

TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING

August 25, 2014
5:30 PM

Selectboard
David Dill
Martha Feltus
Kermit Fisher

Press

Public
Dan Hill, Justin Smith, Dawn Dwyer
Steve Gray, Richard Lawrence
David Martin, Cindy Karasinski
Don Welch, Doug Wheeler

1. Approval of Minutes:
Motion made by David Dill, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to approve the August 11, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3 to 0.
2. Approval and signing of orders drawn on the Treasurer:
The Board approved and signed the orders drawn on the Treasurer for week # 34.
3. Highway Report:
At 65% through the year, payroll is 65% spent and the entire budget is 56% expended.
4. Selling Police Cruiser by Sealed Bid:
The board approved putting the 2006 Dodge Magnum out to bid. Justin will put an ad in the local paper.
5. Road Salt Price Quote:
The road salt quote was received from Cargill, Inc. The price is \$78.21 up from \$60.16, a 30% increase. American Rock Salt did not submit a bid for municipalities.
6. Set the Tax Rates:
Motion made by David Dill, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to accept the Tax Rates as presented. Motion carried 3 to 0. The State has set the Homestead Tax Rate at \$1.4128 and the Non-residential Tax Rate at \$1.4964.
General Fund \$.2888 Highway Fund \$.3409 Local Agreement \$.0038
7. Jay-Lyn Fund Discussion:
Dan informed the Board that Dave Ormiston, Financial Manager in St. Johnsbury, called regarding turning the Jay-Lyn Fund over to NCIC to administer. Dan felt Mr. Ormiston was not interested in hearing our other ideas. Richard Lawrence and Doug Wheeler gave a brief overview of how the fund was established. Dan will contact HUD to determine if the funds can be divided between St. Johnsbury and Lyndon. Dan suggested that if Lyndon takes over their share of unused funds, have the Municipal Administrator and Town Clerk administer the fund rather than a committee. Mr. Lawrence expressed his opposition to handing over the fund to NCIC as there will no longer be local input and outstanding balances would be written off.
8. Cobleigh Public Library:
Dan informed the board there still hasn't been any response from Chris Ekman, Leach Engineer's attorney. Aldrich & Elliott has estimated \$5,400 to engineer a fix to the storm drain. Two suggestions to pay for the repairs of the Library were discussed. One was to borrow money from the Town and the other is to borrow the money from the Sanitation Fund, with repayment with either option when the

issue is settled legally. Don Welch, treasurer for Cobleigh Public Library, was asked if the repairs could be paid for from the Library's investments. Don thought there might be some discretionary funds, and would look into that. Dan will check with the Town's attorney to verify the need of a special town meeting to borrow from one fund to another. He will check with VLCT to determine if the Library would be covered again if there is another flood before the storm drain is fixed. Dan will also check with Aldrich & Elliott to do the engineering plans and if they would be able to complete the repairs to the storm drains before November 1, 2015.

9. Sanitation Discussion:

Marty Feltus shared a spreadsheet with the Board of different options for sanitation and recycling. The last option, E2015, would be to offer curbside recycling pick up twice a month and each household would have to contract with an independent hauler for garbage pickup. The fee for recycling would be billed annually through the Town Clerk's Office and the pickup would begin January 1, 2015. Dan will check with the State as to whether offering curbside recycling pickup twice a month would satisfy the new law.

Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by David Dill, to warn a Special Town Meeting to inform residents of the changes caused by the new Universal Recycling Law as well as warn an article for transferring funds to cover the Library repairs. Motion carried 3-0.

10. Health Insurance Discussion:

BlueCross BlueShield of Vermont (BC/BS) has offered us the opportunity to directly enroll with them again for 2015. Small groups still cannot enroll through Vermont Health Connect. In order to expedite our 2015 renewal they have asked us to enroll online by September 15, 2014. To stay with the same plan will represent a 9% increase. MVP's increase is 15% and their rates are already higher than BC/BS. The Board approved enrolling with BC/BS for 2015.

11. Covered Bridge Label Request:

John Weaver, Vermont Covered Bridge Society Bridge-Watch coordinator, is requesting permission to post small identification/information patches at covered bridges in Lyndon. They will also post information about our covered bridges on their website, www.vermontbridges.com as well as post our website address. The patches will also display a "QR code" for I-phones to address the website. The size of the patch provides function without compromising the ambience of the bridge with non-period signage. The Board granted permission for the patches.

12. Executive Session: Real Estate

Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by David Dill, to enter into executive session at 6:34 PM to discuss a real estate matter.

Upon returning to regular session at 6:45 PM, no action was taken.

13. Other:

- a. Justin shared an invitation from the Lyndonville Fire Department Tiger Company to join them for their annual Awards Ceremony and dinner to be held at the Lyndonville VFW on September 6, 2014 starting at 5:00 PM.
- b. The Town received a bill from Lyndonville Hardware for dog items picked up by Chief Harris. Dan wasn't aware that the Board approved a new K-9. The Board wasn't aware of the new K-9 and would like Chief Harris to come to the next meeting.
- c. The Town Fair is October 9th in Essex, VT. Marty Feltus will be going as Lyndon's voting representative.

- d. The Planning Commission has an executive session planned for Wednesday, August 27th to review the applications for Zoning Administrator. The Commission has asked about a salary amount. David Dill said “negotiable based on experience”. It was confirmed that the job will be the same as Justin Smith was doing, Zoning Administrator and Planning Director.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM

Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer
Approved by Selectboard 9-8-2014