

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
February 27, 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 Dunn.

1. **Executive Session with the Town Attorney Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Section 405(6)(A) and (E) to Discuss the Legal Rights and Duties of the Board of Selectmen Relating to Harbor Management and Personnel Matters and to Conduct a Performance Evaluation of the Town Attorney:**

Gerry made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Section 405(6)(A) and (E). Laite seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

2. **Citizens' Forum:**

There were none.

3. **Administrator's Report:**

Jodi Hanson, Temporary Town Administrator, reported:

- Harbor Fees: Reminder that the Harbor Fees are due by March 10, 2017.

4. **Meetings & Announcements:**

Chair, Dunn read the upcoming meetings.

5. **Upcoming Community Events:**

There were none.

6. **Meeting Minutes:**

Laite made a motion to approve the February 17, 2017 meeting minutes with minor corrections. Barrows seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

7. **Committee Chair & Department Head Updates(s):**

Cindy Dunham, Chair of the Energy team, thanked the Board and Temporary Town Administrator, Jodi Hanson, for all their leadership and support during this challenging time, and Town Administrator David Kinney for his support in the beginning to get the project launched.

The solar panels have been installed and the municipal electricity is being generated right there by the fire station.

Dunham said that Revision Energy was able to meet the contract deadline, which should qualify the town for net billing savings in the future. No maintenance was needed this winter; however there is still some site work needed to finish the project, which is included in the contract. Revision is working with Todd Young to determine the best possible time to start the work.

Dunham explained that anyone with internet access, could view the website provided by Revision Energy at [www.revisionenergy.solarlog-web.net/lincolnvillfd/.com](http://www.revisionenergy.solarlog-web.net/lincolnvillfd/.com), which shows detailed tracking minute by minute.

Dunham also reported that the town has seven Central Maine Power electricity meters that are being offset by the solar panels. CMP requires the town to allocate a percentage of use to each meter. On behalf of both the Budget Committee and the Energy Team, John Williams has worked carefully to make these allocations and he continues to track the electricity use and production to make sure it aligns.

Dunham also noted that both Camden and Rockport are continuing to move forward with their solar projects.

Dunham stated, “We have come back to you to ask for your guidance and support. We think it would be great to share the success with the town, and provide an opportunity for education and celebration. We have met with David Kinney to discuss the concept of hosting an open house at the fire station. The type of open house would have educational displays, tours of the project, the panels, tables for solar companies to share their expertise, wire splicing instead of the traditional ribbon cutting, and refreshments.”

Dunham told the Board that the Committee wanted to propose holding the event around the summer solstice on June 21<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm.

Dunham stated, “This would also be a great opportunity for the community to meet the new fire chief and the firefighters and since you were instrumental in making this project possible, we want to partner with you in planning for this event, so we’re prepared to work together with your approval of the concept.”

The Board was in agreement that this Open House would be a great idea and they liked the idea of having the event around the summer solstice.

Gerry noted it would be a good opportunity to invite North East Mobile Health Services to attend along with LifeFlight of Maine.

**8. (6:30PM) Public Hearing: Special Amusement Permit Application – Cellardoor Winery:**

Laité made a motion that the Board open the public hearing concerning the Special Amusement Permit Application filed by Cellardoor Winery. Barrows seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Barrows made a motion that the Board close the public hearing. Laité seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Laité made a motion that after having held a public hearing, that the Board finds that the application submitted by Cellardoor Winery complies with the standards set forth in the Ordinance Governing the Issuance, Suspension and Revocation of Special Amusement Permits for the Town of Lincolnville and the permit be granted. Barrows seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

The Board thanked Bettina Doulton for attending the meeting.

**9. Route 1 Advisory Committee – Scenic Highway Designation Continued – Discussion/Possible Board Letter of Support:**

Chris Osgood, Chair of the Lincolnville Route 1 Advisory Committee, along with Fred Michaud from Maine Department of Transportation, Richard Bernhard from the Camden Route 1 Advisory Committee and Dorothy Havey from Senator President Michael Thibodeau's office, began with a follow up from a previous meeting, to continue working on the Scenic Highway designation.

Michaud started by explaining the Commissioner was given authority to create Scenic Highways and the Federal Government decided to take Scenic Byways and provide a pot of money to try to create a series of Scenic Highways.

