



TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING
October 28, 2019
5:30 PM

Selectboard: Dan Daley, Chair; Christian Thompson & Fred Gorham

Officials: Dawn Dwyer, Clerk & Treasurer; Justin Smith, Municipal Administrator

Press: NVU-News 7

Public: Steve Gray, Jane Rooney, Jillian McLaughlin, Curtis Carpenter (5:34), Sarah Cousino (5:36)

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

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2. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the October 14, 2019 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 # 43-44.

4. Lyndon Rescue Inc. (LRI):

Jillian McLaughlin, Director of Operations and Sarah Cousino, Lyndon's representative to the LRI Board were here to discuss the extension of the contract to house an ambulance at the Public Safety Building, the feasibility of regionalization with Calex and the draft proposal of LRI's 2020 budget. Jillian explained that the feasibility study to build a new rescue building revealed that LRI could not afford to build a new facility. Therefore, it has led them to ask the Selectboard to extend their agreement to house an ambulance and crew for another year. The Selectboard was in full agreement. Justin Smith would like to review the expenses incurred during the last year compared to the same time period a year previous before setting a lease payment.

Jillian had met with Michael Wright, CEO of Calex, regarding regionalization with Calex and Lyndon Rescue. The two of them then held a meeting with their members to discuss the feasibility of regionalization. Each director will now take the thoughts and concerns gathered back to their full boards (Calex met last Thursday, October 24th and LRI's meeting is scheduled in November). Jillian will share her notes from the full meeting with the Selectboard.

Jillian and Sarah reviewed the proposed budget with the Selectboard. Some of the highlights are proposed capital savings for future ambulances, an 8.6% decrease in operations expenses, 2.5% decrease in admin expenses, and an 11.2% decrease in admin billing expenses. The proposed per capita for 2020 is \$43.56, down from \$43.83 in 2019.

5. Wastewater Application:

Motion made by Fred Gorham, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve the Application for Wastewater Connection for North Country Federal Credit Union at 854 Center St. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Excess Weight Permit Applications:

Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham to approve the Single Excess Weight Permit for Andrew J. Lawrence, with approval for Justin Smith to sign on behalf of the Board. Motion carried 3 to 0.

7. Stop Sign Request:

Justin Smith shared a letter from Claudio Ardizzola and Jane Rooney from 32 Fernwood Drive asking the Selectboard to reconsider replacing the yield sign at the intersection of Stark Road and York Street with a stop sign.

Motion made by Fred Gorham, seconded by Christian Thompson, to approve replacing the yield sign with a stop sign on Elliott Road at the intersection of Elliott Road, Stark Road and York Street. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Zoning Violation:

Annie McLean, Zoning Administrator, updated Justin Smith regarding the on-going zoning violation that has yet to be cured. On July 12, 2019, the property owned by Chad & Kristina Roy located at 4992 Memorial Drive began accruing a fine of \$200 per day for unregistered and/or inoperable vehicles located within view of a public highway or adjoining property. There had been concerns expressed by neighbor Joe Buzzi earlier in the summer. As of October 24th, the violation had reached 108 days and a total of \$21,600 in fines. As of today, October 28, 2019, there remains 12-15 cars. Justin Smith asked if it was time to file an Injunction with the Superior Court. If we are granted the injunction, the Town would be incurring legal fees.

Motion made by Fred Gorham, seconded by Christian Thompson, to contact Mr. & Mrs. Roy by certified mail giving them until November 4, 2019 to cure the zoning violation at 4992 Memorial Drive to stop the incurring of fines. Motion carried 3-0.

9. Other:

- a. Justin Smith shared a letter he received from Nick Allen in support of the Norwich Solar project. Mr. Allen studied Sustainability at Lyndon State College.
- b. Chief Harris has shared the required daily activity log with the Board. This will help in understanding what has occurred in the previous shift(s).
- c. Justin Smith shared with the Board that he is applying for a Better Roads Structure Grant for the 6' culvert on Stark Road (approximately ¼ mile from the Diamond Hill Road and Stark Road intersection). This is a \$63,000 project that will cost the Town \$12,000. This would be a project to be done in 2020.
- d. The Order of Certification concerning New England Police Benevolent Association and the Town of Lyndon was shared with the Board. This certification outlines the steps taken to unionize the Lyndonville Police Department and certify the New England Police Benevolent Association as the exclusive bargaining representative of all full-time and regularly scheduled part-time police officers.
- e. Justin shared notice with the Board the benefits of belonging to Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT). \$1.5 million in contribution credits will be returned to members in 2020. 3.6% decrease in overall rates, with workers' comp decreasing by 5.4% and property/casualty by 1.7%. \$200,000 of funding is committed to Property and Casualty Insurance Fund (PACIF) grants to help members pay for safety and risk management equipment and facility improvements. \$30,000 in scholarship funds has been allocated for training that enhances members' ability to manage their risk.
- f. The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) has warned a public meeting on the 2020 proposed budget. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7 PM and held at the Lyndon Public Safety Building. Their proposed budget was also shared.
- g. The heaters have been installed at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.
- h. Lyndon's property taxes are due this Friday, November 1st. Postmarks are not accepted. Therefore, payments must be in the office by 4:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM

Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer

Approved by the Selectboard: November 12, 2019