

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 24, 2020**

Present (remotely): Chair, Ladleah Dunn, Vice-Chair, Keryn Laite, Jr., David Barrows, Mike Ray, and Town Administrator, David Kinney

Excused: Selectman Gerritsen

Chair Dunn read the opening of the agenda regarding the provision for remote meetings during the current state of emergency, including how the public could view and participate in the meeting and that all votes taken during the public proceeding would be taken by roll call.

The quote provided by Selectman Laite.

1. Citizens' Forum:

There were none.

2. Administrator's Report:

- Absentee Ballot applications are available. The ballots will be available 30 days prior to Election Day.
- Kinney stated that there are several communities pursuing regulatory action regarding abandoned utility poles and additional communities are being sought. The Board opted not to pursue at this time.
- Kinney has met with a representative of Lincolnville Telephone Company regarding a fiber internet connection for the pier.
- Property tax bills have been mailed.

3. Meetings & Announcements:

Kinney read the upcoming meetings and announcements from the agenda and added that the Lakes & Ponds Committee would be meeting remotely on Tuesday August 25th at 7PM.

4. Upcoming Community Events

There were none.

5. Meeting Minutes:

Laite made a motion, second by Barrows, that the Board approves the August 10, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Vote: Barrows – Yes, Laite – Yes, Ray – Yes, Dunn – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Laité made a motion, second by Barrows, that the Board approves the August 17, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Vote: Barrows – Yes, Laité – Yes, Ray – Yes, Dunn – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Laité made a motion, second by Barrows, that the Board approves the August 18, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Vote: Barrows – Yes, Laité – Yes, Ray – Yes, Dunn – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

6. EMS Update:

Robert “Butch” Russell from Northeast Mobile Health Services (NEMHS) joined the meeting remotely. Russell reviewed the FY 20 annual performance data with Board. The contractual measure concerning response time was met for Lincolnville and the other three communities in the region. The requirement regarding paramedic coverage was also met.

Russell stated that NEMHS would be prepared to offer a contract extension contingent on the other towns being willing to continue. Due to the limited call volume, NEMHS could not offer the Town of Lincolnville a similar contract at similar terms without other towns participating.

It was noted that the Towns of Camden and Rockport along with the Penobscot Bay Medical Center are pursuing an Informed Community Self Determination evaluation.

The Board thanked Russell for the update and for participating in the meeting

7. Committee Chair and Department Head Update:

David Perkins of the Broadband Committee reviewed the preliminary survey data. He also reported that the lack of a current cable franchise agreement might be advantageous.

The Board requested that the committee charge and the cost of mailing the survey be discussed at the next meeting.

Kinney reminded the Board that the voters in July approved a \$15 million State bond issue for ConnectME and that it would be an upcoming opportunity.

Dunn thanked Perkins for attending.

8. Appointment of Municipal Officials:

Laité moved to table this item until the full Board was present. Second by Ray. Vote: Barrows – Yes, Laité – Yes, Ray – Yes, Dunn – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Board, Committee, and Commission Appointment(s):

Laité moved to appoint Cecil Dennison to the Cemetery Trustees as an Alternate member with a term expiring June 2021. Second by Barrows. Vote: Barrows – Yes, Laité – Yes, Ray – Yes, Dunn – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Laité moved to appoint Scott Harrison to the Planning Board as a Regular member with a term expiring June 2021. Second by Barrows. Vote: Barrows – Yes, Laité – Yes, Ray – Yes, Dunn – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

After a brief discussion regarding reviewing the committee charge and seeking additional information from the applicants the Board took no action on the individuals seeking appointment to the Broadband Committee.

Laité moved to appoint Rosendel Gerry to the Cemetery Trustees as a Regular member with a term expiring June 2023. Second by Barrows. Vote: Barrows – Yes, Laité – Yes, Ray – Yes, Dunn – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

10. As Board of Assessors:

Laité made a motion that we suspend our meeting as the Board of Selectmen and that we convene as the Board of Assessors. Barrows seconded the motion. Vote: Barrows – Yes, Laité – Yes, Ray – Yes, Dunn – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Laité made a motion, seconded by Ray, that the Board approve and sign the 2020 Municipal Valuation Return. Vote: Barrows – Yes, Laité – Yes, Ray – Yes, Dunn – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Laité made a motion, seconded by Barrows, that the Board adjourn our meeting as the Board of Assessors and reconvene as the Board of Selectmen. Vote: Barrows – Yes, Laité – Yes, Ray – Yes, Dunn – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Discussion regarding Phase 2 Reopening Plan:

Dunn stated that with the recent rise in cases in the small meeting room at this time it did not make sense to start holding in person Board meetings in the Town Office.

Laité stated that his preference would be to continue as is right now.

Ray asked if the Town had received any comments from the public. Kinney stated no but that one member of the staff had commented concerning staff being asked to work when the Board wasn't meeting in person.

The Board took no action to alter the current reopening plan.

12. Consideration of Waldo County Budget Committee Ballot:

Laité made a motion, seconded by Barrows, that the Board cast its vote for Gabriel Pendleton of Islesboro to serve on the Waldo County Budget Committee. Vote: Barrows – Yes, Laité – Yes, Ray – Yes, Dunn – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

13. Efficient Service Delivery; Preliminary Employee, Contractor/Vendor List:

Kinney explained the list and suggested that the Board schedule a tour of town facilities to have a better understanding of what is done where and by whom so that everyone knows where we are today before seeking any improvements.

The Board agreed by consensus to conduct a tour as part of the next meeting.

14. Selectmen Update(s):

Barrows stated that representatives of the MCSWC had visited the Crossroads Landfill.

Laité – Nothing

Ray stated that he had attended the Maine Municipal Association training for Municipal Officials and would be requesting for a future agenda that the Board discuss possibly having town email addresses for each member of the Board of Selectmen. He also requested a future discussion concerning the Waldo County Woodshed initiative.

Dunn- Nothing

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

Laité made a motion, approved by Barrows to approve the Treasurer's and Payroll Warrants. Vote: Barrows – Yes, Laité – Yes, Ray – Yes, Dunn – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

16. Adjourn:

Barrows made a motion to adjourn. Laité seconded the motion. Vote: Barrows – Yes, Laité – Yes, Ray – Yes, Dunn – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Kinney
Town Clerk