

TOWN OF LYNDON  
SELECTBOARD MEETING  
November 27, 2017  
5:30 PM

Selectboard

Martha “Marty” Feltus, Chair  
Kermit Fisher  
Dan Daley

Press

News 7 (LSC)

Public

Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith, Steve Gray  
Tim Daley, Rick Ringgard, Chris Thompson  
Kyle & Ashley Buoniconti

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

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| *Insurance Claim – Miller’s Run Bridge | * Quit Claim Deed (Glebe Land)      |
| *Shonyo Park – Minor League Field      | * Lyndon Rescue Inc. Representative |

2. Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the November 20, 2017 minutes.  
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 #47-48.

4. Highway Report:

At 90% through the year, payroll is 95% spent and the entire budget is 77% expended.  
Justin Smith has submitted the paid invoices for the State Grant money for the South Wheelock Road project.

5. Trash & Recycling Bids:

Steve Earley was asked to attend tonight’s meeting. Mr. Earley notified Justin Smith this afternoon that due to unavoidable circumstances he was unable to attend the meeting tonight as requested. He would be more than happy to address any questions the Board has. The main areas that need to be addressed in the current contract are customer service, reliability such as on call workers to fill in, and better communication with the Town regarding disturbances in the service. The Board would like assurance that Mr. Earley can address their concerns. The Board tabled the final decision on the Trash & Recycling Bids until a discussion can be had with Mr. Earley, as he has provided the service to the Town residents for the past several years.

Kyle Buoniconti from Summit Container and Removal asked if the Board receives satisfactory answers, is it the Board’s intention to just renew the current contract? The Board wouldn’t conclude that but they would like confirmation from Mr. Earley that he’s able to address their issues with the current contract. Considering the price relationship and our intent in keeping it as low cost as possible and convenient to the residents, the option that he offers fills that bill. The Board would like to sit down with Mr. Earley and discuss the issues and then look at all the bids again.

Mr. Buoniconti also noted that his third bid, a bulk bid option, currently does not meet the State guidelines regarding flat fee pickup. He would like to submit an “augmented bid” to meet the State guidelines.

Mr. Buoniconti is interested in putting in an amended bid for curbside pickup. It was decided that this option to amend would need to be made to all companies as well. The Board is going to make their decision based on the bids already received.

6. 911 Road Name Request:

Due to the construction of a new residence on Lot #20 of the Meadows Development off Red Village Road, the shared driveway that currently serves the residences located at 100 and 102 Abenaki Loop will become a private road. The current VT E-911 Board (E-911) addressing standards require that a shared driveway of any length, having three or more addresses on it, shall be defined as a private road and that all structures on the new private road shall be readdressed using the new private road name. The three (3) owners of the dwellings on the road have jointly suggested **Algonquin Drive**. This name is consistent with the E-911 standards. Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve Algonquin Drive as the new 911 address for that particular street. Motion carried 3-0.

7. VAST Trail Request:

Dan Daley recused himself as a relative owns a home on Calendar Brook Road.

Rick Ringgard, Vice President of the Lyndon SnoCrusiers Snowmobile Club, came before the Board asking the Town for temporary approval (2017-2018 season) to travel on the side of Calendar Brook Road for a short distance to keep their central corridor trail #512 open. This trail is a direct route for riders coming from Derby, Willoughby and Island Pond areas to connect to food, fuel & lodging in Lyndonville. The trail developed a blockage near the Burke town line due to construction of a new home at 549 Calendar Brook Road. The club has exhausted many alternatives. Mr. Ringgard has one other option that he can explore next summer.

Tim Daley, owner of 528 Calendar Brook Road, mentioned that the trail groomer would also need to use the road as well. He spoke of the deteriorating shoulders that are already breaking down and the additional usage would only make it worse. Mr. Ringgard offered to have the Burke groomer turn around prior to coming on to the road to the north and the Lyndon groomer would turn around on the south end to prevent groomers from having to be on the pavement at all.

The Boards concern is safety to the riders on an already narrow road. Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to approve the request to use of a section of Calendar Brook Road as a snowmobile trail. Motion was denied 2-0.

Dan Daley rejoined the meeting.

8. Insurance Claim – Miller’s Run Bridge:

Justin has been working with an insurance adjustor regarding an accident at the Miller’s Run Bridge. Rob Nutting, Road Foreman, had estimated repairs and labor to fix the damage at \$1,404.56. The adjustor pointed out that this estimate does not include traffic control or the cost of the equipment delivery to the site. With these two items added, the estimate comes in at \$1,654.56. Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Dan Daley, in order to expedite the claim to allow Justin Smith, Municipal Administrator, to negotiate with the insurance company to satisfy the claim. Motion carried 3-0.

9. Glebe Land:

Justin Smith presented the Board with a Quit Claim Deed to release Glebe land located at 1748 Pudding Hill Road to the current land owner, Sheryl Cota. There would be no expense to the Town. Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the release of Glebe land at 1748 Pudding Hill Road to the current owner, Sheryl Cota. Motion carried 3-0.

10. Shonyo Park – Minor League Field:

Holly McKeon of Lyndon Youth Baseball/Softball (LYBS) notified Justin Smith regarding the request from Lyndon Outing Club (LOC) to remove the snow fence from the Minor League field for the winter. LOC feels they need this space to plow snow and park cars for their hill climb event. Ms. McKeon

stated that removing the fence and plowing the snow onto the field prevents the field from being used until all the snow melts and dries out. Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Dan Daley, to authorize Justin Smith to negotiate a cooperative agreement to use the space which includes offering a bucket loader to move the snow for the hill climb event with enough notice. Motion carried 3-0.

11. Lyndon Rescue Inc. (LRI) Representative:

The Board is in need of filling the vacancy left by Jack Berube's moving out of state. The next LRI meeting is December 11, 2017. A notice of vacancy will be placed in The Caledonian-Record on two separate days, on Front Porch Forum and the website. Justin will contact Bruce James and ask if he is interested in attending the next meeting on behalf of the Town.

John Kasenska, President of LRI, informed Dan Daley that they are currently working on their budget and would like the opportunity to present it to the Selectboard. LRI is also considering a change to their by-laws to request from towns one to three payments each year to increase their cash flow.

12. Other:

- a. Justin shared the St. Johnsbury-Lyndon Industrial Park Board budget for 2018.
- b. Justin also shared a letter from Pike Industries, Inc. announcing a price increase for 2018.
- c. Steve Gray reported that at the last District meeting the study on composting that the Central Vermont Waste District (CVWD) did was reviewed. The study determined that CVWD had been subsidizing Green Mountain Composting. Composting was not cost effective for CVWD with the current markets. A proposal to reduce the surcharge fee by \$1.00/ton to help out the haulers was defeated. The budget was approved for \$760,000.