



TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING

August 31, 2020

5:30 PM

Selectboard: Christian Thompson-Chair, Dan Daley

Officials: Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith

Press:

Public: Steve Gray

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

*Selectboard Resignation *Special Appropriation Policy

2. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the August 17, 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 # 34 & #35 with the Treasurer to sign due to COVID-19. Motion carried 2-0.

4. Access Permit:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the access permit for Howard Peer for access on the south side of Kingdom Road. Motion carried 2-0. Rob Nutting, Road Foreman has inspected the location. He feels a 15" culvert will be needed, and no other conditions assessed.

5. Excess Weight Permit:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the Single Excess Weight Permit for Field & Sons Transportation, Inc., with approval for Justin Smith to sign on behalf of the Board. Motion carried 2 to 0.

6. Wastewater Abatement Request:

Northern Vermont Rentals LLC (NVR) located on Hill Street experienced two different leaks. They were discovered and repaired on July 17, 2020. NVR is requesting an abatement on the wastewater. Based on NVR's daily water readings, Justin calculated 124,000 gallons of water that likely did not reach the Wastewater plant. This calculates to an abatement of \$1,080.04. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to abate sewer charges of \$1,080.04 for Northern Vermont Rentals LLC. Motion carried 2-0.

7. Wastewater Equipment Purchase Requests:

Rodger Sheldon, operator at the Wastewater Plant, has a couple of purchases he would like the Board to consider. He would like to order and have a second Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) installed for the Waste Activated Sludge (WAS) blower. The cost would be approximately \$3,970. Rodger is also going to check with Efficiency VT about a rebate. We received a \$1,000 refund for the last VFD and the payback on the investment was three (3) years. The budget is set for \$40,000 and currently on \$20,612 or 51% expended at 75% through the year and will support the purchase.

The second request is to purchase a Wilo Mixer. One of our current ones is starting to fail and we do not have a backup. The quoted amount is from Aqua Solutions for \$5,030. Due to the amount and the Town's purchasing policy, he would need to obtain a second quote.

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the purchase of the Wilo mixer for the Wastewater Plant, not to exceed \$5,030. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Guild Trust Annual Reporting:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to accept the Annual Guild Fund Reporting for the year 2019 to Caledonia County Probate Court as prepared by Clerk & Treasurer, Dawn Dwyer. Motion carried 2 to 0 and will be signed by the Chair, as necessary.

9. Selectboard Member Resignation:

The Board was presented with a letter of resignation from Fred Gorham, due to health reasons. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to reluctantly accept the resignation of Fred Gorham with sincere gratitude for his services. Motion carried 2-0.

Justin then reviewed the process to post the vacant position. A Notice of Vacancy must be posted within ten (10) days of the vacancy. The notice will be run in the Caledonian-Record, posted on the website, at the Municipal Office Building as well as the Library and at Whites Market Plaza. A letter of interest should be sent to the Selectboard.

10. Special Appropriation Policy:

A letter signed by four agencies is requesting that the Selectboard waive the signed petition requirement that would be due in January 2021. In March 2020, after Town Meeting, the Selectboard set their 2021 Special Appropriation Policy. The Board approved that only new organizations that did not request an appropriation in 2020, or any organization requesting more money than in 2020, would need to submit a petition. The Board is asking organizations to be mindful due to COVID-19 and the uncertainty of Town revenues and out of respect to the taxpayers who fund the Appropriations, and not request an increase in their funding this year. The Clerk & Treasurer will send a letter to those organizations that have requested an appropriation currently and in the past a letter explaining the policy adopted in March.

11. Other:

- a. The Selectboard's Planning Hearing is scheduled for September 2nd. Christian Thompson will be at the gazebo in Bandstand Park. Anyone wishing to attend in person will have the opportunity to participate via a donated phone that will be disinfected between users.
- b. Justin shared a letter of intent to participate in the Municipal Roads Grant Program as well as the fee structure for dispatching from the Department of Public Safety. Dispatching costs will be a significant increase which will be phased in starting with the State's FY 2022 which will impact our 2021 budget.
- c. The Listers denied the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District's (NEKWMD) request to be considered tax exempt. It is now up to the NEKWMD to either accept this decision or request a Board of Civil Authority appeal to resolve this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM

Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer

Approved by the Selectboard: September 14, 2020