

TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING

August 19, 2019

5:30 PM

Selectboard

Dan Daley, Chair
Christian Thompson
Fred Gorham

Press

Todd Wellington

Public

Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith, Steve Gray, Patrick Shattuck
Sue Russell

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

*Rural Edge Warrant

2. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Fred Gorham, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the August 5, 2019 minutes as amended. Motion carried 3 to 0.

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

The Board approved and signed the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks # 32-34.

4. Highway Report:

At 63% through the year, payroll is 68% spent and the entire budget is 41% expended. The South Wheelock Road project has been started. Bomag is all up and the roller was delivered. Drainage is being worked on now.

5. Approve the Tax Rates:

Motion made by Fred Gorham, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the Town General Fund Tax Rate at \$.4309. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the Town Highway Fund Tax Rate at \$.3259. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the Town Local Agreement Tax Rate at \$.0038. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Access Permits:

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the access permit for Mark Wheeler for access on the east side of Remington Lane. Motion carried 3-0. Rob Nutting, Road Foreman, has inspected the location and feels a 15" culvert will be needed.

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the access permit for Simpson Temple Properties for access on the northeast side of Town Farm Drive. Motion carried 3-0. Rob Nutting, Road Foreman, has inspected the location and has placed no conditions.

7. Rural Edge Revolving Loan Fund Grant Proposal:

Patrick Shattuck came to speak to the Board in regard to reapplying for a Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) Grant. Mr. Shattuck provided an overview of what Rural Edge has been offering the residents of the Northeast Kingdom (NEK). (See full report filed with minutes in Town Clerk's Office)

Dan Daley again addressed his issue with receiving delinquent notices due to missing information. Turnover in help and a learning curve is part of the problem. Mr. Shattuck has explained that Rural Edge has been working with VCDP to better learn the reporting requirements. Justin Smith is frustrated that the delinquent notices do not indicate what information is missing and from whom. It takes time to call

around to find out what the issue is and who needs to fix it. The Town does not charge Rural Edge for their services in managing the grant. Rural Edge is in the process of establishing a protocol so that if someone leaves, the change should be smoother.

Mr. Shattuck explained that this grant is for a one-year period and can request up to \$500,000. The award is based on loan amounts. Mr. Shattuck estimated Rural Edge's award will be approximately \$300,000.

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham, to allow Justin Smith, Municipal Administrator, to initiate the grant process for Rural Edge. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Lyndon Outing Club Historic Preservation Trust Grant Proposal:

Sue Russell spoke to the Board regarding a Historic Preservation Trust Grant that the Lyndon Outing Club (LOC) would like to apply for. The Town would need to be the applicant as the LOC is a 501C4 organization. Determination of eligibility will be known after a couple weeks of the site visit which will be on Thursday, August 22. First preference would be to repair the whole T-bar assembly. The estimate to repair the T-bar is \$12,000. There are also grants specific to the building. They do not have an estimate on the building upgrades. These grants are a one-on-one matching grant. They have the funds to ask for \$9,000 and the application deadline is October 7, 2019. LOC would write the grant and the Town would sign the application. The Board is favorable in applying for the grant. The grant application will be presented to the Board at their next meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

9. Miller's Run Bridge Update:

Winterset finished the repairs last week. Due to Battle of Bennington Day Justin was unable to make contact with someone to inspect the bridge until today. The town was given the green light to re-open the bridge. Rob Nutting, Road Foreman, was planning on removing the barricades this evening. During the Selectboard meeting Todd Wellington was notified that the bridge was open for travel. The Board asked the Town Clerk to put the word out on Front Porch Forum and any other social media options.

10. Rural Edge Warrant #39:

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve and sign the order drawn on the Treasurer for Warrant #39 for Gilman Housing in the amount of \$15,982. Motion carried 3 to 0.

11. Other:

- a. Justin shared miscellaneous informational literature with the Board. Copies can be found filed at the Town Clerk's Office.
- b. Christian asked about the status of the public accessing the Town's GIS information on the website. The Board would like to revisit the issue. One of the concerns is about posting personal information on-line.
- c. Steve Gray updated the Board on the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD). Nick Rivers is the new chair. There has been much discussion about what to do with the proceeds from the grant they received when the baler broke down. Ben Doyle, director of Community & Economic Development for USDA RD has been asked what specifically the grant was to be used for. Paul Tomasi is to meet with Justin regarding the host agreement and the delinquent taxes owed by NEKWMD.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM

Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer

Approved by the Selectboard: September 3, 2019