

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
January 13, 2020**

**Present:** Chair, Ladleah Dunn, Vice-Chair, Keryn Laite, Jr., David Barrows, Jon Fishman, Josh Gerritsen, and Town Administrator, David Kinney

The quote was read by Selectman Gerritsen.

**1. Citizens' Forum:**

There were none.

**2. Administrator's Report:**

- **Committee Interest Form:** The Town of Lincolnville is actively seeking volunteers to join a new Broadband Committee. If anyone is interested, please stop by the Town Office and fill out a committee interest form.
- **Winter Road Maintenance:** Kinney and Road Commissioner, Bernard Young, met with Tom Farley and Charles Christie of Farley, Inc and discussed some of the recent concerns regarding winter road maintenance. Kinney reported that it was a successful meeting and the contractor responsive to the issues raised.

Kinney encouraged anyone that has issues, in terms of snow removal, to please call the Town Office.

- **Megunticook Dam Committee Joint Workshop Meeting:** The Camden Select Board recently reached out to the Lincolnville Select Board with the option of meeting on either January 21<sup>st</sup> or February 4<sup>th</sup>.

After a brief discussion regarding the two dates, the Lincolnville Select Board was unable to meet on either January 21<sup>st</sup> or February 4<sup>th</sup> but asked Kinney to reach out to the Camden Select Board again to seek additional available dates.

- **Superintendent of Schools, School Union 69:** Kinney announced that Superintendent, Dianne Helprin will be retiring at the end of this school year.

3. **Meetings & Announcements:**

Town Administrator, Kinney read the upcoming meetings.

4. **Upcoming Community Events:**

There were none.

5. **Meeting Minutes:**

**Laite made a motion that the Board approves the December 23, 2019 meetings as presented. Gerritsen seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-1 vote. (Barrows abstained since he was not in attendance during the December 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.)**

6. **Liquor License Renewal Application – ZR Management (d/b/a: Black Horse Inn):**

**Laite made a motion that the Board approves and sign the liquor license application submitted by The Black Horse Inn. Barrows seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.**

The Board thanked Frances Gangitano, owner of the Black Horse Inn, for attending the meeting.

7. **Committee Chair and Department Head Update(s):**

- **Wage & Personnel Policy Board:** The Select Board decided to table this discussion until the next Board meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> because the Chair of the Wage & Personnel Board was unable to attend tonight's meeting.
- **Veterans Park Committee:** Jay Foster, Chairman of the Veterans Honor Roll Park Committee, explained that the only charge left for the Committee was the process to vet any names that were submitted to the town to be added to the Honor Roll. After the Committee met, they decided to recommend deleting the responsibility from the Veterans Honor Roll Park Committee and ask that the Town of Lincolnville create a Lincolnville Veterans Honor Roll Committee.

Foster told the Board that currently, Adventure Advertising in Camden holds the database of names and the Veterans Honor Roll Park Committee recommends that the database be turned over to the Town of Lincolnville.

Foster also noted that prior to 1950, the DD214 did not exist, and therefore if the Town receives a request from someone asking to be added to the Board from the Civil War, WWI and WWII, the Town would need to see some other means of documentation before a name can be added.

Foster added that the Committee is very thankful for all the community input, especially financial, which allowed this project to happen.

The Board also thanked Foster and the entire Committee for taking this project on and seeing it through.

Dunn recommended that the Board table approving or making any approvals for a policy that does not yet exist. She suggested that the Board add an agenda item to the next Select Board meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> to create a Veterans Honor Roll Committee.

**Laite made a motion that the Town Administrator reaches out to Adventure Advertising with regards to obtain the database for our Veterans Honor Roll. Barrows seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.**

**Dunn made a motion that Board asks the Town Administrator to draft a charge for an Ad Hoc Committee for the Veterans Honor Roll Committee. Laite seconded the motion.**

**Dunn made an amended motion to delete the Ad Hoc and create a standing Committee for a Veterans Honor Roll Committee. Barrows seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.**

Foster suggested that the Veterans Honor Roll Committee consists of at least two members from the Veterans Honor Roll Park Committee.

