

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 26, 2009**

Selectmen present: Rosendel Gerry, Chairman, Richard M. McLaughlin, Vice-Chairman, H. Bob Plausse, Cathy Hardy, and E. Earle Brown

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gerry at 6:00 p.m.

1. Citizen's/Selectmen's Forum:

Selectman Plausse voiced congratulations to Lincolnville Police Chief Ronald Young for receiving the Maine State Police Meritorious Award for his participation in the Stockton Springs hostage incident. Selectman Plausse went on to congratulate Jason Andrews for also receiving the State Police Meritorious Award, as well as receiving Trooper of the Year Award, and to Lincolnville Police Officer Glenn Graef for receiving the State Police Meritorious Award.

Chairman Gerry stated he was approached by Keryn Laite, Sr., who suggested that a committee be formed of interested citizens, with the goal of honoring Iraqi War veterans with a granite monument honor roll. Any citizen interested in serving on such a committee should contact Chairman Gerry or Keryn Laite. It was suggested that Diane O'Brien mention this in her newspaper column.

2. Administrator's Report:

David Kinney, Town Administrator, reported:

- The lack of audio at the last televised Selectmen's meeting has, hopefully, been resolved. On June 19, once school has adjourned for the summer, the French Room will be set up and available all summer for televised meetings; the French Room is located on the second floor.
- Absentee ballots for the June 9th Town Meeting are available.
- Town Administrator Kinney expressed thanks to Diane O'Brien, Andy Andrews, Rob Moore, and Police Chief Young for their hard work on removing the ornamental grass along Route One, along the Beach. Volunteers to help mulch that area tomorrow would be appreciated.

3. Meetings & Announcements:

Town Administrator Kinney read the meetings and announcements from the agenda, with the note that the Midcoast Solid Waste Corporation Board of Directors meeting will be not held on June 3rd. Selectwoman Hardy also stated she cannot make the June 8th Board of Selectmen's meeting.

4. Upcoming Community Events:

Town Administrator Kinney announced that the Spring Fling will be held on May 30th at the Grange, starting at 4 p.m. Also, the Old Timers' Luncheon will be held on June 1st, 11:30 a.m., at the Lobster Pound; Ruth Felton and Peg Miller are the contacts for anyone wishing to attend.

5. Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Plausse, second by Hardy, to approve the meeting minutes of May 11, 2009, as written. **Vote 5-0.**

6. Lincolnvilve Harvest Festival (October 3, 2009) Update

Rick Pierson, of the Lincolnvilve Business Group, was present to update the Board on plans for the Lincolnvilve Harvest Festival, scheduled for October 3rd. Mr. Pierson explained the Festival date was moved up two weeks from last year to take advantage of better weather. The parade will start later this year (at 10:30 a.m.) to make it more “user friendly” for families. The Festival will be ending around 4 p.m., so as to not interfere with the local restaurants’ dinner business. Mr. Pierson went on to list additional activities being planned for the Festival.

- A ferris wheel will be erected late Thursday, October 2, or early Friday, October 3, on Rick McLaughlin’s Lobster Pound Takeout property to give free rides during the Festival.
- Food (hot dogs, chips) will be available that day.
- In addition to the ferris wheel, activities for the kids include a blow-up jump attraction, a scavenger hunt on the beach, face painting, and coloring.
- Live entertainment is planned.
- There will be a cake walk the last hour and a half of the Festival, which is a musical-chairs game with cakes as prizes (the cakes being provided by the Lincolnvilve Improvement Association).

In regard to Festival parking, Mr. Pierson stated that the Lincolnvilve Beach Post Office will allow its parking lot to be used as a trolley drop-off/pick-up area. Once off-site parking areas are determined, there will be signs directing people to those sites; Mr. Pierson will keep the Board updated on parking lot locations. He also stated there will not be signs this year indicating Beach parking, as there were last year. Mr. Pierson said that even though there will be signs about parking locations and trolley use, it’s very difficult to keep some people from parking on Route One.

