

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2009**

Selectmen present: Rosendel Gerry, Chairman, H. Bob Plausse, Cathy Hardy, and Jason Trundy.
(Excused absence: Stacey Parra, Vice-Chair).

- 1. Motion by Plausse, second by Hardy, to enter into executive session for consultation with the Town Attorney concerning the legal rights and duties of the Board of Selectmen concerning the Dangerous Buildings Statute, pursuant to Title 1, MRSA § 405(6)(E). Vote 4-0.**

Motion by Plausse, second by Hardy, to come out of Executive Session. Vote 4-0. (6:04 p.m.)

Motion by Hardy, second by Plausse, to instruct and authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to file a verified complaint concerning dilapidated, dangerous and collapsed buildings and structures located on land owned by Gary E. Aho and Patricia A. Aho, Trustee of the G & P Aho Trust; being the same lot designated on the Lincolnville Tax Maps as Map 005, Lot 049, and also being located at 21 Heal Road in Lincolnville; and further authorizing the Code Enforcement Officer, with the assistance of the Town Attorney and the Town Administrator, to initiate and pursue proceedings, as deemed necessary, to obtain a Court Order in accordance with Title 17 MRSA § 2859. Vote 4-0.

Chairman Gerry asked Police Officer Robert Cartier to come to the microphone, where the Chairman read a letter signed by Garrett J. McKenzie, FBI Unit Chief of the Terrorist Screening Center Operations, complimenting Officer Cartier on his alertness and diligence in following NCIC protocol during a traffic stop on September 1, 2009; the driver of the vehicle was on the terrorist watch list. Chairman Gerry thanked Officer Cartier for a job well done.

- 2. Citizen's Forum:** None

- 3. Administrator's Report:**

Town Administrator David Kinney reported:

- The Town's website (www.town.lincolnvillle.me.us) was down from September 17th through the 23rd when the Massachusetts company that maintains our internet ".us" extension had a massive server failure, with no backup. If Townspeople sent emails to the Town Office during that period of time, Administrator Kinney asked that they resend them.
- Stockpiling of winter sand is almost complete.
- There are still several committee vacancies, and Town Administrator Kinney encouraged interested citizens to contact the Town for a community interest form.

- Absentee ballots for the November 3rd election are available. Registered voters can vote absentee at the Town Office, or can request an absentee ballot by calling, writing, or coming into the Town Office.
- The Property Tax and Rent Refund “Circuitbreaker” Applications are available on-line or at the Town Office.
- Real estate taxes are due October 8, 2009, and April 8, 2010.
- Last Thursday, September 24, he met with representatives of the DEP, Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Maine Department of Marine Resources, to discuss the Black Brook culvert on Slab City Road. They walked along the old Grist Mill Dam and the Stetson Mill site. The State is concerned that although most of the culvert is on bedrock, the end has a six inch drop, which may affect fish passage. Administrator Kinney felt the 63 feet of dry streambed may have more of an affect on fish passage and the old stone dam downstream of the culverts, but expects to hear further word from the State in the future.
- The Town is on Wednesday night’s Planning Board agenda to discuss the beach bathrooms.
- The Ferry Margaret Chase Smith will not run for about four weeks, starting today, during the bridge replacement project. There is a temporary passenger service to Islesboro during those four weeks. Administrator Kinney also reported that there may be material issues that would keep the temporary float arrangements from becoming permanent, but the DOT has not definitely said no to the idea.
- The State replaced a culvert this side of Moody Mountain Road and repaved the road in two days.

4. Meetings & Announcements:

Town Administrator Kinney read the meetings and announcements from the agenda, stating that the Midcoast Solid Waste Corporation Board of Directors meeting has been cancelled. Chairman Gerry took a count of Board members who might attend the Excise Tax and TABOR II presentation at Rockland City Hall on October 1st; a majority of the Board could not make that meeting. The Center School House Ad Hoc Committee will be meeting at 6 p.m. on September 29th at the United Christian Church.

5. Upcoming Community Events:

The Fall Festival will be held this Saturday, with the parade starting at 10 a.m. There will be lots of activities, including a ferris wheel, tractor displays, working horse demonstration, and three bands, at the Beach until 3 p.m. Selectman Plausse advised there will be plenty of parking (at Bayshore Baptist Church, Mike Eugley’s garage, and other sites) with shuttle buses to transport people to the Beach. There is also a Vin Fest at the Cellardoor Winery that evening, with a \$100 admission.

Selectman Plausse then informed the Board that Norma Schmitt had passed away Saturday, as well as Ethel Horton. He also reported that Betty Ingalls will be returning home soon from the hospital.

6. Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Hardy, second by Plausse, to approve the meeting minutes of September 14, 2009, as written. Vote 4-0.

Motion by Plausse, second by Hardy, to approve the meeting minutes of September 20, 2009, as written. Vote 4-0.

7. Emergency Preparedness – Seasonal and H1N1 Flu:

Jennifer Gunderman-King, Midcoast Public Health Liaison and Maine CDC District Contact, Dale Rowley, Waldo County Emergency Management Director, and Ron Young, Lincolnville Emergency Management Director, were all present to address the Board concerning the seasonal and H1N1 flu. First, Jennifer Gunderman-King highlighted the four roles of the Maine CDC: surveillance, mitigation, communication, and vaccination. She stated that currently the outbreak of H1N1 is not severe, but encouraged Town officials to monitor the Maine CDC/Department of Health and Human Services website, which tracks and updates the status of the outbreak every Thursday morning. She identified the groups most at risk for H1N1, and explained much time and effort has been spent in Waldo County on vaccination programs. She also commended Meagan Kelly, who also works in Waldo County, for the information she compiled this past spring.