**8. Selectman Update(s):**

There were none.

9. **Energy Team – Update on Possible Lincolnville Central School Solar Project:**

Gary Gulezian, on behalf of the Energy Team, presented the Select Board with an update regarding the topic of solar power electricity at the Lincolnville Central School. At the last Select Board meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Energy Team discussed the idea of the Lincolnville School Committee approaching the Select Board to request a Special Town Meeting, for the purpose of having the voters decide on whether or not the Town of Lincolnville should enter into a contract.

Gulezian reported that several representatives from the Energy Team attended the last School Board Committee meeting. At that meeting, Gulezian reported that there were only 3 of the 5 School Board Committee members present, in which they did not recommend to move to request that the Select Board move forward with holding a meeting. Therefore, no vote was taken at that meeting, which is why the Energy Team would like to explore other options.

Gulezian noted that some of the concerns raised by the School Board Committee were the issue with having a long-term contract, and the continuing concern regarding the toxins associated with the disposal of solar panels.

Gulezian and the Energy Team still feels that there is still a large opportunity to save money for the Town of Lincolnville, over a 20-year contract, with a total savings estimate of \$150,000 to \$220,000.

Gulezian also noted that there are no up-front costs for the town and there are some significant environmental benefits as well.

Gulezian stated, “Time is of the essence. There are limited subscribers for this particular offer and we think that future offers may not be as good as this one because this one locks in the 2020 Federal Tax Credits, which would result in a lower cost of electricity.”

Fishman noted that unfortunately, the Board is only able to comment on this issue and whether or not the Lincolnville School Board wishes to enter into a contract, is totally up to them.

Kinney explained, “The easiest way to accomplish a goal is to go to the elected body, which has the authority, and convince them it would be the right thing to do. If you can’t accomplish that, you could petition the Select Board to create a special town meeting warrant. However, the challenge is what is being asked.”

Dunn expressed to the Board that she would caution everyone against the perception of telling another elected managing body how to behave.

The Board also thanked the Energy Team for all their interest and enthusiasm with this project and the Board wished them luck going forward.

**10. Harbor Matters:**

- **Selective Pier Deck Replacement – Revised Quote:**

Kinney reported that at the last Select Board meeting, the Board reviewed the received bids for the Selective Pier Deck Replacement, which were favorable, in terms of dollars. The Board looked at expanding the work to provide a smoother work surface.

Kinney met with Dan Ford, from Ford Enterprises, along with Harbormaster, Mike Hutchings, to review the decking and the possibility of expanding the project.

Ford then calculated a revised quote for the Board to review.

The Board spoke in favor of the revised proposal and suggested a go ahead with the project.

**Gerritsen made a motion that the Board award the pier deck project to Ford Enterprises for the unit price of \$14.35 per linear foot of deck plank and \$3,100 for the curb work and that the Town Administrator is authorized to sign an agreement to that effect. Barrows seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.**

- **Preliminary Launching Ramp Estimate:**

Dunn recommended a motion be made to move this forward, in order to have the engineering permitting cost addressed, get the ball rolling and start the process of applying for grants.

**Laite made a motion that the Town Administrator include the engineering and permitting cost for the conceptual launching ramp enhancement project to be included in the initial FY 21 budget request and that the Harbor Committee be tasked with seeking grant funds for this project pursuant to Article II, Section 1.B of the Harbor Ordinance. Barrows seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.**

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

Laité made a motion that the Board approves the Treasurer's, Payroll Warrants and the Special Warrant. Fishman seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

12. Executive Session – Property Tax Abatement Due to Poverty and/or Disability pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405 (6)(F) & Title 36 MRSA Section 841(2)(E):

Laité made a motion that the Board of Selectmen enter into executive session for purpose of discussing possible property tax abatements due to poverty and/or disability pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405 (6)(F) and Title 36 Section 841 (2)(E). Barrows seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

13. Adjourn:

Gerritsen made a motion to adjourn. Fishman seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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