

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 23, 2015**

Present: Chair, Ladleah Dunn, Cathy Hardy, Arthur Durity, Rosendel Gerry, Jason Trundy

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ladleah Dunn at 6:00 PM at the Lincolnville Town Office.

The quote was read by Selectman Cathy Hardy.

1. Citizen's Forum:

Michael Kosowsky reported on paving of the Masalin Road and explained that the last report was listed as paving the entire road and he noted it would be most affective to just pave 2/10 of a mile up to the top of Justin and Alex Doan's property. David Kinney stated this is a draft priority list and it would be for improvements to the road, not necessarily for paving.

Daina Hill a representative of the Lincolnville Business Group reported on their meeting that took place today. The first issue discussed was the weather and second issue was snow removal. The major topic of discussion was snow removal at the Lincolnville Beach, between the Post Office and the businesses. The request from the Lincolnville Business Group was that the Board considers taking \$500, from Contingency, for the purpose of snow removal at the beach.

Cathy Hardy stated that she has been driving to the Lincolnville Beach this winter to pick up a co-worker; she understands this is a timely matter and this is an emergency situation and should be addressed before the end of this weekend.

Cathy Hardy made a motion to add this request as an emergency item to tonight's meeting. Art Durity seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board appropriate \$500, from Contingency to pay for snow removal, this week at the Lincolnville Beach, on the business side of the street. Art Durity seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-1-0 vote. (Gerry opposed)

Waldo County Commissioner, Betty Johnson, came before the Board to talk about the County Tax Budget and explain that the Town of Lincolnville is down \$36,786.35, which she was very happy to report. Johnson told the Board that she and Josh Gerritsen made a video on how County Government works and the video can be viewed on YouTube and there will be a showing on Wednesday, February 25th at the Belfast Library starting at 6pm.

2. **Administrator's Report:**

David Kinney, Town Administrator, reported:

- There is a light post along RT 1 that is out of commission and will be replaced in the spring.
- He thanked the road crew for all their hard work maintaining the roads in Lincolnville during this long winter season.

3. **Meetings & Announcements:**

David Kinney, Town Administrator read the upcoming meetings.

4. **Upcoming Community Events:** There were none.

5. **Meeting Minutes:**

Jason Trundy made a motion to approve the February 9, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Rosey Gerry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Jason Trundy made a motion to approve the February 11, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Rosey Gerry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Jason Trundy made a motion to approve the February 12, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Cathy Hardy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

6. **Liquor License Renewal Application – Black Horse Inn:**

Rosey Gerry thanked Frances Gangitano for attending the meeting and coming forward to help answer any questions the Board may have for her, regarding her license.

Rosey Gerry made a motion that the Board approve and sign the liquor license application for ZR Management LLC doing business as the Black Horse Inn. Jason Trundy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

7. **As Board of Assessors – Abatement Request Black Horse Inn:**

Cathy Hardy made a motion that the board suspend the meeting as the Board of Selectmen and convene as the Board of Assessors. Rosey Gerry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Frances Gangitano and Fred Noyes explained their reasoning for the abatement request.

Assessors' Agent Vern Zeigler reiterated the reasoning set forth in his memo to the Board about why the request should be denied.

Rosey Gerry made a motion that the Board deny the Property Tax Abatement of ZR Management, LLC doing business as the Black Horse Inn and that the Board sign the Notice of Action as recommended by the Assessors' Agent. Cathy Hardy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Rosey Gerry made a motion that the Board adjourn the meeting as the Board of Assessors and reconvene as the Board of Selectmen. Jason Trundy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

8. Consideration of Lease Assignment: Lincolnville Historical Society to Lincolnville Community Library:

Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board instruct the Town Attorney to prepare the necessary paperwork to assign the lease of the property identified on Assessors' Tax Map 5 as Lots 1 and 3 for the Board to review and approve at a future meeting. Art Durity seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-1 vote. (Gerry abstained)

9. Liquor License Application – Cellardoor Winery:

Rosey Gerry thanked Bettina Doulton for attending the meeting and coming forward to help answer any questions the Board may have for her, regarding her license.

Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board approve and sign the liquor license application for the Cellardoor Winery. Jason Trundy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-1 vote. (Gerry abstained)

10. Public Hearing: Special Amusement Permit Application – Cellardoor Winery:

Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board open the public hearing concerning the Special Amusement Permit Application filed by the Cellardoor Winery. Jason Trundy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

No public comment was offered.

Jason Trundy made a motion that the Board close the public hearing. Art Durity seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Jason Trundy made a motion that the Board finds that the application submitted by the Cellardoor Winery complies with the standards set forth in the ordinance Governing the Issuance, Suspension and Revocation of Special Amusement Permits for the Town of Lincolnville and the permit be granted. Cathy Hardy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-1 vote. (Gerry abstained)

11. Public Hearing and Action on Proposed Discontinuance of the Albert Blood Road:

Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board open the public hearing concerning the discontinuance of the Albert Blood Road. Rosey Gerry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Richard Sanderson came forward to discuss his appreciation to the Board members for all their time and effort that the Board has put in, to review this process. He was present to represent four interested parties of this road and he recommended that the Board keep this road a public road and not be a discontinued road.

He explained that the Thomas Family that lives at the junction of the Albert Blood Road owns the land under the Albert Blood Road. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife owns a parcel behind his property as well as Coastal Mountains Land Trust and they have all requested that the Board not move to discontinue the Albert Blood Road.

Mr. Sanderson asked the Board:

1. What is the actual cost of maintaining the Albert Blood Road per year given the fact that gravel and grading are done only once in several years? It is my understanding that current and future bids for snow plowing won't change if Albert Blood Road is discontinued. How does that cost compare to the damages of \$22,000 compensation and the possible loss of some property taxes as the value of our house will likely be reduced?

Mr. Kinney stated that gravel roads in town are maintained on an as need basis.

Art Durity wanted to know what the cost was to maintain the Albert Blood Road in the last five years and Kinney gave an estimate of approximately \$1600.

Cathy Hardy asked Vern Zeigler to give an answer on how the cost would compare to the damages of \$22,000 in compensation and the possible loss of some property taxes as the value of Mr. Sanderson's house would likely be reduced.

Mr. Zeigler stated there is a specific process in Maine Law on discontinuing roads and that process spells out exactly what has to be done to determine the damages.

Mr. Sanderson stated his understanding for the push to discontinue the road was to save the town money.

Art Durity wanted to know how much the town would save to discontinue the Albert Blood Road over the next ten years.

Cathy Hardy stated she was satisfied that she has seen the numbers in the packet, \$14,000 a mile, give or take.

Art Durity stated that you can't average it that way and David has already acknowledge this because the Town spends less money on the Albert Blood Road than other roads in the Town and it does not cost \$14,000 a year to maintain this road.

Mr. Sanderson asked the Board:

2. Does it make fiscal sense to move ahead with discontinuance before you know the impact on property tax revenue will be?

Mr. Sanderson stated he was not sure how the Town could move this to a Town Meeting vote without having these figures.

Mr. Sanderson asked the Board:

3. Do I have the right to maintain the Albert Blood Road when the road is on the Thomas property? Can the Thomas' or future owners dictate how the road is to be maintained or to close it if there are problems such as the issue that arise during mud season? They do use the road to access their out buildings and equipment so they have an interest in the condition of the road. My understanding is that the Thomas deed does not include a right of way to our home.

Mr. Sanderson stated that since the Thomas' own the property and he asked if they or future property owners would be able to close the road if there are problems that may arise during mud season.

Mr. Kinney said he could not answer that question without a title search on the Sanderson's property and the Thomas' property.

