies the memory cards as well as maintains the tabulators. Of the 900 votes cast, 627 were absentee/early ballots. The Secretary of State's Office will be mailing every active voter a ballot for the General Election in November. It is being discussed how to handle the vast number of absentee ballots.
- e. Steve Gray reported on the monthly meeting for the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD). The minutes from this meeting can be found on the NEKWMD website.
- f. Christian Yandow was concerned that there was discussion at the previous Selectboard meeting of an open Health Order complaint against his apartment building on Cross Street. Christian Thompson reported to Mr. Yandow that the Health Officer, Deb Smith, was just updating the Selectboard on cases she was working on.

13. Executive Session – Police Contract:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to find that premature general public knowledge of the pending Union Contract between the Town of Lyndon and the Lyndonville Police Department will clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy. Motion carried 2 to 0.

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to enter executive session at 7:01PM to discuss the Town 's Contract 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 7:07 PM, motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to ratify the contract between the Town of Lyndon and the Lyndonville Police Department. Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM
Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer
Approved by the Selectboard: August 31, 2020