

**TOWN OF LINCOLNVILLE
SELECT BOARD MEETING
January 8, 2024**

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

Excused: Chair Ladleah Dunn & Robyn Tarantino

1. **Citizens' Forum:**

There were none.

2. **Administrator's Report:**

David Kinney, the Town Administrator, noted:

- **FEMA:** Kinney reported he was in touch with FEMA regarding the December 18th wind and rain storm and will report back when he has more details.
- **Elections:** There will be a Presidential Primary on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at the Lincolnville Central School from 8 AM to 8 PM.
- **Snow Removal:** Susan Silverio reported that Farley's did an excellent job with snow removal during the last snowstorm.

3. **Meetings & Announcements:**

Administrator Kinney read the meetings and announcements.

4. **Upcoming Community Events:**

There were none.

5. **Meeting Minutes – December 26, 2023:**

Hand made a motion, seconded by Ray that the Board approve the December 26, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

6. **Heart & Soul Team Update:**

Susan Silverio, Chair of the Heart and Soul Team, came before the Board to give an update on the following:

- The team held a workshop every Thursday in December.

- The next step is to review all the transcripts and pick out all the items that indicate, “what matters most, their hopes, their concerns, and ideas for action.
- All the data needs to be entered regarding all of the 96 interviews and 182 online surveys and then they plan to tag all the items with a theme.
- The team is entering phase 2.2 to draft Heart & Soul statements regarding “what matters most to people” and a training session will be on Saturday, January 27th from 1-3 PM. The goal is to have 12 people trained to facilitate this drafting process on February 11, 2024, at the Lincolnville Central School. This will be to craft statements that will express what will become the vision for the Town of Lincolnville to form the Comprehensive Plan.

The Select Board thanked Silverio for her comprehensive review.

7. **EMS Update – North East Mobile Health Services:**

Jonathan Powers, North East Mobile Health Services Rockport Division Chief, came before the Select Board and gave a thorough update on changes, increased staffing, and shifting coverage focusing on 9-1-1 responses.

Powers presented the Board with a new modified proposal for the 2024/2025 contract which requests an increase in fees to all four towns (Camden, Rockport, Hope, and Lincolnville) of \$491,821.63 starting on July 1, 2024. This would be an increase of \$88,242.40 for the Town of Lincolnville.

The Select Board thanked Powers for attending the meeting and providing them with an excellent update.

8. **Land Use Committee Matters:**

Kinney reported that back on December 11, 2023, the voters of Lincolnville adopted the Moratorium Ordinance and the Select Board has appointed a Land Use Committee, which is scheduled to meet later this month.

Kinney also explained the moratorium remains in effect for 180 days from the applicable date of the Moratorium Ordinance unless extended or modified by the Select Board.

Hand made a motion, seconded by Ray, that the Select Board approve and sign the Land Use Ordinance Charge Following Enactment of Moratorium Ordinance. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

Ray made a motion, seconded by Hand, to authorize the issuance of the Request for Qualifications for Committee Facilitation Consulting Services. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

Ray made a motion, seconded by Hand, that the Board delegate Stephen Hand & Ladleah Dunn to work with the Town Administrator to review any facilitation services

proposals received, conduct interviews, negotiate a contract, and to make a recommendation for contracting to the full Board. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

9. **Authority to Post Roads:**

Hand made a motion, seconded by Ray, that the Select Board authorize the Road Commissioner and/or the Public Facilities Director to post the roads for weight limits as either deems to be in the best interest of the Town and to remove said posting when the roads can once again properly support the loads. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

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

Hand: No updates at this time.

Laité: No updates at this time.

Ray: He suggested that the Board review the Legislative Bulletin, which could affect the Town of Lincolnville, which discusses the reorganization of the State Planning Office.

He attended the monthly meeting of MCOG, which had an interesting discussion regarding grant opportunities regarding culvert repair grant opportunities for towns in Maine.

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

Ray made a motion, seconded by Hand, that the Board approve and sign the Treasurers and Payroll warrants. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

12. **Executive Session – Property Tax Abatement Due to Poverty and/or Disability pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405(6)(F) & Title 36 MRSA Section 841 (2)(E):**

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 3-0-0 vote.

13. **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 Board enter into executive session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405 (6)(C) to discuss the possible acquisition or disposition of real property. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

14. **Adjourn:**

Hand made a motion, seconded by Ray, to adjourn. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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