

**TOWN OF LINCOLNVILLE
SELECT BOARD MEETING
January 22, 2024**

Present: Chair Ladleah Dunn, Vice-Chair, Keryn Laite, Jr., Mike Ray, Stephen Hand, Robyn Tarantino and Town Administrator, David Kinney

The quote was read by Hand.

1. **Citizens' Forum:**

There were none.

2. **Administrator's Report:**

David Kinney, the Town Administrator, noted:

- **Property Tax Stabilization:** The State's Property Tax Stabilization Program for Senior Citizens was inadequately funded and therefore a shortfall exists. The Town will be receiving approximately 56% of the amount owed. If additional funding is approved by the Legislature the Town should receive the balance of its reimbursement later this spring.
- **Storm Events:** The storm events of January 10th and 13th caused major damage, particularly at the beach. The Town has submitted its preliminary damage assessment through the Waldo County EMA. Damages will likely exceed \$200,000. Kinney to meet with FEMA on Wednesday.
- **Town Attorney:** As she is moving out of state, Town Attorney Daggett has tendered her resignation at Jensen Baird with an effective date at the end of March. Mark Bower, who has assisted the Town previously, is available to continue in the role.
- **Elections:** There will be a Presidential Primary on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. Voting will be conducted at the Lincolnville Central School from 8 AM to 8 PM.
- **Dog Licenses:** Please register your dog by the end of January to avoid the state-mandated late fee of \$25.00 per dog. Renewals can be done online through the Town's website, until January 31, 2024, or at the Town Office during regular business hours.
- **Grant:** Kinney has submitted a grant application for the replacement of the drainage structure that carries Hardy Brook under Youngtown Road. The structure would be similar to what was recently completed on Townhouse Road.

3. **Meetings & Announcements:**

Administrator Kinney read the meetings and announcements.

4. **Upcoming Community Events:**

There were none.

5. **Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2024:**

Hand made a motion, seconded by Laite that the Board approve the January 8, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

6. **LD 2003 Housing Mandate:**

Select Board member Tarantino requested that the Board have a discussion regarding the LD 2003 Housing Mandate and she suggested that the Select Board, Planning Board, and the Land Use Committee hold a workshop, to better understand the ramifications of these mandates and how they relate to the current Town ordinances to also help educate the general public.

After a brief discussion, the Board felt since the Town of Lincolnville already complies with the language of the LD 2003 Housing Mandate is not up to the Select Board to micro-manage the Planning Board or the Land Use Committee.

Chair Dunn encouraged Tarantino to attend a couple of Planning Board meetings or have a discussion with the Planning Board Chair.

7. **Supplemental Charge to Wage & Personnel Policy Board – FD Compensation Study:**

Chair Dunn discussed how much the Lincolnville firefighters have been going above and beyond and feels it time to request a supplemental charge to the Wage & Personnel Policy Board and ask that they conduct a Fire Department Personnel Compensation Study and examine the compensation and compare them to similar positions with similar duties and responsibilities elsewhere.

Laite stated, “Let’s face it, things are changing rapidly and the firefighters are not compensated enough for their time, and we recognize this.”

Hand made a motion, seconded by Laite, that the Board approve and sign the Supplemental Charge to the Wage and Personnel Policy board regarding the Fire Department Personnel Compensation Study. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

8. **Board of Assessors – Tree Growth Penalty Commitment:**

Ray made a motion, seconded by Laite that we suspend our meeting as the Select Board and that we convene as the Board of Assessors. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Ray made a motion, seconded by Hand, that the Board approve and sign the Tree Growth Withdrawal Penalty Commitment for Paul and Agnes Joy, Account #1862, in the amount of \$3,240.00. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Ray made a motion, seconded by Hand, that we adjourn our meeting as the Board of Assessors and reconvene as the Select Board. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

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

Hand: No updates at this time.

Laite: He reported that there will be a Mid-Coast Solid Waste Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, to review the budget.

Ray: There will be a free Zoom meeting on January 23, 2024 at 3 PM with the Maine Municipal Association website on Internships that are available for towns in Maine.

Tarantino: No updates at this time.

Dunn: No updates at this time.

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

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

11. **Executive Session – Title 1 MRSA § 405(6)(C) regarding possible acquisition or disposition of real property:**

Hand made a motion, seconded by Ray, that the Select Board enter executive session for the 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). The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

12. **Executive Session – Annual Performance Evaluation of Town Administrator -Title 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A):**

Hand made a motion, seconded by Ray, that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of conducting the annual performance evaluation of the Town Administrator pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405(6)(A). The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

13. **Adjourn:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Geary
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