

LYNDON SELECTBOARD MEETING

December 8, 2008

5:30 PM

Selectboard

Kevin Calkins
Kermit Fisher
Martha Feltus

Press

Amy Nixon
News 7

Public

Dan Hill
Lisa Barrett
Bill Kennedy
Jack Harris

Cindy Karasinski, Tim Gaskin, Raymond Durocher,
Ellen Doyle, Anne Brown, Al Dilley, Randy Amadon,
Russell Blake, Steve Pitman, James Hemond

1. Approval of minutes:
Motion made by Martha Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to approve the minutes of the 11/10/08 meeting as amended. Motion carried 3-0.
2. Orders:
The Board approved and signed the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks #47, #48 and #49.
3. Highway Report:
The Board reviewed the highway report as of the week ended 11/28/08. At 92% through the year, payroll is 90% expended and the entire budget is 85% expended.
4. County Budget Presentation:
Judge Kennedy presented the proposed 2009-2010 budget for Caledonia County.
5. Library Budget Presentation:
Librarian Cindy Karasinski presented the proposed 2009 budget of the Cobleigh Public Library and answered the Board's questions. Ellen Doyle spoke on behalf of the CPL's role in the community, particularly during hard times when more people use the services of the library, which are free.
6. November Policing Statistics (Selectboard and Trustees):
Police Chief Jack Harris answered the Boards' questions. Chief Harris feels that the current workload is preventing the department from doing important patrol work.
7. Policing Discussion with Trustees:
The two boards discussed possible funding mechanisms for the police department. Chief Harris asked for a third police officer since the department now covers the entire town. Trustees asked that the cost of the third officer be build into the Town's general fund budget and not be a separate article on the warning for Town Meeting.
8. 2008 Liquor Licenses:
Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Kevin Calkins, to approve the 2008 first class restaurant license of SIJM, LLC dba The Pizzaman and the second class license of George H. Frank dba Frank's with the usual conditions. Motion carried 3-0.
9. Lyndon Sno Cruisers Request:
The group is asking for permission to do what they did last year regarding access by snow machine. Access is on AOT and Village property, not Town property.
10. Fire Department Update:
Fire Chief Greg Hopkins will stay on as fire chief and will delegate responsibilities to other officers.

11. Approval of Rapid Response Plan Update:
Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Kevin Calkins, to adopt the rapid response plan. Motion carried 3-0 and Martha Feltus signed the document.
12. Highway Access Permit Requests:
 - A) Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Kevin Calkins, to approve the access permit request of the Caledonia County Fair Association for access onto Lily Pond Road with the standard conditions. Motion carried 3-0.
 - B) Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Kevin Calkins, to approve the access permit request of Stanley Langmaid for access onto Burrington Bridge Road with the standard conditions. Motion carried 3-0.
 - C) The access permit of Roy Grant for access onto Lily Pond Road was tabled until further review.
13. Engineering Selection for No Rise Analysis:
Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Kevin Calkins, to contract with Dubois & King to perform the no rise analysis. Motion carried 3-0. It is felt that Dubois & King is the most qualified of the five applicants and their estimated cost is within the budget.
14. Resignation Letter:
The Board received a letter of resignation from Steve Pitman, representative to the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District, due to his leaving the area in the spring.
15. Request for Expansion of Veterans' Property Tax Exemption:
A request was received from a veteran living in Vermont to increase the veterans' exemption amount from the current \$10,000 to \$40,000. Tabled pending further information.
16. Requests for funding in 2009:
Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Kevin Calkins, to pay \$75 to the Northern Vermont Resource Conservation & Development Council in 2009. Motion carried 3-0.
17. Request for Tree Replacement:
Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Kevin Calkins, to allow Sherri Hopkins-Woods to replace the tree on the front lawn of the Town House as long as there is no expense to the Town. Motion carried 3-0.
18. Budget Presentation:
Dan Hill and Lisa Barrett discussed the first draft of the proposed 2009 budget. The Board will meet again at 5:30 PM on December 10th to work on the budget.
19. Langmaid Deed Signing:
As discussed at previous meetings, the Board signed the deed and property transfer tax return officially transferring to the Town the property that was taken at the time Burrington Bridge Road was straightened.
20. Town Plan Adoption:
The last public hearing on the Town Plan was held on December 1st and changes have been suggested. The Planning Commission will be asked to officially report on the proposed town plan. Suggested changes were reviewed and discussed. Will be brought up again at the Board's next meeting.
21. Other Business:
 - A) The Governor will be in Lyndon at 12:30 PM on December 16h to present Gilman Housing with a new grant.
 - B) VLCT would like to present the Board with the Leader Program reward check. The Board asked that Laurie Willey represent the Town.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.