

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 12, 2021**

Present: Chair, Ladleah Dunn, Vice-Chair, Keryn Laite, Jr., Josh Gerritsen, Mike Ray, Jordan Barnett-Parker, and Town Administrator, David Kinney

Selectman Ray read the quote.

1. Site Visit to 2817 Atlantic Highway (Penobscot Park)

The Board conducted a site walk at the park property to examine the current conditions of the property and structures and viability for opening. Discussions included:

- Entrance area - Contacting MaineDOT about the entrance and to examine perhaps an esplanade between the entrance and exit, prohibiting parking roadside, vegetation management for sight distance
- Entrance gate – removing, motorizing, opening and closing (daily and seasonally), gate to remain closed and locked with “closed” sign until safety concerns are addressed, consider adding explanatory notice adjacent to closed sign.
- Parking area – limited, vegetation overgrowth, limits for possible expansion
- Restroom building – viability, maintenance and security issues, conversion to other uses
- Travelled way (parking to field areas) – public safety concern for dead or dying trees leaning or hanging over access way, metal edging, vegetation overgrowth
- Electrical and Water Systems – viability after years being shut off, liability, oversight, events
- Picnic shelters and grills – Concerns of structural integrity (rot) and roofing, how to manage grill usage, possibly seek to sell grill units
- Stone steps to the beach – concerns for public safety, steps uneven, likely slippery when wet, not accessible (but neither is cobble beach), consider removal, post as closed for now, concern for where people might go once on the beach, consider relocation, possible shore access grant to reconstruct
- Stone gathering circle and fire pit – fire pit should be removed, no opening burning, oversight
- “Cottage”/Shed – unknown municipal purpose, consider sale
- Fields with walkways – volunteer mower doing a very good job, consider re-establishing walking paths, accessibility concerns
- Volleyball net and horse shoe pits – net structure compromised by frost and time, consider removal. Horse shoe pit stakes have been removed, pits visible but grassing in, consider abandoning
- Fencing – ours or neighbors? visible barrier, deteriorating, to remain
- Good neighbor signage, keeping public on town property only, trash, domestic animal policy (primarily dog control),

No votes taken.

2. (6 PM +/- Town Office) Citizens' Forum:

There were none.

3. Meetings & Announcements:

There were none submitted via email or on the chat.

4. Administrator's Report:

David Kinney, the Town Administrator, noted:

- Audit Services: Kinney had a recent conversation with Kathryn Clark, Superintendent of Union 69, regarding audit services. She is willing to have a conversation with the Board and they discussed reaching out to the Town of Hope and Appleton regarding audit firms. Kinney recommended working together with the school to try and use the same auditor. Kinney will reach out to the Town of Hope and Appleton to start the conversation for next year.
- Road Shoulders: The recent heavy rain washed away several shoulders on the Ducktrap Road and Moody Mountain Road. These issues will be addressed this week.

5. Upcoming Community Events:

There were none.

6. Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2021:

Laite made a motion, seconded by Gerritsen, that the Board approves the June 28, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Vote: Laite – Yes, Gerritsen – Yes, Ray – Yes, Barnett-Parker - Yes, Dunn – Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Laite made a motion, seconded by Barnett-Parker, that the Board approve the July 6, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Vote: Laite – Yes, Gerritsen – Yes, Ray – Yes, Barnett-Parker - Yes, Dunn – Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Follow-up Discussion with WCSO – Disorderly Conduct:

The Select Board requested that Kinney reach out to Waldo County Sheriff Trafton regarding sending someone from their office to address how disorderly conduct is enforced by law enforcement.

Sergeant Cody Laite from the Waldo County Sheriff's office came before the Board to answer questions.

Selectman Laite took a moment to thank Sergeant Laite for attending the meeting and he wanted to know the best way to prevent creating a Noise Ordinance. He wanted to know how the Town could lean on local law enforcement to help.

Sergeant Laite responded, “The Sheriff’s Department receives noise complaints all hours of the day and all hours of the evening. The only time it falls under the category that we consider disorderly conduct, is when it gets to become an unreasonable time of night or when the noise is unreasonable. Usually, 10 PM is where the disorderly law comes into play and anything before 10 PM to 6 AM needs to be looked at on a case-by-case basis. Also, state law requires that if there is a disorderly conduct issue, an immediate warning needs to be issued. If the conduct does not cease, then a criminal violation would be the charge.”

Sergeant Laite told the Board if a citizen is at home and bothered by a neighbor and can’t get the noise to stop on their own, he advised them to please call the Waldo County Sheriff’s Office dispatch center at 338-2040.

Dunn wanted clarification on the correct procedure when a citizen feels like a complaint is not being addressed by the Waldo County Sheriff’s office.

Sergeant Laite told the Board that the individual needs to call the Waldo County Sheriff’s Office back at the same number 338-2040 and ask to speak to a supervisor.

The Board thanked Sergeant Laite for attending the meeting.

