

TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING
September 5, 2017
5:30 PM

Selectboard

Martha “Marty” Feltus, Chair
Kermit Fisher
Dan Daley

Press

Public

Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith, Evan Carlson, Rob Nutting
Christian Thompson, Annie McLean, Larry Willey
Charles & Mary Crosby, Dan Guest, Sam Davis

1. Any Adjustments to Agenda: Add Amendment request for Rural Edge grant, Environmental Review for Rural Edge, Credit Card Policy and Set the Tax Rates
2. Approval of minutes:
Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to approve the August 21, 2017 minutes with noted change. 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 73% spent and the entire budget is 51% expended.
5. Planning Commission Member Interview:
Evan Carlson was present to express his interest in a position on the Planning Commission. He was raised in Lyndon, left for a while and now is back. He is interested in bringing new life to the downtown area, including business and consumers and keeping the youth here. One interest is sidewalks from the south end of town north to the downtown. Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Dan Daley to appoint Evan Carlson to the Planning Commission. Motion carried 3-0.
6. Rural Edge Warrant #15:
Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to approve and sign Warrant #15 for Rural Edge’s monthly requisition. Motion carried 3-0.
7. Access Permit:
Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the access permit for Shawn Tester for access on the East side of Jones Road. Motion carried 3-0. Rob Nutting, Road Foreman has inspected the location. He feels no additional culvert is needed but that the ditches from the driveway to the cross culverts on both sides of the driveway must be cleaned.
8. Dune Way Discussion:
Charles & Mary Crosby came before the board to ask for help and ideas to redirect the water running off Dune Way causing erosion issues. The suggestion was made that the Crosby’s would relocate their culvert across their driveway closer to the town highway and that the Town will then dig out the existing ditches.

The regular Selectboard meeting was suspended at 6:00 PM in order to hold a public hearing to hear public review and comments on the Zoning By-laws changes pursuant to Title 24 VSA, Chapter 117.

Annie McLean, Zoning Administrator, gave an overview of the proposed changes (see attached Notice). Dan Guest spoke in favor of the change to 4.4.3 regarding minimum lot size.

Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the change to zoning by-law 4.4.3 as indicated in the Notice of Public Hearing, relating to minimum lot size. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Dan Daley, to adopt the elimination of section 13.14 as suggested by the Planning Commission, relating to eliminating the notification to adjoining land owners of approved Permits by the Administrative Officer. Motion carried 3-0.

The changes will become effective on the 21st day after the approval, or September 26, 2017. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:23 PM. Motion carried 3-0.

The Selectboard meeting was reconvened at 6:24 PM

9. Cemetery Perpetual Care Agreements:

Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the Perpetual Care Agreement for the Beverly Johnson lot (Section 39 Lot 69C). Motion carried 3 to 0.

Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the Perpetual Care Agreement for the Follett & Kuk lot (Section 51 Lot 1B). Motion carried 3 to 0.

Frank Follett III also sent a letter seeking permission to move his wife Sarah Jane Follett from Section 23 Lot 7, known as the Houghton Lot, to Section 51 Lot 1A, known as the Follett-Kuk lot in the Lyndon Center Cemetery. Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Dan Daley, to grant permission to move the cremated remains of Sarah Jane Follett from Section 23 Lot 7 to Section 51 lot 1A in Lyndon Center Cemetery. Motion carried 3-0.

10. Request for Flagging:

Bev Tripp is seeking flaggers to help in the removal of the trees on her property. The trees are not in the town's right-of-way. Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Dan Daley, to supply the necessary flaggers for tree removal. Motion to approve the flaggers was denied 3-0.

11. Amendment Request for Rural Edge:

Rural Edge has requested an amendment for a two (2) year, one million dollar (\$1,000,000) enhancement which requires an amendment to the 2016 grant. Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Dan Daley, to support Justin Smith, Municipal Administrator, in submitting the amendment to the Vermont Community Development Program. Motion carried 3-0.

12. Environmental Review for Rural Edge:

Justin requested a motion to support his opening an environmental review so that Lyndon Housing Partnership could begin the work of an environmental study leading to a submission of a Vermont Community Development Program grant application involving the demolition and reconstruction of 467 & 599 Main Street. Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Dan Daley, to grant permission for Justin to open the environmental review. Motion carried 3-0.

13. Credit Card Policy:

Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Dan Daley, to accept the Credit Card Policy as presented by the Dawn Dwyer, Treasurer. Motion carried 3-0.

14. Set Tax Rates:

Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the Homestead Tax Rate at \$2.1564. (General Fund \$.3362 Highway Fund \$.3195, Local Agreement Rate \$.0046 and Homestead Education Tax Rate \$1.4961) Motion carried 3-0.

Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the Non-Residential Tax Rate at \$2.1927. (General Fund \$.3362, Highway Fund \$.3195, Local Agreement Rate \$.0046 and Non-Residential Education Tax Rate \$1.5324) Motion carried 3-0.

15. Other:

- a. Three bids have been received for the wand at the new garage facility. Justin is awaiting an answer from Misty Sinsigalli of USDA as to whether the wand and/or the electrical connection will qualify for the grant proceeds.
- b. Red Village Signal: they will be working at the site for the next three days. They will not start until after 8 AM to avoid the heavy morning traffic, but still expect some delays. The project is proposed to be completed by the end of September.
- c. The railroad upgrades have been received for three locations; on Broad Street, Hill Street and Depot Street. The projects will go out to bid this fall for construction to be done in 2018.
- d. The Board of Civil Authority will reconvene on Thursday, September 7th at 5 PM to continue the Emery hearing.
- e. The next Planning Commission meeting is Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM

Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer

Approved by the Selectboard: September 18, 2017