



TOWN OF LYNDON  
SELECTBOARD MEETING  
September 14, 2020  
5:30 PM

Selectboard: Christian Thompson-Chair, Dan Daley  
Officials: Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith, Annie McLean  
Press: Todd Wellington- The Caledonian-Record  
Public: Steve Gray

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:  
\*None

2. Approval of minutes:  
Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the August 31, 2020 minutes as amended. Motion carried 2 to 0.

3. Approval of the Town Plan Hearing Minutes:  
Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the September 2, 2020 Town Plan Hearing minutes as amended. Motion carried 2 to 0.

4. 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 # 36 & #37 with the Treasurer to sign due to COVID-19. Motion carried 2-0.

5. Rural Edge Warrant #44:  
Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve and sign the Gilman Housing order in the amount of \$33,059 drawn on the Treasurer for Warrant #44. Motion carried 2 to 0.

6. Set Tax Rates:  
Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the Homestead Tax Rate at \$2.1239. (General Fund \$.4412 Highway Fund \$.3245, Local Agreement Rate \$.0038, and Homestead Education Tax Rate \$1.3544) Motion carried 2 to 0.  
Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the Non-Homestead Tax Rate at \$2.3930. (General Fund \$.4412, Highway Fund \$.3245, Local Agreement Rate \$.0038, and Non-Homestead Education Tax Rate \$1.6235) Motion carried 2 to 0.

7. Town Plan Discussion on Potential Changes:  
Minor changes were recommended by Annie McLean, such as inaccurate information in the introduction paragraph, changes needed to two maps (Mattock Park misspelled and the Highway Garage was located on Route 114 rather than on Smith's Road), as well as grammatical changes. Ms. McLean and the Board then considered each public comment that was gathered from the Town Plan Hearing held on September 2, 2020 and made changes as discussed. The revised draft of the Town Plan will be available on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, in the afternoon, on the Town of Lyndon website at [www.lyndonvt.org](http://www.lyndonvt.org). The second Town Plan Hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 6 PM. The Zoom link can be found on the agenda under Meetings on the Town website.

8. Flood Hazard Working Group Document:  
Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to formally request that the Planning Commission (PC) begin reviewing the final proposal from the Flood Hazard Work Group. Motion carried 2-0.

Annie McLean reviewed the steps the PC will take now that the final proposal has been turned over to them for review. The PC has the amended petition language as proposed by Curtis Carpenter. The PC is not required to hold public hearings just public meetings. They will ask for input from NVDA and ANR, review the final proposal from the Selectboard and write their report. They will then hold a public hearing, forward the proposal to the Selectboard and the Selectboard will hold a Public Hearing. There is no definitive timeline for the PC to review the new proposals.

9. Biofilter Material Purchase:

The Wastewater Plant needs to replace the material for the biofilter, install a cleanout pipe and put a screen over the crates to help keep the drain from clogging. The material for the biofilter is \$6,300, requiring approval from the Selectboard. Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the material cost of \$6,000 for the material for the biofilter. Motion carried 2-0.

10. VTrans Road Project Update:

Christian Thompson, Selectboard Chair, Doug Conly, Trustee Chair and Justin Smith, Municipal Administrator met with Bruce Martin of VTrans to get an update on how the funding and payback for the engineering and construction might work on the Broad Street Project. Mr. Martin is estimating ten years to pay for the project. Justin's suggestion is to start saving in the 2021 budget year. Christian Thompson strongly suggests a strong public outreach campaign for educating the public about the project.

11. Other:

- a. Rob Nutting has identified a structure that needs to be addressed on Center Street near the Florentine Boar. The bridge structure under the corner of Center Street has headwalls that are starting to give away and the structure itself needs attention. Since Center Street is a Class 1 highway, it is the Town's responsibility and is eligible for a structures grant. This will not be a small project and will require full road closure during the repairs.
- b. The Listers have denied the Northeast Kingdom Waste Manage District's (NEKWMD) request for tax exemption. The NEKWMD may appeal the decision to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA).
- c. Christian Thompson reached out to Richard Spiese, Hazardous Site Manager for the Department of Environmental Conservation regarding the Robert Bosch/Kennametal site in Lyndonville. Mr. Spiese reported that Bosch, owner of the land, is working with Kennametal, owner of the building, to address the contamination at the site. VTDEC has asked for a draft tentative schedule for site work. According to an email from Mr. Spiese, work is beginning in the fall.
- d. The cost to install the VFD at the Wastewater plant is \$3,970. The rebate from Efficiency VT is estimated at \$3,000.
- e. Shawn Tester informed Justin that there is a broadband survey posted around town as well as at the Municipal Office Building.
- f. To date, two letters of interest for the vacant Selectboard seat have been received. Letter will be accepted until September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- g. Steve Gray has sent a letter to the Selectboard regarding how the NEKWMD per capita revenues were spent in 2019 and how they are being proposed to be spend in 2020. Lyndon's composting costs were up in August. They were billed for 89% of 77 totes in August and 89% of 71 totes in July.
- h. Dawn Dwyer, Clerk & Treasurer, informed the Board that the Town Clerk's Office was awarded a \$17,125 Digitizing Grant to be used to get the Land Records online. Dawn and Linda Lee have been working since July to scan the land records.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM

Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer

Approved by the Selectboard: September 28, 2020.