

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

Present: Vice-Chair, Keryn Laite, Jr., David Barrows, Josh Gerritsen, and Town Administrator, David Kinney

Excused: Chair, Ladleah Dunn & Jon Fishman

The quote was read by Selectman Gerritsen.

1. Citizens' Forum:

Harrison Levitan, Field Organizer for Amy for America, came before the Board on behalf of Senator Amy Klobuchar, to introduce himself and asked that the citizens of Lincolnville consider voting for Klobuchar.

Levitan thanked the Board and citizens of Lincolnville for their time and allowing him to speak at tonight's Select Board meeting.

2. Administrator's Report:

David Kinney, the Town Administrator, reported:

- Elections: Kinney reminded everyone of the upcoming Presidential Primary & State Referendum Election on March 3rd at the Lincolnville Central School Gymnasium from 8 AM to 8 PM.
- Harbor Fees: Kinney also reminded everyone that all 2020 Harbor Applications and Fees are due on or before March 13, 2020.

3. Meetings & Announcements:

Town Administrator, Kinney read the upcoming meetings.

4. Upcoming Community Events:

There were none.

5. Meeting Minutes:

Barrows made a motion that the Board approves the February 10, 2020 meetings as presented. Gerritsen seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

Barrows made a motion that the Board approves the February 11 and 13, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Gerritsen seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 3-0-0.

6. Committee Chair and Department Head Update(s):

- Conservation Commission:

Will Brown, Co-Chair of the Conservation Commission, gave a brief update regarding the recent completion of the Browntail Moth Winter Web Survey, which allowed the team to conduct research on the winter web infestation around town and to see what the future will hold in store.

Brown also reported that the Town of Lincolnville can now submit this survey to the State of Maine, so that if there is any kind of remediation programs in the future, the Town may qualify for some finances.

Brown proposed that the Board grant approval and ask that the Town Administrator submit the report to the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, to get on a list.

Barrows made a motion that the Conservation Commission submit on behalf of the Town of Lincolnville their browntail moth roadside winter web survey results to the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Gerritsen seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

Laite asked Kinney to make a note, to have a future conversation regarding educational information sharing with the Town of Lincolnville.

7. Renewable Energy Generated Electricity for the Lincolnville Central School – Greta Gulezian:

Lincolnville resident, Greta Gulezian came before the Board with a possible request to have an article placed on the June 2020 Town Meeting Warrant which would address renewably generated energy at the Lincolnville Central School.

Gulezian provided the Board with a memo regarding solar energy at the Lincolnville Central School; in that memo, it explained that on February 3, 2020, more than 30 citizens attended the School Committee meeting in support of solar energy. Many spoke of their desire for a transition to renewable, sustainable energy, generated in Maine, which would promote Maine jobs, energy independence, a healthier environment, a lower carbon footprint while saving taxpayer dollars and educate our students.

Gulezian also noted that about a week before the February 3rd meeting, one of the school board members announced that it would be helpful if the school committee were protested with a petition, showing town support for solar at LCS and/or support for a special town meeting for this issue.

Several of the Energy Team members then began circulating a petition, which was directed to the Lincolnville School Committee asking the Select Board to hold a Town Meeting, so that voters could consider and decide whether or not LCS would purchase electricity from the Livermore Falls Solar Farm.

Gulezian added that the Lincolnville School Committee chose not to include the Solar Power Purchase Agreement proposal on their February 3, 2020, agenda. After 10 or so citizens spoke, the Lincolnville School Committee moved by a 3-2 vote to send a letter to Revision Energy stating that the School Committee was not interested in the Solar Power purchase agreement proposal.

Gulezian also noted that on February 9, 2020, approximately 45 citizens attended a Solar Information meeting hosted by the Energy Team at the Lincolnville Central School. During that meeting, many spoke of their desire to transition to renewable, sustainable energy.

Gulezian expressed the high level of interest that some people in town have for getting renewable energy at the Lincolnville Central School.

Gulezian wanted to know if there is a path that Lincolnville citizens can take, that can put some kind of article on the June Town Meeting Warrant, in regards to having renewable, sustainable energy be a goal at the Lincolnville Central School.

Kinney stated, "If a citizen came to the Select Board with a petition for a legally sufficient question and the appropriate number of signatures or more, the Board of Selectmen would do their duty to put that forward to the voters, but the real question is who you are asking to do what, and do they have the authority to do that."

The Board took no action.

Gulezian thanked the Board for their time.

8. **A Request of the Lincolnville Historical Society & Lincolnville Improvement Association regarding the LIA Building – Diane O’Brien, President Lincolnville Historical Society:**

Diane O’Brien, President of the Lincolnville Historical Society, came before the Board asking that the Board hold off on making any decisions regarding the LIA Building for at least one year, to give them more time to come up with a plan on a possible cheaper solution and look at the recommendations.

O’Brien noted that unfortunately the Lincolnville Historical Society has no other place to go and if the Historical Society can’t take care of all the items, they will revert to the Town of Lincolnville.

Bob Plausse, President of the Lincolnville Improvement Association, stated that if there was more time, consultants or contractors could take a look at the building to see what needs to be done to make the building livable.

The Board expressed their concerns with waiting for a year, based on the ailing structure and wanted to know what the liability to the Town of Lincolnville would be if the Board agreed to wait a year.

The Board decided by consensus to table any action until all more Board members are present to hold a discussion.

9. **Selectmen Update(s):**

Lait & Barrows: Nothing to report at this time.

Gerritsen: The first Broadband Committee will be held on February 27, 2020, at 7 PM at the Lincolnville Town Office. He reported this meeting will be live-streamed.

10. **Public Input – Draft FY 21 Municipal Budget:**

There were none.

11. Board Deliberations – Draft FY 21 Municipal Budget:

The Board deliberated on some of the questions which were raised during the budget presentations.

The Board suggested inviting Fire Chief, Don Fullington III, to the next Board meeting so that he can give a financial breakdown of his budget request.

The Board also recommended that Kinney look into what other towns pay their volunteer firefighters and report back at the next meeting.

The Board also recommended having a future discussion on the compensation given to Robert Libby for mowing Breezemere Park. The Board recommended increasing his current pay from \$600 to at least \$750 a year but recommended revisiting this at the next meeting.

The Board will continue their deliberations at the March 9th meeting.

12. Treasurer’s and Payroll Warrant(s) – Approve & Sign:

Barrows made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s and Payroll Warrants. Gerritsen seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

13. Adjourn:

Barrows made a motion to adjourn. Gerritsen seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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