

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 17, 2017**

Present: Chair, Ladleah Dunn, Arthur Durity, Keryn Laite, Jr., Rosey Gerry, David Barrows, and Temporary Town Administrator, Jodi Hanson

The quote was read by Selectman Laite.

1. Citizens' Forum:

There were none.

2. Administrator's Report:

Jodi Hanson, Temporary Town Administrator, reported:

- Dog Licenses: There are still 60 unlicensed dogs in Lincolnville, please license your dog.
- Property taxes: Postcards were mailed out this week to remind those taxpayers that the second half of their taxes will be due on April 5, 2017.

3. Meetings & Announcements:

Chair, Dunn read the upcoming meetings.

4. Upcoming Community Events:

There were none.

5. Meeting Minutes:

Durity made a motion to approve the the January 16, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Barrows seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Barrows made a motion to approve the January 23, 2017 meeting minutes with minor corrections. Durity seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

6. Appointments:

Gerry made a motion that the Board appoint Steven Gibbons as EMA Director with a term expiring June 30, 2017. Laite seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

7. Committee Chair and Department Head Updates(s):

Chris Osgood, Chair of the Route 1 Advisory Committee, stated the Route 1 Advisory Committee would like the Board of Selectmen to support them in their request to join Camden to initiate having US Route 1 designated as a Scenic Highway by the Maine Legislature.

The Town of Camden is also seeking that US Route 1 be designated as a Scenic Highway and they would like to move ahead on this project.

Dunn asked who manages the Scenic designation.

Osgood explained that Fred Michaud is the coordinator who works for MDOT and is in charge of Maine's Scenic Byways program. The Scenic Byway program is sort of fading out because it is very expensive. MDOT is finding that the Scenic Highway is the better way to go, at this point.

Dunn stated, "I noticed that in your history, the Scenic Byways Designation process had been tabled because of those restrictions, the new Scenic Highway doesn't. Do you have any documentation that the Board could look at?"

Osgood replied, "I called Fred Michaud and he explained there isn't anything to show you. We have to request that our senators submit a bill and whatever that bills says, is what it is and what is written down, is the extent of it. Whereas the Scenic Byway, would cost the towns some funds and the Scenic Highway would not."

Durity asked Lincolnville resident and Special Assistant for Senator Michael Thibodeau, Dorothy Havey, "Is it your understanding, that there are no criteria or responsibility attached to it?"

Havey replied, "We would certainly take a look at that. When drafting a language, because this Scenic Highway stretches through two counties (Knox & Waldo County) we work closely with Senator Maramont of Knox County to draft whatever language is appropriate. If there were anything in there that bore responsibility to the town, the town would be made aware of it, well in advance."

Osgood noted that Camden is currently trying to line up a session with Fred Michaud and anyone who would like to attend to ask questions.

Gerry asked Osgood what the most important thing is that is needed from the Board of Selectmen.

Osgood stated, "We would like you to approve a letter, with the background history to go along with it and enclose a copy of the booklet by Brian Kent. We are up for your feedback on who you would like to send it to, starting with Thibodeau's office and those who are mentioned in the background history in the booklet."

Durity stated, "I am uncomfortable sending a letter unless I have some documentation from the State that says what this is. There is nothing on paper and I'm reluctant to start the ball rolling, without knowing what we're getting into."

Havey asked the Board, "Would it give the Board some comfort if you expressed support for the project in moving forward and the next step would be a meeting with Fred Michaud?"

Durity responded by saying that would be great.

Dunn suggested taking a step back and introduce the preliminary language, saying if there is interest, we would like to pursue it and could we explore this further, rather than an all in letter.

Havey told the Board that she would contact Fred Michaud next Tuesday and ask that he attend the next Select Board meeting on February 27, 2017.

8. As Board of Assessors:

Durity 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. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Durity made a motion that the Board grant Real Estate Property Tax Abatement #2016-4 as recommended by the Assessors' Agent for Kent & Susan Parker in the amount of \$639.60. Barrows seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Barrows made a motion that we adjourn our meeting as the Board of Assessors and reconvene as the Board of Selectmen. Durity seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

9. To Consider Issuing an RFP for a Maintenance Contract Covering the Pier, Ramps, Floats and Boat Launch for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year:

Durity asked that the Board direct the Town Administrator to issue an RFP to any parties interested in having a contract to provide maintenance.

Durity stated, “The reasoning behind this is to get this rolling as soon as possible, so that it might be considered and have an impact on this budget season. The Board expressed frustrations with delays in maintenance with some statements that came out during the Harbor Study. The other frustrating part was our own Harbormaster telling the Board that he was unable to make time to deal with some maintenance issues because he was on the water, so it seems that there is a need. This might be a way to consolidate it and make sure that somebody is insured at an appropriate level.”

Durity wanted Temporary Town Administrator, Jodi Hanson to confirm if the Charter Language allows the Board to solicit a Maintenance Contract.

Hanson told the Board that she will work diligently to have the request for proposal for Harbor Maintenance Services on the February 27, 2017 Board meeting.

10. Adoption of the 2017 Waldo County Hasard Mitigation Plan:

Laité made a motion that the Board adopt the 2017 Waldo County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Barrows seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

11. Treasurer’s and Payroll Warrant(s) & Coombs/Griffin Trust– Approve and Sign:

Laité made a motion that the Board approve and sign the Treasurer’s and Payroll warrants. Durity seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Durity made a motion that the Board approve and sign the Coombs/Griffin Trust Warrant. Laité seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

12. Adjourn:

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

Respectfully submitted,

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