

LYNDON SELECTBOARD MEETING

December 22, 2008

5:30 PM

Selectboard

Kevin Calkins
Kermit Fisher
Martha Feltus

Press

Amy Nixon

Public

Dan Hill
Lisa Barrett
Joe Benning
Evan Dietrich
Ray Durocher, Randy Amadon
Tim Gaskin, Oralie Lefavivre

1. Approval of minutes:
Motion made by Kevin Calkins, seconded by Martha Feltus, to approve the minutes of the 12/08/08 meeting as written and to approve the minutes of the 12/10/08 meeting as amended. Motion carried 3-0.
2. Orders:
The Board approved and signed the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks #50 and #51.
3. Highway Report:
The Board reviewed the highway report as of the week ended 12/12/08. At 96% through the year, payroll is 95% expended and the entire budget is 90% expended.
4. Path Around Lyndon Presentation:
Evan Dietrich of Dubois & King discussed options for the proposed pedestrian path from Miller's Run Covered Bridge to Main Street along Route 122. Cost estimates range from \$78 per foot to \$175 per foot for the 4,000-foot path. Application could be made for an enhancement grant of up to \$300,000. The Town's share would be 20%.
5. Request for Change in Amount of Veterans' Property Tax Exemption:
As discussed at the Board's 12/8 meeting, twenty-three property owners are currently taking advantage of the veterans' exemption. Increasing the amount of the exemption from the current \$10,000 must be approved by voters at Town Meeting. Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Kevin Calkins, to put an article on the Warning for Town Meeting increasing the property tax exemption for veterans to \$40,000, as allowed by VSA 32 Section 3802 (11). Motion carried 3-0.
6. Lyndon Rescue Board Appointments:
Motion made by Kevin Calkins, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to reappoint James Gallagher as the Town's representative on the Lyndon Rescue Board, and to reappoint Bruce James as the alternate. Motion carried 3-0.
7. Highway Access Permit Requests:
As tabled from the 12/8 meeting, motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Kevin Calkins, to approve the highway access permit of Roy Grant for two accesses onto Lily Pond Road with the normal conditions. Motion carried 3-0.
8. Sanitation Budget Discussion:
Motion made by Kermit Fisher, seconded by Kevin Calkins, to approve the \$384,400 proposed sanitation fund budget for 2009. Motion carried 3-0.
9. Wastewater Budget Discussion:
The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed 2009 wastewater fund budget.

10. Policing Discussion with Trustees:
The Selectboard and Trustees discussed a two-person and three-person police department and various funding options. The Selectboard would like to budget for the third officer in 2009 and discuss changes in the funding mechanism at Town Meeting, such changes to take affect in 2010. One suggestion is to have the Town pay the fixed costs of the department (approx. 22% of the budget) and split the remaining costs as the municipalities currently are. The Selectboard will hold a public hearing on the issue at the Public Safety Building on January 28, 2009 at 7:00 PM.
11. General Fund Budget Update:
The Board will wait for the ending cash on hand figures before approving the 2009 budget.
12. Health Insurance Buyout Policy:
The Board discussed the proposed policy.
13. Skateboard Park Update:
The Board discussed the status of the proposed project. Sue Teske will be asked to spearhead the project and Dan Hill will send out an RFP.
14. Town Plan Adoption Discussion:
As discussed at their 12/8/08 meeting, the report requested of the Planning commission has been received. Motion made by Martha Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to adopt the Town Plan as amended at the 12/8/08 meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
15. Other Business:
The next meetings of the Board will be on January 5th and January 14.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.