In 2012, the Federal Highways/Congress cut off the funds to the Scenic Byways program. To become a Scenic Byway, it's a very complex and expensive process.

Michaud also explained, "The Scenic Highway can get a designation, which creates a name for this place. It does not provide any assistance from the DOT, in terms of planning, it's a name, if there is a website or Facebook page, it is up to the town and or the Chamber of Commerce."

Michaud noted that the legislature is interested in pursuing this, which is why he has been in touch with Senator, Michael Thibodeau's office.

Durity asked if there has ever been a before and after economic study of the Scenic Highway designations.

Michaud said, "Yes, there is anecdotal evidence and we're really seeing a difference, such as Bold Coast. We were able to bring Bike Maine 2016, were 400 bicyclist paying \$1,000 a piece, which dropped \$650,000 into the economy, in one week."

Dorothy Havey asked the office of the Revisor of Statutes, which controls all the legislative documents, produced in the State of Maine, for the historic look back on what has been done for Scenic Highways.

Havey read the one that was written in 1947:

An ACT to Designate Route 11 in Aroostook County as the Aroostook Scenic Highway.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

*The "Aroostook Scenic Highway", designated. The highway known as Route 11, in Aroostook County, commencing at the south line of the town of Hersey and extending northerly to the Canadian boundary, is hereby designated as the "Aroostook Scenic Highway".*

In 1990 a second one was written for the Designation of the Quoddy Loop as a Scenic Way:

*That the area located in northeastern Washington County and described as follows: Route 1 from Princeton to Machias; Route 191 from East Machias to Cutler and Lubec; and Route 190 from Perry to Eastport, commonly known as the Maine side of the Quoddy Loop, which is a portion of the shared route comprised of roads, trails and ferry travel connecting coastal communities in the State and Province of New Brunswick, Canada, is designated as Quoddy Loop Scenic Way and that the same designation be established on the New Brunswick side, by the Province of New Brunswick by its own action; and be it further resolved that this takes effect when similar legislation is enacted in the Province of New Brunswick.*

Havey stated, "By reading this, you can see there is nothing in the designation that binds you to any restrictions."

Dunn asked if it was the Board's desire to draft a similar piece of legislation of the Quoddy Loop, and to include Camden.

Osgood replied, “The idea is to have them contiguous and with the Senators willing to work together, it should be easy.”

Dunn wanted to know what Osgood needed from the Board to move forward.

Osgood noted that he needed a vote from the Board to move forward and join Camden.

**Gerry made a motion to support Lincolnville’s involvement in the Scenic Highway Designation. Barrows seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.**

Dunn asked that Osgood write a letter or letters with the intention, direction, purpose and tone for the parties receiving the letter.

Durity asked Havey if such a letter is necessary to get this legislation passed.

Havey told the Board that Senator Thibodeau would not want to submit any legislation without drafting a letter with the Town of Camden to Senator Miramant and Senator Thibodeau requesting to move forward with this designation and submit legislation on their behalf.

Dunn finished by saying that the first step would be to draft the letter and get the ball rolling to partner with the neighboring towns to establish a Scenic Highway.

**10. Consideration of Issuing a Request for Proposal – Harbor Maintenance Services:**

Dunn started by explaining that the first draft review needs some work and she suggested that the Board highlight the areas of concern with the Request For Proposal (RFP) for the Town of Lincolnville – Harbor Maintenance Services.

The Board suggested the following items be updated or reviewed:

- Include the launching ramp
- Section 2 to include Opening/Closing for the season
- Concerns with trash pick-up
- Define the area ahead of the launching ramp
- Insurance level of coverage
- Annual inspection of the electrical system
- Biannual inspection for satisfactory services rendered

Laité noted it would be helpful to have someone, with experience, present at the meeting to ask questions.

Durity suggested the Board ask if Gary Neville would be willing to talk to the Board at a future Select Board meeting.

Dunn told the Board that there will be another chance to review this at the next Select Board meeting.

**11. Discussion of Possible Harbor Survey:**

Durity made a motion to engage Gartley & Dorsky at a fee not to exceed \$1,000 to conduct a 2D survey of the harbor. Barrows seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

**12. Consideration of Issuing a Request for Proposal – Legal Services:**

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

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

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

**14. Adjourn:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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