Mr. Sanderson asked the Board:

4. If we maintain the road, how liable are we if there are damages to vehicles or injuries to persons on the road? There is legislation to protect towns from liability but not to protect homeowners from lawsuits. Is there a way the town can indemnify us (and future owners) for this liability if there is a public easement left on the Albert Blood Road? I am requesting the town's attorney address this concern if it hasn't been done yet.

Cathy Hardy asked Mr. Kinney to check with the Town Attorney, Sally Daggett to get an answer to this question.

Kinney stated that he was not sure how the Town of Lincolnville could indemnify someone for an action that a private party takes.

Mr. Sanderson asked the Board:

5. Is there a way the town can maintain a public easement for utilities but not for other public use, such as recreation?

Kinney stated, "It was his understanding that the utilities have easements and if the Town discontinues the public easement, the utilities easement could remain there."

Mr. Sanderson questioned the Board:

6. Since it continues to appear that the appraisal for damages relative to the value of our home had errors, I am requesting another appraisal of our home?

Mr. Sanderson said that the two errors have to do with the number of rooms and square footage of his home and he discussed this with Mr. Kinney and with the appraiser, Ray Quimby. Mr. Sanderson said he wasn't saying that Mr. Quimby is wrong, he would like this corrected in the appraisal.

Kinney stated he talked to Mr. Quimby and Mr. Quimby stated that he reviewed the appraisal and he was comfortable with his appraisal.

Mr. Sanderson asked the Board:

7. Does it matter to the members of the Board that current and future accessibility to the two conservation lands behind our property will be impacted by discontinuing Albert Blood Road? I would like to hear each Board member's opinion on this matter.

Jason Trundy said he is not in favor of discontinuing these roads; however he does have an issue with this question. The discontinuance of the Albert Blood Road does not directly impact these two conservation pieces outback, the only thing that impacts this is the Sanderson's decision to permit the travel from the end of the Albert Blood Road across their private property. He stated this is not fair to put the Board in this position, even though he is in favor of not discontinuing the road.

Mr. Sanderson finished by saying that he hoped there could be more answers to some of his questions prior to deciding if this should be moved forward to a Town vote.

Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board close the public hearing. Art Durity seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Rosey Gerry made a motion the Board order the discontinuance of the Albert Blood Road, said road being a town way approximately 50 feet wide including the right-of-way, from a point beginning at the Belfast Road and extending in a generally northwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 1700 feet and that the following damages be paid to abutting property owners as follows: Natalie and H. Perry Thomas - \$0; Richard and Diana Sanderson - \$22,000. Cathy Hardy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 3-2-0 vote. (Trundy and Durity opposed)

Rosey Gerry made a motion that the Selectmen issue and file with the Town Clerk an Order of Discontinuance that accurately reflects the action by the Selectmen to discontinue the Albert Blood Road, and that the Selectmen send abutting property owners best practicable notice of this action without delay. Cathy Hardy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 3-2-0 vote. (Trundy and Durity opposed)

12. Public Hearing and Action on Proposed Discontinuance of the Lloyd Thomas Road:

Cathy Hardy made a motion to open the public hearing concerning the discontinuance of the Lloyd Thomas Road. Rosey Gerry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Cindy Gerry a resident of the Lloyd Thomas Road stated that when she purchased her house on the Lloyd Thomas Road, it was with the understanding that the road would be publically maintained and this was a breach of trust and social contract and now this feels like this is a kick in the teeth. Ms. Gerry also stated that she doesn't understand why the road would have public access if she is required to maintain it.

Mr. Kinney explained that the rationale behind retaining the public easement would be so that she and the Tarantino's would have shared access up the Lloyd Thomas Road.

Ms. Gerry stated she understands the Town's need to save money however she doesn't see a large savings for the Town because her road is only 400 ft. long and the amount that the Town of Lincolnville is going to save, the town is wreaking a lot of havoc and this does not send a great message for continued growth.

Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board close the public hearing. Rosey Gerry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0.