8. Discussion regarding Parking:

Barnett-Parker requested that the Board discuss parking at the Lincolnville Beach because of some concerned citizens on social media, where citizens and business owners were reporting on what the parking situation in real-time looks like at the beach. He encouraged those concerned citizens and business owners to join this Select Board meeting.

Barnett-Parker reported that these parking spaces are being utilized by working crews heading to Islesboro and the parking has become extremely difficult.

Barnett-Parker felt it was super important that Lincolnville residents have access to all of our resources, including the beach, and a Lincolnville business should be able to operate unimpeded. He wanted to know if there was a way to start enforcing parking or ease into it.

Dunn explained that this is one of those perennial issues that come up around the same time that the State of Maine starts charging for their parking.

Dunn also noted that the Town of Lincolnville has advertised for several years for a parking attendant and no interested parties applied.

Since these social media concerns, Town Administrator, Kinney has been enforcing parking issues over the last couple of weeks, which seems to be making a difference.

Kinney discussed some other parking issues in town on Fernald's Neck Road, Norton Pond Road, and along Rt. 52 by the lake, which he hopes has been addressed or will be addressed shortly.

9. **Broadband Update:**

Mid-Coast Internet Development Coalition:

Gerritsen announced that in terms of Lincolnville's part, there isn't much of an update. The Utility has been getting their papers together and organizing. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2021.

Gerritsen explained that members of the Coalition and the Utility are doing their best to lobby for the huge amount of money that is out there for Broadband, to prefer municipal and regional networks vs. private companies, which has been a challenge.

Barnett-Parker stated, "ConnectME, the Gigabit Fund are entities that are merging to help assist ConnectME. Previously, it was one to three people administering a very small amount of money and now there is proposed money coming from the State in the future, what's happening now is workshopping with large groups and ISB providers in the drafting of the language of these various entities that will be in charge of grant funds."

Gerritsen also reported that the new name of this authority is the Maine Connectivity Authority, and will no longer be ConnectME.

Broadband Committee:

Ray reported the Broadband Committee is looking at all the options that have been presented to the Committee. The Committee has segued into the idea of planning a Feasibility Study when the Select Board asked for input on the Axiom and Mid-Coast Internet Development Coalition.

Ray presented a draft copy of the Broadband Committee meeting minutes for the Select Board to review.

Ray also explained that the Committee decided to divide their efforts into preparing RFP's as drafts, in case the Select Board would like to solicit them, so the language would be ready for review by the Select Board if bids need to be solicited.

Ray noted that there are only so many consultants in the State of Maine and there are only so many jobs that they can do and the Town will have a better chance of receiving the bid that the Town wants.

Ray requested, through Kinney, that this issue come up for discussion at the next Select Board meeting on July 26th.

10. Lincolnvile Sewer District Correspondence – Sewer Service Application:

Kinney reported that the Lincolnvile Sewer District is cleaning up and putting things back together. Since the late '80s, the Lincolnvile Beach Fire Station has been connected to the Lincolnvile Beach Sanitary Facility, the private wastewater treatment plant that existed. The Sewer District acquired the asset of the old plant and has made the connection so that the old plant is now no longer in service, and the flow from that facility has been transferred to the new treatment plant.

Kinney enclosed a letter and application to the Board from the Lincolnvile Sewer District, an application for the Beach Fire Station, which needs to be filled out and returned to the District on or before July 1, 2021, but needs consent from the Select Board.

The Board gave Kinney the go-ahead to send the application back to the district.

11. Follow-up Discussion regarding Site Visit to 2817 Atlantic Highway (Penobscot Park):

Kinney announced that the Town of Lincolnvile has acquired the property at 2817 Atlantic Highway, which was called Penobscot Park in Lincolnvile. Currently, several maintenance projects going on in the park. During this maintenance, the park will remain closed, due to safety concerns.

Dunn discussed that it was the Board's consensus to keep the facility while the immediate safety issues are addressed, such as issues with trees and wooden structures.

The Board will have a follow-up discussion once Kinney provides the Board with some more figures in hand and the various policies that will need to be set around the park's use.

The Board welcomes and encourages anyone who has any thoughts or suggestions for the park, to please send them to the Town Office, for the Board to consider.

12. Selectmen Update(s):

Laité: No updates at this time.

Gerritsen: No updates at this time.

Ray: No updates at this time.

Barnett-Parker: No updates at this time.

Dunn: No updates at this time.

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

Ray made a motion, seconded by Barnett-Parker, that the Board approves the Treasurer's and Payroll warrants. Vote: Laite – Yes, Gerritsen – Yes, Ray – Yes, Barnett-Parker - Yes, Dunn – Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

14. Adjourn:

Barnett-Parker made a motion, seconded by Garretson, to adjourn. Vote: Laite – Yes, Gerritsen – Yes, Ray – Yes, Barnett-Parker - Yes, Dunn – Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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