

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
June 22, 2015**

**Present:** Arthur Durity, Rosendel Gerry, Cathy Hardy & Keryn Laite, Jr.

**Excused:** Chair, Ladleah Dunn

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chariman Gerry at 6pm at the Lincolnville Town Office.

- 1. Citizens' Forum:** Greg Boetsch came before the Board to explain that he recently noticed signage along the road to Norton's Pond stating "*No Parking & Vehicles Towed at Owners' Expense.*" Mr. Boetsch said, "I then met with Road Commissioner, Bernard Young who explained the Watt's family had a recent graduation party at the park and this family was approached by someone I don't know, and this person told the Watt's Family that she couldn't park on the pond side of the road, where all the signs were. This is going to be a bit of a problem, especially when people come to listen to concerts, which happens three or four times a summer, and when they find out that they're not allowed to park there, the Board is then going to hear about this."

The Board explained this was the first time hearing about this issue and Mr. Boetsch stated he was surprised of this because this did end up with the State Police coming down to respond to this complaint. Mr. Boetsch stated that Tammy Watts had gone to Waldo County and explained that she was the one that was parked on the "No Parking" area along Norton's Pond.

Mr. Boetsch also stated, "I approached Bob Libby and he explained that if you look way back in history, you'll remember at the Dean & Eugley Garage, Don Millington Business, there was a bit of a right-of-way problem on the Norton's Pond Road back then and Mr. Libby said that there was a question as to where that landowners pin should be. I then looked back at my old Selectmen maps and low and behold, that landowners red line, on the Lincolnville tax map, shows he owns on the other side, of what I call the town road. I don't have a dog in the fight; I'm just saying that when you have people coming up from out of state, they want to drive down by our lovely park, and they don't want to look at these kinds of signs that remind them of some alley way in New Jersey."

Mr. Kinney explained that we have a potential issue; however he did not have enough information to do much, and the people that now own the Sawyer cottage, have put up signs on property that they believe is theirs. He will research this issue and report back to the Board.

## 2. Administrator's Report:

Mr. Kinney reported that there have been some comments and concerns about the boat club float that is taking up space at Breezemere Park. If anyone would like a float, please contact the Boat Club. Otherwise, it should be gone by the end of the week.

Mr. Kinney reported that additional crack sealing was done. The paving bid is out for work on the Moody Mountain Road, Sandhill Road and the Whitney road.

One of the town office trees came down, during a recent storm and Mr. Kinney recommended that Will Brown, Chair of the Conservation Commission, reviewed the tree. Mr. Brown assessed the tree, prior to tonight's meeting and concurred that this tree should be removed.

At the next meeting we should have the Board, Committee and Commission appointments and Mr. Gerry asked if the Board could receive a list of all new potential members and Mr. Kinney will provide that list. If anyone is interested in serving on a Board/Committee, please complete a Committee Interest Form and return to the Town Office prior to July 8, 2015.

There will be a one-day closure on July 21<sup>st</sup> on the Beach Road (Route 173) between Camden and Youngtown Roads for Maine DOT culvert replacement.

## 3. Meetings & Announcements:

Mr. Kinney reported on the following meetings.

## 4. Upcoming Community Events:

Diane O'Brien reported that the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival will be held on Saturday, July 11 from 9am to 1pm. The parade will start at 10am from Drake's Corner Store through Main Street to the church grounds.

## 5. Meeting Minutes:

**Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board approve the June 1, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Art Durity seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.**

**Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board approve the June 8, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Art Durity seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.**

**Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board approve the June 11, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Art Durity seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.**

**Art Durity made a motion that the Board approve the June 15, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Keryn Laite, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.**

Gerry welcomed new Select Board member Keryn Laite, Jr. to his first Board meeting.

#### **6. Route 1 Advisory Committee Update:**

Chris Osgood, Chairman and Diane O'Brian Co-Chair of the Route 1 Advisory Committee came forward to explain that the Route 1 Advisory Committee would like to hire Rodney Lynch to help raise portions of the funding necessary to do some work on a section of Rt 1 and it is their belief that by the time that they get through the next round with the MDOT, they will except the fact that they made a deal to pay for most of the remaining construction from Viking Lumber to the Northport town line.

Mr. Osgood said, "We did everything they instructed us to do to offset the need for the local match and then they came back to the Town of Lincolnville and said, sorry now you've got to pay for it all anyway. One way or another, we will end up having to raise funds for the portion from the Ducktrap Bridge and the Northport town line and from Viking Lumber down to Shagrock. Mr. Lynch has worked helping to raise these kinds of funds, finding grants and other options, which he did an incredible job for the Town of Rockland. He's semi-retired and if you look through his resume and his memo, he is very reasonable with his rates."

In a memo from Rodney Lynch to Chris Osgood and the Lincolnville Rt. 1 Advisory Committee he stated that the goal of this program is to improve transportation, improve safety and promote economic development. MaineDOT receives about 2.3 million in federal funds annually for this program for the entire state and each project has a 20% local match requirement.

Mr. Osgood stated, "Rodney Lynch is expressing enthusiasm to work on this with us and has watched what we have done over the years and he approached me two years ago at one of the monthly fairs in Rockland, and asked if it was possible to help. What he is offering us for rates, is about as low as anybody's going to offer and for us to have Mr. Lynch with his relationship with the DOT, his skill set and his enthusiasm, it's a really big bonus for us to have and we're hoping that he won't just be working for us."

