

**TOWN OF LINCOLNVILLE  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
February 13, 2023**

**Present:** Chair, Ladleah Dunn, Vice-Chair, Keryn Laite, Jr., Mike Ray, Josh Gerritsen, Steve Hand and Town Administrator, David Kinney

The quote was read by Keryn Laite, Jr.

1. **Citizens' Forum:**

Susan Silverio, a Lincolnville resident, and member of the Comp Plan Review Committee started by thanking the Select Board for making the launch possible on the introduction of the Heart and Soul process for the Town of Lincolnville.

Silverio also thanked Town Administrator, David Kinney for securing a space at the Lincolnville Central School, Steve Hand for giving a great kick-off, Mike Ray for showing up to all the planning meetings, and Cindy Dunham, Chair of the Heart and Soul Committee.

Silverio reported this was a great event and turn-out, but the group's next goal is trying to figure out how to reach everyone in phase II and she welcomed advice or suggestions.

2. **Administrator's Report:**

David Kinney, the Town Administrator, noted:

- **Posted Roads:** The town will be posting roads during mud season.

3. **Meetings & Announcements:**

Administrator Kinney read the meetings and announcements.

4. **Upcoming Community Events:**

There were none.

5. **Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2023:**

Laite made a motion, seconded by Hand that the Board approves the January 24, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

6. **Liquor License Renewal Application – McLaughlin's Lobster Shack:**

**Hand made a motion, seconded by Laite, that the Board approves and sign the liquor license application submitted by Beachfront, Inc. doing business as McLaughlin's Lobster Shack. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.**

7. **Center Sidewalks – Rory Seliger:**

The Board recommended tabling this agenda item until the next Select Board meeting on February 27, 2023, since Rory Seliger was not able to attend.

8. **Lakes & Ponds Committee – Unencapsulated Flotation:**

Gary Gulezian reported at the last meeting the Select Board suggested that the Lakes & Ponds Committee strengthen the letter to the lakes & ponds shoreline property owners regarding unencapsulated floats and docks.

Gulezian proposed that the Select Board go with option A, which is shorter and more direct letter but decided to give the Board both options.

Gerritsen suggested the Board chose option B, which has more context.

**Laite made a motion, seconded by Ray, that the Board move to have the Option A letter as prepared by the Lakes & Ponds Committee regarding unencapsulated polystyrene flotation be placed on Town letterhead for our signatures and then mailed to freshwater shorefront property owners. The motion passed on a 4-1 vote. (Hand opposed)**

9. **Proposed Heart and Soul Coach Contract Amendment:**

Kinney explained that back in December the Select Board approved an agreement with CEI Consultants, LLC which had an original approval contract fee of up to \$16,000, which now has an amended cost of now up to \$10,000.

This agreement would engage Catherine Ingraham, with CEI Consultants, LLC to provide Community Heart & Soul Coaching.

**Laite made a motion, seconded by Gerritsen, that the Select Board accept with gratitude the offer of Catherine Ingraham and CEI Consultants to lower the fee amount from \$16,000 to \$10,000. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.**

10. **Participatory Budget Proposal:**

Select Board members, Ray & Gerritsen requested that the Board discuss requesting funds to be added to the budget for consideration.

Gerritsen explained that the City of Rockland did this same concept and awarded \$30,000 to organizations that had projects that would benefit the town from ARPA funds, which consisted

of four grants for \$5,000 and one for \$10,000, and residents of Rockland voted on which organization they would like to see benefit from these funds.

The following organizations were awarded \$5000 grants:

1. Rockland Community Fruit and Nut Trees
2. Trekkers
3. The Mid-Coast Restorative Justice Project
4. Out Maine

The following organization was awarded \$10,000:

1. Rockland Rotary Clubs' Universally Inclusive "All Aboard Playground"

Gerritsen stated, "This would be a great opportunity for the Town of Lincolnville to use a small amount of ARPA funds to fund projects that the community finds important and a great way to bring in more people into our process and become more engaged with their town government."

Laite was not in favor of this recommendation, even though he felt this was a great idea, but at this time there are too many other current projects that have been placed on hold that need to be addressed before being able to get on board with this recommendation.

Chair Dunn reminded the Board of their last workshop regarding the "priorities" and she wanted to know how this request would take priority over all the other items that are in the queue and were approved by the voters.

Chair Dunn explained that at every step of the budget process, the Board allows the public to participate and allows the public the opportunity to weigh in and she was not in favor of this request jumping to the head of the line of the Board's priority list.

Hand agreed this was a great idea, but expressed the urgency of working on the already long list of items that need to be addressed, before adding more requests.

Ray suggested this request be added to the February 27, 2023 agenda to be discussed during the proposed FY 24 Municipal Budget discussion.

**Ray made a motion, seconded by Gerritsen, that the Board moves to have the request for funding of a Participatory Budget Proposal added to this week's budget presentation schedule. The motion failed on a 2-3 vote. (Dunn, Laite, and Hand Opposed.)**

11. Waldo County Woodshed – Lincolnville Depot:

Ray reported that there has been another unfortunate theft at the Lincolnville Depot of the Waldo County Woodshed where approximately ½ a cord of wood was stolen.

Ray suggested that the Select Board update its agreement with the Waldo County Woodshed, and that the Board requires the Woodshed to provide security by installing a chain-link fence or a way to lock and secure the wood on town property.

**Hand made a motion, seconded by Ray, that the Select Board have the Town Administrator update the agreement with the Waldo County Woodshed to secure the wood and seek to have the appropriate representative of the Woodshed sign the new agreement and then return a signed copy to the Board for consideration. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.**

12. **Pier Hoist Repairs:**

**Gerritsen made a motion, seconded by Hand, that the Board moves to replace the secondary hoist at the pier with the funds for the project to come from the harbor savings account. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.**

13. **Selectperson Update(s):**

Laité: There was a recent Mid-Coast Solid Waste meeting and the budget was approved.

Gerritsen: The assessment for the Town of Lincolnville for Mid-Coast Solid Waste has stayed the same at \$91,852, costs have increased substantially for labor and materials and the way to cover this cost will be with an increase in the yellow trash bag fees. The small bags will go from \$1.50 to \$2.00 and the large bags will go from \$2.50 a bag to \$3.00 a bag.

Gerritsen also reported that Mid-Coast Solid Waste has to pump or treat leachate from the south quarry in perpetuity and currently it is being pumped to the Camden Wastewater Treatment plant and the price has increased from \$130,000 to \$188,500 for this year, which is the biggest expense.

Gerritsen reported that someone has suggested it may be time to build a mini-treatment plant and treat this leachate in-house which may be cheaper in the long run.

Ray: No updates at this time.

Hand: Hand and Dunn attended the EMS Performance Review Committee meeting back on January 26, 2023, which was well attended. The Town of Rockport and the Town of Camden has been doing some training and adding some EMTs to their staff. The folks from Northeast Mobile Health discussed the need for training and need for legislative efforts to improve the state of EMS in Maine and Hand agreed to be a delegate to testify in Augusta, if this becomes before the legislature.

Dunn: No updates at this time.

14. **Treasurer's and Payroll Warrant(s)-Approve & Sign:**

Ray made a motion, seconded by Laite, that the Board approves and signs the Treasurers and Payroll warrants. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

15. **Adjourn:**

Gerritsen made a motion, seconded by Laite, to adjourn. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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