

TOWN OF LYNDON

SELECTBOARD MEETING

October 19, 2015

5:48 PM

The regular scheduled Selectboard Meeting started immediately after the conclusion of the Joint Highway Garage re-count.

Selectboard

Martha "Marty" Feltus
Kermit Fisher
Dan Daley

Press

Amy Nixon
Connor Cyrus
Victoria Nicoletta

Public

Dawn Dwyer, Steve Earley
Justin Smith, Steve Gray
Joe Dauphin, Kaela Gray

1. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to approve the October 5, 2015 minutes. Motion carried 2 to 0 as Dan Daley wasn't in attendance.

2. Approval & Signing of Orders drawn on the Treasurer:

The Board approved and signed the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks #42.

3. Highway Report:

At 81% through the year, payroll is 73% spent and the entire budget is 78% expended.

4. Quarterly Reports:

At 75% through the year, the Board agrees the budgets are on track for this time of year. A couple questions were asked on items above 75%. All questions were answered.

5. Curbside Sanitation:

Steve Earley addressed the Board on how he feels the relationship between his company, Earley Rubbish & Recycling and the Town, is going. He's above the targeted 1,300 customers. His concern at this time is with winter coming. He has not made any schedule changes at this time. He was surprised with the increase with the return of college students,

He did discuss the issue of dogs with the Board. If a dog bites a collector it then becomes a workman's compensation claim and he is then required to get the police department involved. Justin Smith explained that Lyndon has a leash law so to notify him of any concerns and he will address it with the dog owners.

The Board will look at the option to renew the current contract by mid-November

6. Wastewater Treatment Facility Bids:

Bids were due on Friday, October 16th by 2:00 PM. Two bids were received. \$573,000 from Penta and \$653,000. Currently the Town has \$369,000 in the budget leaving an approximate \$203,000 shortfall. Gary Leach, engineer for Tata & Howard is going back to USDA for funding as well as will speak to the low bidder to figure out where Tata & Howard's estimate discrepancy comes from. Justin Smith explained that there are five (5) pieces to the bid, one being the grit clarifier. The figure used in Tata & Howard's estimate is two (2) years old.

The consensus of the Board is to table the bids until they can further investigate answers. The Board has asked that Mr. Leach attend the next scheduled meeting on November 2nd to explain how his projections can be 60% off.

7. Local Motion Memorandum of Understanding:

Kaela Gray, Zoning Administrator, informed the Board that it is now the time to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Local Motion regarding the identifying and implementing strategies for improving safety for people walking and biking in Lyndonville and Lyndon Town. Justin Smith reminded the Board that Local Motion is not looking for any monetary commitment, just that the Town and Village will listen to their ideas and suggestions related to safety and connectivity to trails. Most of the actual work will take place in 2016. Kaela also mentioned to the Board that a small questionnaire on the bike path changes with VTrans was circulated. She was excited that she had 183 respondents.

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to authorize the Chair of the Selectboard to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Local Motion. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Zoning Violation:

Kaela Gray, Zoning Administrator, gave a timeline outlining Alan Brink Jr.'s violation. The initial violation was in June 2014 when Mr. Brink installed a pool without a permit. He had two options, get a permit for the pool to be located 25' from the property line, as was set by the Development Review Board, or remove the pool. Mr. Brink has submitted several applications with different setbacks, which were inadequate. The pool is still up and in violation. As of October 19, 2015 the total of fines is \$14,410.

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Marty Feltus, to authorize the Town Agent to pursue collection of the fine. Motion carried 3-0.

9. Town Hall Roof Repair:

The roof on the small addition, housing the restroom, on the Town House is leaking. It is a shingle roof due to the many different angles. As per the lease agreement between the Town and Lyndon Institute, it is the Town's responsibility for all routine maintenance.

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Dan Daley, to authorize the Municipal Administrator to obtain a minimum of three (3) quotes for a permanent fix. Motion carried 3-0.

10. Other:

- a) Steve Gray had brought in the Analysis of Recycling Collection and Processing in the NEKWMD. Justin provided copies for the Board to review. Steve also brought in to the meeting a copy of the Solid Waste Implementation Plan and the website the document could be found on. NEKWMD will hold public comment meetings on the plan on October 28th and November 4th. The plan has been pre-approved by the State of VT.
- b) The Town of Lyndon has been notified by the Zoning Administrator of the intent of Donald Burrington to replace the house that was lost to a fire with a 30' X 40' single story home with three (3) bedrooms. The Town was notified as an adjoining land owner.
- c) Justin told the Board that the wastewater payroll was over expended at this time about \$3,000. This is due to the fact that Joe Dauphin, Public Works Supervisor, has been spending time overseeing the facility to obtain a better understanding of its operations. Since spending time there several changes have occurred that will create a significant decrease in chemical and electrical costs. The chemicals used in the centrifuge have been changed to a less corrosive and less expensive chemical. Also a different polymer has been found that is less expensive as well as works better, creating a more efficient process using less electricity. The savings in the chemical changes will result in an ongoing savings of approximately \$30,000 per year.
- d) Justin informed the Board that the Waste District was able to accommodate the dozen or so customers that were initially turned away during Bulky Week. The Board would like Paul Tomasi to attend a future meeting to re-evaluate Bulky Week for next year.
- e) Justin was looking for a Selectboard member to attend the VTrans meeting on October 22nd at 10:00 AM with Bruce Martin. Dan Daley will attend.

- f) Dawn Dwyer informed the Board that the Joint Highway Garage recount was done at 5:00 PM on the 19th of October. The recount resulted in the same count as the original vote: 49 No – 54 Yes.
- g) Marty read the Hazard Mitigation Plan and praised the committee for their work.
- h) Several complaints have been received regarding the curbside recycling. These complaints range from items thrown on residents lawns that they will not collect to the use of foul language. Some residents now refuse to use the curbside option and are taking their recycling to the Waste District themselves. Justin will set up a meeting to discuss these issues with Dan Lecour.
- i) Marty informed the Board that the Boys and Girls Club, originally slated to use the Lyndon Outing Club facility has disbanded. The organization wasn't able to raise the necessary \$100,000. Donations will be returned to those donors that request it. Any remaining donations will be split between the Village Improvement Society and the Outing Club. Marty turned over to Justin Smith reports that the Boys & Girls Club had done for asbestos and lead paint. There wasn't any asbestos found and a very small amount of lead paint on one door.
- j) Kermit Fisher asked about the status of the land that the Outing Club's bull wheel sits on. He had heard that the land had been sold. Justin will check into it

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer

Approved by the Selectboard: November 2, 2015