Cathy Hardy said, "I totally get it, but I think that at the point that we're at right now, obviously the town budget has just been approved for this year and there was nothing in the line for that for this project or any other project that walks through the door. If we could work out a situation with Rodney where he would take it as a contingency, where

he would take a percentage of monies that he was able to procure. If we had \$50,000, and that money had been set aside in this year's budget for grant writers, whether it was for this project or another project, I would be the first person to say let's spend this money on Rodney, because I know he can deliver. That's just not the case, so how do we move forward trying to get Rodney to do something that would benefit the Rt. 1 Committee, that doesn't require us to manufacture money to do it. I think we can be creative and I think there's a way to find that. You can mention my name to Rodney, he knows me well and I'm more than willing to talk to him. I know his track record and I want to do everything we can to make this happen, but we don't have designated money for this right now."

Osgood also gave the Board an update of the Advisory Committee strategies for approaching MDOT:

- Approach MDOT first instead of waiting for them to come back to the Town, as we've done in the past.
- Invite Senators' staff and local Legislators to meet our Committee for discussion
- Have our story told in the press
- Hire Rodney to explore funding options and continue working with Brian Kent
- Seek speed controls through Ducktrap Village re-instated as originally agreed to by MDOT

Mr. Osgood stated that we need to make it clear that we with the DOT, created a model project with the State for how to run a federally funded road through a scenic historic area. This was used in Camden and is being used in Thomaston and has been used in Lincolnville and it's actually the same model that ironically, is the same thing that was brought forward and became the Gateway 1 long-range planning plan. We think we have a lot of horsepower behind all the work we are doing, we just need to get it out in front, with a positive approach. We want to bring our local Legislators and Senators' down here to hear our story and hiring Rodney would be one way because it would help show the DOT that the Town of Lincolnville is planning to take responsibilities for those portions that we agreed to be responsible for.

Mr. Osgood also stated, "When the DOT built the Ducktrap Bridge, they made an agreement with the Town that if we went along with the new bridge, it was higher and the slopes were reduced and even though the road wasn't going to be a whole lot wider, it was very obvious that the traffic would go through there a lot faster. They then agreed with us that we would have 35mph speed limits, through the Ducktrap. When the bridge was done, they posted a sign just east and south of the bridge (35mph) which was useless because that by the time the vehicles reached the sign, they never slowed down. A few years ago, without anybody paying attention, those signs disappeared. It would be helpful for our committee, if we could get the Town's support to approach the DOT and tell them that the time has come to stick to your guns and do what you said you would do. We have an item that needs attention and it will end up opening the door to

reflect back to them that we understand that there have been agreements after agreements that we have made with them, and they have walked away. We don't have anything in writing, because they refuse to give us anything in writing and we have asked them repeatedly. We're hoping to get a plan together and get our team together to see if we can move this along."

**7. Light Pole Replacement at Route 1:**

Ann Mills, resident of 2500 Atlantic Highway, came forward at the May 11<sup>th</sup> Select Board Meeting to explain that she was not in favor of the light pole replacement. She asked if this light is replaced, can the light wattage be reduced and Mr. Kinney stated he was almost positive that the wattage could be reduced.

Ms. Mills stated her recommendation would be to not replace the one in front of her house on the corner because it was originally intended to go within inches of her porch and there are three bedrooms that would be adversely impacted. She explained that they are incredibly invasive and this could also be a savings to the Town of Lincolnville if this light pole was not replaced and she thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

At the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board asked the opinion of the Lincolnville Business Group and the Route 1 Advisory be sought. On May 29<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Kinney received an email from the President of the Lincolnville Business Group, Ginny Ciraldo stating that the Lincolnville Business Group voted unanimously in favor of replacing the light (with appropriate shielding) and explained they remain very sensitive to the concerns expressed by Ann Mills.

Mr. Kinney then contacted Ms. Mills and explained the concerns from the Lincolnville Business Group and the Route 1 Advisory Committee. Ms. Mills later notified Mr. Kinney stating, "I very much appreciate comments from my friends and neighbors and am grateful for their considerations on our behalf. Also, we care about the safety and well being as well as that of the general public and understand it is our highest priority. I had no idea darkness was any kind of problem there, but since obviously it is, I wish to withdraw my request to replace the light, as I now see the necessity for it being there. Please thank the Board for their time and energy in this matter."

Mr. Kinney then suggested that the Board proceed with the re-installment of the light.

**8. Adopt, Renew, Amend or Rescind Board Policies:  
Rules of Procedure – Lincolnville Board of Selectmen:**

**Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the Rules of Procedure – Lincolnville Board of Selectmen. Keryn Laite, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.**

**Policy on Treasurer's Disbursement Warrants for Employee Wages and Benefits:**

Art Durity made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the Policy on Treasurer's Disbursement Warrants for Employee Wage and Benefits date June 22, 2015. Cathy Hardy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

Policy on Treasurer's Disbursement Warrant of State Fees & Revenues:

Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board approve the Policy on Treasurer's Disbursement Warrants for Sending Revenue Collected on Behalf of the State of the Appropriate State Agency dated June 22, 2015. Art Durity seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

9. Appointments of Municipal Official:

Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board appoint the individuals listed to the positions and terms shown on the sheet entitled Town Official Appointment Papers and dated June 22, 2015. Keryn Laite, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

10. EMS Contract:

Art Durity made a motion that the Board approve and sign the three year agreement with Northeast Mobile Health Service to provide Emergency Medical Services. Cathy Hardy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

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

Art Durity made a motion that the Board approve the Treasurer's and Payroll warrants. Keryn Laite, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

12. Adjourn:

Art Durity made a motion to adjourn. Keryn Laite, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Melissa A. Geary  
Administrative Assistant