Rosey Gerry made a motion that the Board order the discontinuance of Lloyd Thomas Road, said road being a town way approximately 50 feet wide including the right-of-way, from a point beginning at High Street and extending in a generally northwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 400 feet and that the following damage be paid to abutting property owners as follows: Robyn Tarantino and Timothy Guilfoyle - \$0; Cynthia Gerry - \$10,000. Cathy Hardy

seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 3-2-0 vote. (Durity & Trundy opposed)

Art Durity made an amended motion to eliminate the public easement at the homeowner's request. Jason Trundy seconded the motion. The motion failed on a 1-4-0 vote. (Trundy, Gerry, Dunn & Hardy opposed)

Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board issue and file with the Town Clerk an Order of Discontinuance that accurately reflects the action taken by the Selectmen to discontinue the Lloyd Thomas Road, and that the Selectmen send abutting property owners best practicable notice of this action without delay. Rosey Gerry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 3-2-0 vote. (Trundy & Durity opposed)

13. Public Hearing and Action on Proposed Discontinuance of a portion of the Martin Corner Road:

Rosey Gerry made a motion to open the public hearing concerning the discontinuance of the Martin Corner Road. Cathy Hardy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Lys McLaughlin Pike, a resident of the Martin Corner Road came forward and read the following letter to the Board:

My name is Lys McLaughlin Pike. First I want to thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts with you. I also want to thank you for your careful concern for Lincolnville. My husband and I are both retired. He is a clergyman. I worked in government for decades. We know well the pressures you are working under and the responsibilities you have.

I am a resident of Lincolnville. I vote here and pay taxes in the State of Maine.

If these roads – Martin Corner Road, Thorndike Road and others – cease to be town roads, it will have a psychological as well as financial effect. I definitely understand the need to conserve scarce resources. However, there is a covenant between government and those governed. What is being proposed here is a breaking of that covenant. These roads are part of the history and fabric of Lincolnville. I have always assumed that they would continue to be town roads as I am sure have the other affected landowners. These roads will be extremely expensive to deal with as a private landowner, as you all must be aware.

The appraisals you have done assume we landowners are about to sell as you have based damages on the difference between the value of the land at this time before and after discontinuing the roads. In our case, if the two roads

are discontinued, we will have to assume additional costs of fixing up and maintaining these roads, or sell portions of our property if one or both roads are too expensive to keep up or sell at a considerable loss, far greater I am quite sure than your appraisal assumes, which is nothing in the case of the Martin Corner Road.

My parents fell in love with our place on Moody Mountain and bought it in the 1930's. It holds a special place in my heart, in the hearts of other members of my family including my husband Tom and our son Nicholas. We take our stewardship of this land very seriously.

The farm on Martin Corner Road goes way back in history and in my memory. Well over 150 years ago, the farm on Martin Corner Road belonged to the Lovett Family; the road by it has been a road since the early part of the 19th century. This road is part of the fabric and history of Lincolnton.

Under the terms of the conservation easement that governs most of our property, a house can be built where the Lovett Homestead once stood on Martin Corner Road. The Town of Lincolnton is considering closing the road at the 90 degree corner, limiting road access to our property to the end of the section of Martin Corner Road that begins at Rt. 235, thereby precluding us from entering our property from Moody Mountain Road necessitating a drive of about three miles from the old access from Moody Mountain Road to the only road access at the proposed end of Martin Corner Road. That is a problem. I understand continuing the public easement but otherwise discontinuing the towns involvement in the 2750 ft. of road (that is over half a mile) in question will be discussed this evening. If that happens, it would leave us the landowners more open and responsible to any adverse happenings than we already are, abandoned vehicles, parties, trash, driving on and hurting the hay fields and the list goes on. Not a happy prospect. I understand there are different kinds of public easements, that restrictions can be placed on public use. If the road is closed, we would like to put a gate at both ends of the road on our property to curtail access and restrict it to hay vehicles, forestry machinery and of course our family and whoever might build a home were the Lovett Homestead once was. We would also need the right to use that portion of the road that goes over the Kassen's property from Moody Mountain Road. The gate could be on their land if that is preferable. It would have to be discussed.

