

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

Present: Chair, Ladleah Dunn, Arthur Durity, Rosendel Gerry, Cathy Hardy, Arthur Durity, Keryn Laite, Jr & Town Administrator, David Kinney

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dunn at 6pm at the Lincolnville Town Office.

The quote was given by Selectman Laite.

1. Legislative Sentiment:

Lincolnville resident and Vice Chair of the Lincolnville Planning Board, Dorothy Havey came forward to thank previous Planning Board Chair, Lois Lyman for her many years of dedicated commitment to the Town of Lincolnville.

Havey read the following letter: "Be it known to all that we, the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives, join in recognizing Lois Lyman of Lincolnville, for her many years of dedicated commitment to the Town of Lincolnville. Ms. Lyman has been involved with the creation, development, drafting and producing of land development and land management ordinances for the Town of Lincolnville for over 15 years. As a member of the Land Use Committee, and for many years its chairperson, she has been involved with the drafting of the Lincolnville Land Use Ordinance, Commercial Site Plan Ordinance, Home Occupation Ordinance, Telecommunications Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance. Her work to update and correct deficiencies in these ordinances was recently accepted at the recent Lincolnville Town Meeting. Ms. Lyman served as chairperson of the Lincolnville Comprehensive Plan Committee for over five years. She spent many personal and professional hours volunteering as a professional editor, writer and indexer for the town; as a result of her work, the Lincolnville Comprehensive Plan has been held up as a model by the State for small towns to follow in developing their plans. Ms. Lyman served on the Lincolnville Planning Board for over 14 years and served as its chairperson for the last six years. She is well respected for her knowledge in the area of land development regulation and her ability to navigate the difficult process of ordinance development for land use regulation purposes. We send our appreciation for her commitment to her community and to the State and we send her our best wishes. Let it be hereby ordered that this official expression of sentiment be sent forthwith on behalf of the 127th Legislature and the people of the State of Maine."

Ms. Lyman said thank you and explained this is what you should do if you live in a town and you care about it and she urged others to join various boards and committees.

2. **Citizens' Forum:** There were none.

3. **Administrator's Report:**

David Kinney, Town Administrator, reported:

- **LIA Building:** The building inspection has been completed and the Board will be receiving the condition report when completed.
- **Election Training:** Dave Kinney & Karen Secotte attended a mandatory Elections Training, put on by the Secretary of State.
- **Audit:** The audit team has been in the office this week and will return to finish up next week. The audit report should be finalized towards the end of the year.
- **Paving:** The paving work is done, except for some handwork that still needs to be done on some of the culvert issues.
- **Tanglewood Road:** The ditching project has been completed.
- **Parking at the Beach:** A discussion of the Parking Ordinance will be on the next Board meeting and a notice will go out inviting the beach business owners to attend.

4. **Meetings & Announcements:**

David Kinney, Town Administrator read the upcoming meetings.

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

6. **Meeting Minutes:**

Hardy made a motion that the Board approve the September 14, 2015 meeting minutes with minor corrections. Gerry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-1 vote. (Durity abstained.)

Mr. Kinney announced the following committee vacancies and explained applications are available online and at the Town Office.

Board of Appeals
Budget Committee
Comprehensive Plan Review Committee
EMS Review Committee
Planning Board
Five Town CSD Board

Board of Assessment Review
Cemetery Trustees
Conservation Commission
Land Use Committee
Recreation Commission

7. **Lakes & Ponds Committee Update:**

Kinney gave an overview and explained that back in July the Lakes & Ponds Committee presented their report concerning public access. The Board asked that the Committee expand upon their findings and since then the Committee has come up with addendum to the report, which was enclosed in the Boards packet.

Lakes & Ponds Committee member, Josh Gerritsen presented his video of Coleman Pond to help show where there could potentially be future public access.

The Pitcher Pond Improvement Association has revised the signage at the pond entrance. The 800 number, which is listed on the sign at the gate, has been updated to include the combination to the gate, along with important information on how to properly clean the boats.

Hardy recommended that the signage at the gate be updated to reflect the changes on the phone message. Mr. Sanderson agreed to discuss Ms. Hardy's recommendation with the Pitcher Pond Improvement Association.

Hardy reported she was very pleased that the Pitcher Pond Improvement Association has taken the appropriate steps to update the phone message making it user friendly.

Gerry recommended that Kinney put a statement in the newspaper or on the town website, updating the public of these changes.

Alexander Lyle discussed the fact that access to a public owned body of water, such as any great pond, is a right under law. This allows every citizen of Maine to enjoy access to Coleman Pond. He encouraged the Lakes & Ponds Committee and the Board of Selectmen to work together to come up with a solution that is befitting of all of the citizens of the Town of Lincolnville , which could be a model for the rest of the State of Maine.

Lyle reported that the Lakes & Ponds Committee took a look at the pond from several aspects, such as where there are private roads and where the shortest access to the pond would be and they determined there are two areas of primary activity. Those two areas are in the Northwest corner, off the Sand Hill Road area, and the Southeastern corner, off Slab City Road, which may potentially be the best future public access location.

The Board thanked the Lakes & Ponds Committee for putting the time into updating their thorough report of Coleman Pond.

Lyle ending by stating, "We should embrace the concept that access to a publically owned body of water is a right and should be able to be enjoyed by all Lincolnville residents, as well as citizens of Maine. We recognize the idea that our Comprehensive Plan allows for thoughtful latitude in the pursuit of this right. The Lakes & Ponds Committee suggests a careful approach and further study that involves further discussion

with the Select Board and that this discussion may include other experts, should we get to that point.”

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

Hardy made a motion to appoint Alexander Lyle, Whitney Oppersdorff, Tony Oppersdorff, Richard Sanderson, Gary Gulezian, Josh Gerritsen and Dorothy Havey to the Lakes & Ponds Committee with a term expiring June 2016. Durity seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Hardy suggested tabling the appointments of Richard Lenfest, Stephen Thomas, Patricia Shannon and Lys McLaughlin-Pike until they are able to attend a future meeting.

Gerry made a motion to appoint John Ianelli as a regular member to the Planning Board with a term expiring in June 2018. Hardy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

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

Hardy made a motion that the Board approve the Treasurer’s and Payroll warrants & Coombs-Griffin Education Warrants. Durity seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Gerry made a motion that at the next Select Board meeting the Board hold an executive session with the Town Attorney to discuss the possible acquisition of real property. Durity seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

10. Adjourn:

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

Respectfully submitted,

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