Dale Rowley explained he works with the 26 towns in Waldo County on all emergency situations, including hostage, hazardous waste, floods, and disease. As County Emergency Management Director, he works with towns in the planning, response, and resource request phases of an emergency. He is working with the Maine CDC, as well as with Gary Hazlin of the Public Health Working Group Team, in a supportive role during this H1N1 outbreak. He organizes resources, such as getting cots for infected children at summer camps, and coordinates with many other local groups, such as hospitals, nursing homes, etc.

Ron Young, Lincolnville's Emergency Management Director, stated Lincolnville has an effective Emergency Plan in place, and he is ready to react to emergency situations. He knows what resources are available and knows who to call for those resources.

When asked what a typical family should be doing now to prepare for a pandemic, Ms. Gunderman-King responded by saying don't panic, seek as much education as possible about good hygiene practices, stay home 24 hours after a fever has stopped without reducing agents, get vaccinated, and stock extra food, water, and medicines as you would in preparing for a bad winter storm. Dale Rowley reiterated that having three to five days pantry stock, including items like powdered milk, is important. If residents plan ahead and take good care of themselves, it would help reduce the strain on the public health system.

Resident Brad Payne voiced his concern that there is only one person in Lincolnville who legally can have names of infected residents: the health officer; so how would Town government identify who needed help? Ms. Gunderman-King responded by saying it is not important at this level of the outbreak to know names. Surveillance is different at various stages; if the H1N1 outbreak caused many deaths, then surveillance levels would have to increase.

Brad Payne again expressed his concerns about a bad pandemic scenario; how would the Town know to activate an emergency management operation center? Should the Town have a drill/exercise to make sure plans and resources are in place?

Chairman Gerry said the Selectmen depend on the expertise of Ron Young, Lincolnville's Emergency Management Director, and those who work in this field. The Town does not have the resources to hold a drill by itself. Ms. Gunderman-King said she does not know of any individual town that has run a drill/exercise in her two years as Midcoast Public Health Liaison. Dale Rowley said there have been regional exercises, most recently in Bangor, but municipalities do not have the resources for individual exercises. Developing situation awareness is the biggest thing towns can do, and encouraged people to Google Waldo County EMA to get the County's Plan.

It was the consensus of the Board that the existing emergency management infrastructure on town, county, and state levels seems well organized and knows how to utilize existing resources for a public health emergency. Board members felt Lincolnville does not have the resources to hold a drill/exercise by itself.

8. Set Public Hearing – Proposed Tree Trimming by Central Maine Power:

Town Administrator Kinney advised the Board that Central Maine Power wants to expand its tree trimming to the 803D1 Circuit, which is a new and different part of the Town. There have been many issues with the existing tree trimming program and CMP has agreed not to continue the program until after a public hearing.

Motion by Plausse, second by Trundy, to set a public hearing date of Monday, October 19, 2009, 7 p.m. at the Lincolnville Central School to discuss the tree trimming being done by Central Maine Power. Vote 4-0.

Town Administrator Kinney stated there are many questions about the new circuit tree trimming program being proposed by CMP, especially in light of the numerous issues that have arisen with the current tree trimming. The public hearing will be advertised on Channel 3, the Town's website, and in the newspaper.

Chairman Gerry also stated that Will Brown, Conservation Commission member, needs help with documentation in this matter, if anyone can volunteer.

9. Resignation – Budget Committee:

Motion by Plausse, second by Trundy, to regretfully accept the resignation of Donald Hewitt from the Budget Committee, with the Town's thanks for his service. Vote 4-0.

10. As Board of Assessors – Assessors' Initiative Abatement:

Motion by Plausse, second by Hardy, to suspend the meeting as Board of Selectmen and convene as Board of Assessors. Vote 4-0.

Motion by Plausse, second by Trundy, to approve the property tax abatement (#2009-04) with an assessment value of \$5,300, in the amount of \$62.01. Vote 4-0.

Motion by Plausse, second by Hardy, to adjourn as Board of Assessors and reconvene as Board of Selectmen. Vote 4-0.

11. Appointment of Election Warden for November 3, 2009:

Motion by Plausse, second by Hardy, to appoint David Kinney as Election Warden for November 3, 2009. Vote 4-0.

12. Upcoming Meeting Schedule for Board of Selectmen:

It was the consensus of the Board to:

- meet at the Town Office on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 5 p.m. to sign Treasurer's Warrants;
- hold their regular meeting the Monday before Thanksgiving; and,
- meet at the Town Office on Monday, December 28, 2009, at 5 p.m. to sign Treasurer's Warrants.

13. Treasurer's Warrant(s) – Approve and Sign:

Motion by Plausse, second by Hardy, to approve the Treasurer's Warrant. Vote 4-0.

14. Adjourn:

Motion by Hardy, second by Plausse, to adjourn the meeting (7:15 p.m.). Vote 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Bacon
Administrative Assistant