



TOWN OF LYNDON  
SELECTBOARD MEETING  
December 21, 2020  
5:30 PM

Selectboard: Christian Thompson-Chair, Dan Daley, Nancy Blankenship

Officials: Dawn Dwyer, Justin Smith

Press: Todd Wellington – The Caledonian-Record

Public: Steve Gray

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:

Removal of Item 9 Sewer Transfer Pump

2. Approval & Signing of Orders drawn on the Treasurer:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Nancy Blankenship, to approve the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks # 50 & #51 with the Treasurer to sign due to COVID-19.

3. Gilman Housing Warrant# 48:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Nancy Blankenship, to approve and sign the order drawn on the Treasurer for Warrants #47 & #48. Motion carried 3 to 0.

4. Interlocal Police Agreement:

The 2020 split between the Town and Village was 63% - 37% respectively. With the call volume, provided by Chief Harris, the 2021 split will be 70% - 30% respectively. This split will be applied to the Police Department budget to determine what amount the Village will reimburse to the Town. Motion made by Nancy Blankenship, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve the Interlocal Police Agreement. Motion carried 3 to 0.

5. Access Permit Application:

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Nancy Blankenship, to approve the access permit for Joseph Binette for access on the East side of Lyndon Heights Drive with conditions as set forth by the Road Foreman. Motion carried 3-0. Rob Nutting, Road Foreman, has inspected the location. He feels an eighteen-inch culvert will be needed. Per the Town ordinance, for the Town to take over the road and maintain it Chapter 3 Article II must be followed. The cul-de-sac requirements would need to be met and a deed needs to be drawn up in addition to the standard specs being met.

6. Town Meeting Location & Articles Discussed:

Dawn Dwyer, Clerk & Treasurer, recommended to the Board that they approve voting all 2021 Town Meeting articles by Australian Ballot due to COVID-19. Motion made by Nancy Blankenship, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve voting all 2021 Town Meeting articles by Australian Ballot, to be voted at the Municipal Office Building, located at 119 Park Avenue, due to COVID-19. Motion carried 3-0.

The timeline leading up to the Annual Town Meeting was reviewed with the Board to set dates and times for two informational meetings. The first informational meeting will be held Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 11:00 AM and the second will be held on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Both meetings will be held via Zoom. The login information will be posted on the Town website prior to the meetings. An extensive advertising and education campaign will be undertaken to ensure that all Lyndon voters are aware of the change for 2021. It was discussed to post a question-and-answer sheet on the website as well as send postcards to all voting households. In person voting will be available following the same CDC and Vermont Health Department guidelines as the General Election in November. Masks will be required to enter the building, outside voting will be made available to those to are unable to wear a mask or chose not to, and social distancing will be followed. Absentee and early ballots will be

available after February 10, 2021 and can be requested through MyVoterPage or by calling the office. Town Reports will be available at the side of the Municipal Office Building, near the payment drop box, after February 20, 2021 as well as an electronic version that can be downloaded from the Town’s webpage.

Justin Smith reached out to Town Agent Hanne Trudeau regarding the wording of the article that Chad Ste. Marie asked the Selectboard to put on the Town Meeting Warning. The suggested article read “Shall the Town of Lyndon permit the operation of licensed cannabis retailers and Integrated Licensees, subject to such municipal ordinances and regulation as the Selectboard may lawfully adopt and implement?”

Ms. Trudeau’s recommendation confirmed that the language of the first phrase mirrors that in § 863 “Regulation by Local Government” of ACT 164, the Act relating to the regulation of cannabis, as far as what the entities are called. Ms. Trudeau recommended changing the second phrase to reference the Act, “e.g., Subject to such conditions as may be implemented pursuant to §863 of Act 164”.

Motion made by Nancy Blankenship, seconded by Dan Daley, to include the article as written, “**Shall the Town of Lyndon permit the operation of licensed cannabis retailers and Integrated Licensees, subject to such conditions as may be implemented pursuant to §863**”, relating to the operation of licensed cannabis retailers and Integrated Licensees, on the 2021 Town Meeting Warning. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Smith will send the article language for final review to Attorney Trudeau.

7. Cemetery Fees:

Brian Coderre, Cemetery Sexton, is recommending changes to the cemetery fees as listed below:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Full burial		
Weekdays	\$550	\$500 extra
Saturday & Holiday	\$125 extra	\$100 extra
Infant	\$150	\$100
Urn burial		
Weekday	\$200	\$175
Saturday & Holiday	\$ 25 extra	\$ 25 extra
Urn with vault burial		
Weekday	\$250	N/A
Saturday & Holiday	\$275	N/A
Off season fees		
Full burial	\$300 plus cost	\$250 plus cost
Urn burial	\$300 plus cost	\$250 plus cost
Urn with vault	\$300 plus cost	N/A

Motion made by Dan Daley, seconded by Nancy Blankenship, to approve the cemetery fee structure as proposed, effective January 1, 2021. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Zoning & Planning Resignation:

Motion made by Nancy Blankenship, seconded by Dan Daley, to accept Annie McLean’s Planning Director and Zoning Administrator resignation, with sincere gratitude and appreciation for the time and work provided to the Town of Lyndon. Motion carried 3-0.

9. Other:

- a. Nancy Blankenship asked if there was any news on the Flood Hazard Work Group. Christian Thompson has been attending the Planning Commission weekly Wednesday night meetings. The meetings are well attended with approximately thirty in attendance. The Planning Commission

has been reviewing the Working Groups document and should be finished in early January. Nancy is concerned with the Work Group's work being re-worked by the Planning Commission. Christian feels the Planning Commission is taking the time to clearly understand the Working Groups recommendations.

- b. Christian Thompson wanted to know if a date has been set for the fire trucks to be removed from their current location on Main Street. All documentation has been signed by the purchaser, Tim Roberts and the check has been received. Tim Roberts will work out the details with Fire Chief Jeff Corrow. The trucks do not start well in bad weather. Chief Corrow has offered to pull them into the Fire Station to get them started.
- c. Christian Thompson saw Cheryl McMahon from the Cobleigh Public Library. Interviews have been completed in the replacement of the Director since Cindy Karasinski's retirement at the end of November. The hiring committee has narrowed it down to two candidates.
- d. Budget working meetings have been set for Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> 1:30 – 4:00 PM and Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 7:30 PM. More meetings may be set, as needed.
- e. With the vacant Planning Director position and the next meeting scheduled for January 6, 2021, Sylvia Dodge is filling in as Chair. Ms. Dodge is looking for help to keep the meetings moving forward.
- f. Steve Gray announced a Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP).

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM  
Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer  
Approved by the Selectboard: \_\_\_\_\_