

TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING
September 4, 2018
5:30 PM

Selectboard

Kermit Fisher, Chair
Dan Daley
Christian Thompson

Press

Public

Justin Smith, Steve Gray, Linda Lee,
Becky Masure, Brian Pickard, Libre Drouin,
Nancy Blankenship, Martha Elmes, Bill Walker
Larry Willey

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

None

2. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the August 20, 2018 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 # 35 & 36

4. Highway Report:

At 67% through the year, payroll is 67% spent and the entire budget is 44% expended.

5. Rural Edge: Mathewson Block Forgiveness of Financing:

Rural Edge is asking the Town of Lyndon to forgive the principal and accumulated interest on the original funding as to alleviate the financial burden repayment would have on the property. Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) has offered a series of questions to help guide the decision making process as to whether the Mathewson Block should be considered for debt forgiveness. (See attached memo from Brian Pickard). Kermit Fisher wanted it noted that if the Town of Lyndon moves forward to forgive the loan and interest, it will in no way be a financial loss to the Town of Lyndon or the Lyndon taxpayers. It will reduce the amount of reporting for the Town staff as well. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to begin the process of forgiving the principal and interest that is due on the Mathewson Block loan in the amount of \$308,097.99 (\$250,000 principal & \$58,097.99 accumulated interest.) Motion carried 3-0.

6. Lister Opening Interview:

Linda Lee has expressed an interest in being a part-time lister. It's always been a desire of hers to be a part-time lister when she retires. Currently there are sixty (60) hours being worked between the current two listers. Linda would only be involved in hearings and when a third lister is needed to meet the State requirements. She would be paid for any hours spent on lister duties through the Lister's payroll. (ie if she spent an hour on a hearing, she would be paid seven hours by the Clerk's payroll and one hour through the Lister's payroll.) Linda's current responsibilities as recording clerk will serve her well as a lister. Linda's anticipated retirement date from the Town Clerk's Office is December 31, 2020. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to appoint Linda for the remaining one year of a three year term as lister expiring March 2019. Motion carried 3-0.

7. Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) Representative:

Since the last time Libre Drouin was at a Selectboard meeting, she was hired to be the minute taker for the NEKWMD and is no longer the clerk. She expressed how much she enjoyed being a Lyndon representative to NEKWMD and its importance to her, but also agrees that being a minute taker and a representative can be difficult. She has expressed an interest in filling the open seat come March if it remains vacant. She will continue to speak out at NEKWMD meetings as a Lyndon taxpayer.

8. Solid Waste Ordinance Changes:

Justin presented to the Board a marked up copy of the solid waste ordinance. The Board offered some further updates for Justin to incorporate. Justin will also have legal counsel review the changes as well prior to adoption. The last previous update was three years ago.

9. Personnel Policy Update:

Justin reviewed and explained the proposed changes to the Town Personnel Policy. The changes were made pursuant to Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT) asking to review our personnel policy. Many of the suggested changes were predominantly suggested by VLCT and are changes to terminology. Justin will make the noted changes and provide an updated copy to the Board.

10. Dangerous Building Nuisance Structures Ordinance:

Justin presented a proposed Nuisance Structures-Dangerous Buildings Ordinance to the Board for their review. The Ordinance was drafted by reviewing other Town's ordinances. Justin has presented the same Ordinance to the Village Trustees for their approval. The Trustees elected to pass on their own Village Ordinance and be covered by the Town Ordinance. Justin explained that once the Ordinance is adopted by the Selectboard there is a sixty (60) day public comment period. Voters have forty-four (44) days to submit a petition to the Selectboard asking for a vote to disapprove the Ordinance. If no petition is received, the Ordinance becomes effective sixty days after the adoption of the Ordinance. After hearing questions and concerns expressed by the public, the Selectboard will ask for more public input at the next scheduled meeting on September 17, 2018.

11. Insurance Buyout Policy:

An employee is covered under their spouse's health insurance and has inquired about an insurance buyout. There currently is no employee contribution toward the premium and the Town does not have a Buyout Policy. The Selectboard would like more time to consider the policy.

12. Appointment of Delegate to the 2018 VLCT Annual Business Meeting:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to appoint Dawn Dwyer as Lyndon's Delegate to the 2018 VLCT Annual Business Meeting to be held on October 3, 2018 in South Burlington. Motion carried 3 to 0.

13. Other:

- a. Steve Gray reported that Lewis Elliot from Got Trash has started taking bulky items. The next meeting for the NEKWMD is Tuesday, September 11th and has not been released yet. Food Scrap Disposal Bids have been placed in the newspaper.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM

Minutes written by Dawn Dwyer

Approved by the Selectboard: September 17, 2018