The fields near the Martin Corner Road are hayed by Aldermere Farm who accesses the property from the Moody Mountain Road. Going around to the other end of Martin Corner Road at Rt. 235 is significantly longer for the hay equipment and includes a long steep climb up the ridge. Additionally, Ron Howard says that if Martin Corner Road deteriorates much further that one of the fields, (the one by Mariners Brook) will have to be abandoned.

If the Town of Lincolnville abandons Martin Corner Road from Moody Mountain Road to the 90 degree corner, then we the property owners, my son and I, will have to bring this road back to a passable farm road in order to access this field. That cost could be \$10k or more, probably not less.

Then, that enormous, surely at least 4ft. culvert under Martin Corner Road. The culvert through which passes Mariners Brook, the outlet from Moody Pond which flows into Megunticook. It was last replaced in the 1970's. It will be expensive to replace but being replaced on day it must be or Mariners Brook will no longer flow down into Megunticook. Has the Ponds and Lakes Committee opined on this?

Our forester, Two Trees Forestry, says that access to that part of the property needs to be from Moody Mountain Road and from RT. 235 at the other end should the culvert go and not be replaced. If that should happen there be no entry from Moody Mountain Road that would preclude forestry in that portion of the property.

If Martin Corner Road from the corner to Moody Mountain Road really is discontinued as a town road, we hope the Town of Lincolnville will, at the very least, take on the replacement and maintenance of the culvert and bring the road back to being a passable farm road. Please consider how much the Town of Lincolnville has saved over the decades on the maintenance of this road.

A number of people use this road. Every time I am on it, on foot or on the tractor, at least two cars pass me. It is well travelled, possibly because it is peaceful and seemingly far away, also because it cuts mileage depending on where you are going. If lack of use by the public is a criterion for closing the road, as it seems to be the other evening, then please know that the portion of Martin Corner Road being considered for closure is well used, has a following, in spite of the ruts and enormous puddles.

The appraisal report says there will be no decrease in the value of the property from before the proposed road closure to after the proposed road closure and that therefore no damages are due to abutting landowners. I am surprised by this conclusion. What about the road improvement and maintenance to enable continuing to use that hayfield and conduct forestry? What about the loss of access to our property from Moody Mountain Road? What about Mariners Brook and that culvert which surely will collapse one day?

When I spoke to Bernie Young the Road Commissioner years ago about Martin Corner Road and closing it in the wintertime and going easy on the maintenance, it seemed the prudent way to go since there was no house where the Lovett Homestead was and town maintenance funds are scarce. It never occurred to me that the Town of Lincolnville would propose to close the road

in the condition it has fallen into over the years, leave us the landowners to maintain/fix up the road and eventually the culver and deny us access to our property from Moody Mountain Road, or allow public access and its risks but discontinue town involvement in the road.

I am surprised and disappointed that the Town of Lincolnville is proposing to discontinue the Martin Corner Road as a town road.

I am surprised and disappointed that the Town of Lincolnville feels that we as landowners are not due damages if the portion of the Martin Corner Road in question is no longer a town road. At least that is what Mr. Quimby's appraisal suggests. No one has sat down with me to discuss the road closing or damages that could result if the road is discontinued.

I urge you to reconsider this idea to discontinue the Martin Corner Road, Thorndike Road and the other as town roads.

I hope you will also consider the importance of trust between citizens and their government. Are we to wonder in the future which other roads will be proposed for closure? Is it too much to expect that our town government will maintain its commitment to roads that has evolved over generations and served our residential and commercial needs so well. A decision to go forward with these road closures will cast a shadow over confidence in your concern for our well being and the wellbeing of other citizens in Lincolnville.