In response to Chairman Gerry’s concern that some of the surrounding restaurants open before 4 p.m., Mr. Pierson felt those restaurants would gain business from the Festival attendees, and that once activities stopped at 4 p.m., people will leave.

Motion by McLaughlin, second by Brown, that the Lincolnvilve Business Group continues to move forward with Festival planning. **Vote: 5-0.**

7. Hawking and Peddling License Application – Ruslan Bilestskyy

Ruslan Bilestskyy, a Rockland resident from Russia, sought permission from the Board to sell his jewelry on the beach shoreline at Lincolnvilve Beach.

Selectman McLaughlin explained that there are deed restrictions on Beach use; no commercial activity is allowed on the Beach, including the shoreline. He also explained that some of the Beach is privately owned.

Town Administrator Kinney stated that if any commercial activity is allowed on the Beach, the property would revert back to the owners, their heirs, or assigns.

Mr. Bilestskyy thanked the Board for addressing his request. Town Administrator Kinney advised Mr. Bilestskyy that his license fee will be returned to him in the mail.

Motion by Plausse, second by Brown, that the Hawking and Peddling License Application of Ruslan Bilestskyy be denied because it is in violation of *Section 5, Peddlers and Hawkers*, of the *Town of Lincolnville Ordinance Regulating the Business of Hawking and Peddling*. **Vote 5-0.**

8. Appointment(s):

Motion by Plausse, second by Hardy, to appoint Diane Bacon, Administrative Assistant, as Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy Registrar of Voters, Deputy Treasurer, and Assistant Town Clerk, as recommended by the Town Administrator, which will allow her to fulfill a number of functions prescribed in State Statutes. **Vote 5-0.**

9. Request of Support of LD 285:

(Vice-Chairman McLaughlin briefly chaired the meeting.)

Board members had received a copy of the approved Resolution adopted by the Five Town CSD Board. Selectman McLaughlin read the proposed Resolution, written by Town Administrator Kinney. The proposed Resolution states the Board's support of *LD 285, An Act to Amend The Laws Governing The Consolidation Of School Administrative Units To Delay All Penalties For Two Years*, and further states "the Lincolnville Board of Selectmen supports any legislative effort that will eliminate or postpone the burden of rejection penalties and allow towns and school districts the necessary time to demonstrate their own optimum efficiencies convincingly, and to not be forced to increase the property tax burden or cut services to the public through the imposition of said penalties."

Selectwoman Hardy asked where the Bill stands in Legislature and asked if adopting a resolution would do any harm. Town Administrator Kinney responded that *LD 285* is currently in Committee, but given the economic constraints the State is facing right now, it seems unlikely that any penalties will be waived; but the penalties may be put in reserve or trust until November, when people can vote on the consolidation issue. He said many towns in the State have passed similar resolutions. It is Town Administrator Kinney's understanding that the Lincolnville Central School has not adopted a resolution in support of *LD 285* as yet, although they have financially supported the consortium supporting the Bill. The only harm he has heard that might be possible is if the existing law should get "watered down" enough, then perhaps some of the support for getting rid of the law might diminished, but he felt that doesn't seem likely.

Motion by Hardy, second by Brown, to sign the Resolution. **Vote 5-0.**

10. Treasurer's Warrant (s) – Selectmen Approve & Sign:

Motion by Plausse, second by Brown, to approve and sign the Treasurer's Warrants.

Vote 5-0.

Before adjourning, Town Administrator Kinney thanked Selectman Earl Brown for his three years of service and hard work on the Board, this being his last televised meeting. Selectman Plausse also thanked Selectman Brown for all he does for the Town, especially working with the local youth.

11. Adjourn:

Motion by Plausse, second by Brown, to adjourn the meeting (6:35 p.m.). **Vote 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Bacon
Administrative Assistant