

# TOWN OF LYNDON

## SELECTBOARD MEETING

November 16, 2015

5:00 PM

### Selectboard

Martha "Marty" Feltus  
Kermit Fisher  
Dan Daley (5:15 PM)

### Press

Amy Nixon

### Public

Dawn Dwyer  
Richard Lawrence, Thad Richardson  
Steve Gray, John Hall, Joe Dauphin

Executive Session – Legal:

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to enter into executive session to discuss a legal contract. Motion carried 2-0.

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Dan Daley, to come out of executive session at 6:05 PM.

Motion carried 3-0. No action was taken.

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#### 1. Real Estate Transaction:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Marty Feltus, to table the real estate transaction until a later date to be determined. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Dan Daley, to purchase title insurance. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Dan Daley, to sign the Line of Credit, Capital Improvement Note, Non-Arbitrage Certificate and Resolution with Community National Bank, as previously approved. Motion carried 3 to 0 and all documents were signed by the Board and Clerk/Treasurer.

#### 2. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Marty Feltus, to approve the November 2, 2015 minutes. Motion carried 2 to 0 with Kermit Fisher abstaining as he did not attend the meeting.

#### 3. Approval & Signing of Orders drawn on the Treasurer:

The Board approved and signed the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks #46 & 47.

#### 4. Highway Report:

At 88% through the year, payroll is 79% spent and the entire budget is 82% expended.

#### 5. Letter of Support for Lyndon Outing Club:

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the letter of support for Lyndon Outing Club in their application of the 2015 Building Communities Grant Program: Recreational Facilities Grant to be signed by the Municipal Administrator, Justin Smith. Motion carried 3 to 0.

#### 6. Health Insurance:

As mentioned at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the BlueCross/Blue Shield (BC/BS) health insurance rate, for the current plan Town employees are enrolled in (Standard Platinum), increased 4.9%. BC/BS is offering a plan with a higher deductible, lower premium and the HSA benefit (Blue Rewards Health & Wellness Gold Plan-CDHP). There has been interest in the new plan by some employees. BC/BS will

now bill multiple plans on the same bill, giving employees more options for health insurance plans. Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Dan Daley, to pay the insurance premium for the Standard Platinum plan with the excess premium going into an HSA account for those employees wanting the CDHP plan. Motion carried 3-0.

7. County Tax:

Assistant Caledonia County Judge John Hall presented the proposed FY 2017 Budget to the Board. One of the line items pointed out was with the Sheriff's Department. State statutes dictates the expenses that must be paid by the county, and a portion of the Sheriff's budget is one of them. The Sheriff's Dept. rents approximately 3,000 square feet of space in the Court House. Ownership of the courthouse was transferred to the State of Vermont due to the significant capital expenditures needed for repairs to the building. Therefore, the State of Vermont is trying to bring the rent up to fair market value, which resulted in an 8% increase per year for 10 years. The county will be discussing this line item with the State. Assistant Judge Hall also pointed out in the reduction of personnel costs. Some changes to their personnel have already been made and they are looking to make more.

8. Wastewater Treatment Facility Submersible Mixer:

The Wastewater Treatment Facility has the capability to have four tanks with mixers & pumps. Only three tanks are set up but we have four mixers. When running at full capacity only two tanks are used. Currently we are only running one tank. One of the submersible mixers is broken, leaving two already set up and a spare. Joe Dauphin made the suggestion that we hold off repairing or replacing the broken mixer until closer to the end of the budget year. If there is available funds in the current budget, consider it at that time. The Board agreed with Joe's recommendation, therefore, no further action was needed.

9. Other:

- a. Steve Gray, rep to the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) reported to the Board about the meeting held last week. The NEKWMD board approved a budget of approximately \$707,000, a reduction of 4.2%.
- b. Dan Daley reported that Lyndon was selected as a recipient of one of the grants being offered by Local Motion. Local Motion is a member-supported non-profit organization promoting people-powered transportation and recreation for healthy and sustainable Vermont communities.
- c. Dan also updated the Board on the Hazard Mitigation plan. It has been completed and will need to be adopted by the Selectboard. The Board would like to hear from zoning administrator Kaela Gray regarding the next steps.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM

Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer

Approved by the Selectboard: November 30, 2015