Thorndike Road:

In the interests of time and with consideration for you all, please consider what I said as the preamble to my remarks about the Martin Corner Road as the preamble to these remarks about Thorndike Road. I will spare you the repeating of them.

The Thorndike Road, named for the Thorndike family which owned the farm after the Fletcher's has been a road since at least the mid 19th century. The Moody Mountain Road and the Moody Pond were once Fletcher Mountain and Fletcher Pond in the early 19th century, as some of you may remember, and Thorndike Road once went on over the ridge to the Heal Road, well before my time.

This road too is part of the history and fabric of Lincolnville.

A house and barn are on Thorndike Road. There has been a house and a barn in that spot on that road since at least 1850. We rent the house that is there now and hope to rent the barn in the coming year. Clearly plowing this at least 1300ft. road (that is a quarter of a mile) and sanding it is an expensive proposition, several thousands of dollars a year. I have been advised that a

wing plow may be necessary and that there is one for hire in Rockland. The town has such a plow and spends approximately \$2,000 a year for winter maintenance it was mentioned a few weeks ago in this room. This road by the way has two significant hills which will need sanding. Summer maintenance involves grading as well as maintenance of the culvert through which flows the inlet to Moody Pond. Culvert maintenance can be expensive.

According to the appraisal by Mr. Quimby, an amount of \$28k is being suggested to compensate for discontinuing the road. Again, no one from the town has approached me with a sum nor to discuss this matter I should add. That amount might cover plowing for a few years and maintenance for a few years, jobs I feel the town can do far more cheaply than we landowners can economies of scale, the town has big trucks for plowing for instance. It will be a major hardship to take on this responsibility which could cost \$6,000 a year, \$28k might last 4-5 years. We do not plan to sell this property therefore basing damages on the difference in value before discontinuing and after is hardly relevant to our situation. However, if maintenance proves too expensive we might have to sell and with such a driveway to deal with, the price will be significantly lower than it would be if the road is a town road, surely far lower than \$28k.

I am surprised and disappointed that the Town of Lincolnville is proposing to discontinue Thorndike Road.

I am surprised and disappointed that the amount being offered to compensate for town maintenance and plowing of the Thorndike Road is so low.

We hope very much you will be as concerned about the quality of our lives as you are about balancing the budget.

Lys McLaughlin-Pike also explained to the Board that this issue should be tabled since she felt that the Board needed to do more work to make a better decision and because the stakes are high.

Trundy stated "I was going to refrain from making any real comment on this or the next one and my feeling on this was that the vote was going to go three-two right through all of these. I basically will reserve my comments until we get to the Town meeting when I can say my piece. I am going to oppose discontinuing this one, just like the others. I don't buy all the arguments that were made by some people as to why we shouldn't, but when we start talking about this, when we initially went into this process, it was proposed that we do this, \$20,000 worth of appraising to find out what the cost is going to be. We have been having this question over and over as to how much we will save and we really can't quantify that, and I believe that will be very, very small. I think this process is ludicrous and that's why I'm not voting on this and I think the Board is wasting our time pushing this issue to a Town meeting."

Dunn stated “I look at this one having the largest dollar signs coming from taxpayers, immediately and add it to the list of gravel roads that have huge dollar signs attached, just to make them passable, let alone, up to standards.”

Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board close the public hearing. Jason Trundy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Rosey Gerry made a motion that the Board order the discontinuance of a portion of the Martin Corner Road and the public easement, said road being a town way approximately 50 feet wide including the right-of-way, from a point beginning at the Moody Mountain Road and extending in a generally northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 2,700 feet and that the following damages be paid to abutting property owners as follows: Margaret Kassen - \$0; Lys McLaughlin Pike & Nicholas Pike - \$0. Cathy Hardy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 3-2-0 vote. (Trundy & Durity opposed)

