

**Town of Lyndon
Selectboard Meeting
November 25, 2019
5:30 PM**

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

Officials: Annie McLean, Planning Director and Zoning Administrator

Press: Amy Ash Nixon

Public: Kristina Roy

1. Adjustments to the Agenda
Perpetual Care Cemetery Lot Correction
2. Approval of minutes:
Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the November 12, 2019 minutes as amended. Motion carried 3 – 0.
3. Approval and 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 90% through the year, the payroll is 93% spent and the entire budget is 94% expended. The Board also asked to have Municipal Administrator Justin Smith provide an update on the Lily Pond Road insurance situation.
5. Zoning Fine Discussion
Kristina Roy was in attendance to appeal the zoning violation fine accumulated at 4992 Memorial Drive. The appeal letter had been received on November 6, 2019. Ms. Roy had questioned the lack of communication regarding the fine and stated she was not aware it had been accruing since the original date that a letter of violation was sent by Annie McClean on July 12, 2019. The Board read several emails between Ms. Roy and Annie McClean documenting that there had been communications about this issue.
After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to reduce the fine to \$1,200. We will ask Municipal Administrator Justin Smith to craft an official letter of agreement with the Roy's and the Town outlining the final amount of the fine and the terms of repayment.
6. Northeast Kingdom Communications Union District Discussion
Evan Carlson was unable to be in attendance, so Annie McLean spoke on his behalf. She informed the Board that he was just looking for us to make a formal commitment to putting the question about whether the voters of the Town wish to join the NEK Communications Union District on the ballot for Town Meeting Day. More formal language will be coming soon. The Board suggested that there should be an informational meeting between December and Town Meeting Day to explain how a Communications Union District works. The Board is in full support of this idea but was not willing to make a formal motion without more specific language.

7. Lyndon Rescue Lease

The Board agreed to add a CPI of 1.5% and ¼ of the increase in the custodial expense to LRI's current rent. Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham, to charge Lyndon Rescue \$364 per month for the next year (2020). Motion carried 3 – 0.

8. Sign Grant Reimbursement Form

The Board signed the grant reimbursement form to request \$175,000 for the cost of the South Wheelock Road project.

9. Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Agreement Discussion

The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the recent host agreement proposal that had been received from the NEKWMD. The Board would like to offer the following counter proposals:

- A) The NEKWMD will pay 50% of the taxes that would normally be paid on the assessed value of their property. (This should cover the Education tax?)
- B) Cap the fee charged for compost at \$2400 per year.
- C) The NEKWMD agrees to host Green Up Day free of charge.
- D) The NEKWMD will not bill the Town for walk-in attendants (this should not be happening anyways).
- E) We will not sand or grade the NEKWMD parking lot.
- F) We will not agree to the statement about not being taxable since this is not in our realm of control.
- G) We will not agree to five-year agreement. Three years seems long enough, especially if the term of a Selectboard member is three years. We did not want to lock future boards into longer agreements.
- H) We do not agree to a fee cap on the use of the Public Safety Building.

We will ask Justin Smith, Municipal Administrator, to write a letter to the NEKWMD with these proposals.

10. Perpetual Care Lot Agreement

The Board received a corrected Perpetual Care Lot Agreement for Julie Dickerman. Motion made by Christian Thompson, seconded by Fred Gorham, to approve the corrected document. The motion carried 3 – 0.

Other:

Steve Gray answered some of the Board's questions regarding the NEKWMD proposed budget.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Minutes taken by Dignitary Dan Daley.