Rosey Gerry made a motion that the Board issue and file with the Town Clerk an Order of Discontinuance that accurately reflects the action taken by the Selectmen to discontinue a portion of the Martin Corner Road, and that the Selectmen send abutting property owners best practicable notice of this action without delay. Cathy Hardy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 3-2-0 vote. (Trundy & Durity opposed)

- 14. Public Hearing and Action on Proposed Discontinuance of the Thorndike Road: Cathy Hardy made a motion to open the public hearing concerning the discontinuance of the Thorndike Road. Rosey Gerry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.**

Lys McLaughlin-Pike said, “The Thorndike Road was named after the Thorndike family, which owned the farm after the Fletchers and the road has been a road at least since the middle of the 1900 century. The Thorndike Road once went over the ridge to the Heal Road. This road too is part of the history of Lincolnville, a house and a barn are on the Thorndike Road and there has been a house and a barn there since at least 1850. We rent that house, and hope to rent the barn in the coming year, however; it may be more difficult than we thought, if this thing actually goes through. It will be cutting into our income potential.”

Thomas Pike, Lincolnville resident, said, “I’m more sympathetic than you believe to your situation because for 16 years I was commissioner of Landmarks Preservation Commission in New York City and I sat through meetings, just like this, agonizing and I’m sympathetic, but in total disagreement with what you are doing, and I would like to explain why. Thirty years ago, I went to the Thorndike house for the first time, my family restored that house and rebuilt it and it is now a useful residence. I think a community has a real responsibility to tell its story, to celebrate its history. My biggest concern tonight, is that you may be squandering part of the history and the memory of

this community. It's a beautiful community and I love it and these roads have a story to tell. I also think that there is something precious about Lincolnville, the people and the history and these roads tell a story and I hope you'll honor that."

Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board close the public hearing. Jason Trundy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Rosey Gerry made a motion that the Board order the discontinuance of the Thorndike Road and the public easement, said road being a town way approximately 50 feet wide including the right-of-way, from a point beginning at High Street and extending in a generally easterly direction for a distance of approximately 1,320 feet and that the following damages be paid to abutting property owners as follows: Lys McLaughlin Pike & Nicholas Pike - \$28,000. Cathy Hardy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 3-2-0 vote. (Trundy and Durity opposed)

Rosey Gerry made a motion that the Board issue and file with the Town Clerk an Order of Discontinuance that accurately reflects the action taken by the Selectmen to discontinue the Thorndike Road, and that the Board send abutting property owners best practicable notice of this action without delay. Cathy Hardy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 3-2-0 vote. (Trundy & Durity opposed)

15. Public Input: Draft FY 16 Municipal Budget: None

16. Board of Selectman – Draft FY 16 Municipal Budget Deliberations:

The Board reviewed the draft FY 16 Municipal Budget and made the following comments by David Kinney:

- Increased the Emergency Management Request because Hank Lang came in with a \$2000 request instead of \$1000 for supplies
- The Winter Road Maintenance cost in the current draft includes the one and only bid received.
- Money added for the camera at the Harbor

These three changes increased the budget request by \$50,922; this is a 3.3% increase from last year.

The Board decided to red flag the following items:

- Public Works piece – Winter Road Maintenance
- Cathy wanted the number of animals that PAWS has taken in this year
- Emergency Management – Cathy wanted deliverables set this year.
- Contingency Fund – Cathy would like to consider cutting this fund to \$6000.

- Harbor – Cathy question the cost of the camera at the harbor.
- Boards & Committees: Planning Board camera operator
- Cathy wanted to hear from Chamber Director, Staci Coomer on how many Lincolnville members are in the Chamber.
- Provider Agencies: Cathy commended the Budget Committee.
- Cathy wanted a discussion on the Road Improvement.

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

Cathy Hardy made a motion to approve the Treasurer's and Payroll Warrant. Jason Trundy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

18. Adjourn:

Cathy Hardy made a motion to adjourn. Jason Trundy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Geary
Administrative Assistant