

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
July 26, 2021**

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

**Excused:** Mike Ray

Selectman Barnett-Parker read the quote.

**1. Citizens' Forum:**

Gary Gulezian, a Lincolnville resident, and Chair of the Lakes & Ponds Committee gave an update on the Phragmites removal project, near the trailer parking at Breezemere Park. At the end of July 2020, the Committee cut it all down and the process needs to be repeated several years in a row to keep it from spreading.

The concern of the Lakes & Ponds Committee were to make sure that it did not go to seed, and end up seeding Norton Pond, which would ecologically change the pond.

The Lakes & Ponds Committee also applied for a permit from the State of Maine to do the work in that area, which the committee received. The plan for the committee is to meet at that location on Wednesday and Thursday at 8 AM to repeat that same process.

Gulezian presented the Select Board with a poster, which will be posted on the nature trail post, which explains, "What is going on?" regarding the ongoing removal of the perennial Phragmites to protect Norton Pond.

The Board thanked Gulezian for his update.

Susan Silverio, a Lincolnville resident and member of the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee, was appreciative of the invite to join the Select Board on their recent sidewalk tour with the Maine Department of Transportation.

Silverio wanted to know how the Comp Plan Review Committee could work with the Select Board since sidewalks are one of the items the committee needs to address. She encouraged a workshop between the Committee and the Select Board and interested neighbors.

The Board told Silverio that they will be in touch.

**2. Administrator's Report:**

David Kinney, the Town Administrator, noted:

- Megunticook Dam: At the last meeting, there was an impromptu discussion regarding the Megunticook Dams invoice that was received. He contacted Camden's Town Manager, Audra Caler, regarding the said invoice and she agreed to contact her Select Board to arrange a joint meeting for both Select Boards.

**3. Meetings & Announcements:**

Administrator Kinney read the meetings and announcements.

**4. Upcoming Community Events:**

There were none.

**5. Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2021:**

**Laité made a motion, seconded by Barnett-Parker, that the Board approves the July 12, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.**

Susan Silverio told the Board that the last set of Select Board minutes posted on the Town's website was from April 26, 2021, and she wanted to know if and when the rest of the approved minutes will be posted.

Kinney offered to post them on the website as soon as possible.

**6. Board, Committee, and Commission Appointments:**

Recreation Commission:

**Gerritsen made a motion, seconded by Barnett-Parker, to appoint Dorothy Lanphear to the Recreation Commission as a regular member with a term expiring June 2023. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.**

Gerritsen asked Lanphear why she was interested in serving on the Recreation Commission.

Lanphear explained that she served on this Committee years ago and felt it was important to know what needs to be done and how to go about getting the work done.

The Board thanked Lanphear for volunteering to serve on the Recreation Commission.

**7. Community Pickleball Update:**

Greta Gulezian came before the Board to give an update on the sport of Pickleball, the outdoor court usage, the conditions of the court, and planning for future maintenance.

Gulezian explained that Town Administrator, Kinney received a proposal to resurface the courts in November of 2019, from Vermont Tennis Court Surfacing which was a total of \$13,500. The

Select Board suggested that the sum would be more manageable if funds were sought and allocated over several years. Therefore, the Select Board decided to set aside funds with a purchase of accruing funds for court work at a later date.

Gulezian reported, "Funds in the amount of \$3,500 were approved by the Town for court work in the fiscal year 2020, \$0 in the fiscal year 2021, and \$5,750 in the fiscal year 2022, which leaves a balance of \$4250 which would need to be approved by the voters to reach the proposed estimate of \$13,500.

Several weeks ago, Gulezian contacted Vermont Tennis Court Surfacing and Maine Tennis and Track to ask what their work schedule will be for resurfacing and painting court lines in the future and they both responded that they are now scheduling work one year out.

Gulezian stated, "Assuming the Town would approve the remainder of the funding at the June 2022 Town meeting, then those funds would be available July 1, 2022, but it would be unlikely that the Town would be able to get on a vendors work schedule until the following season, summer 2023, and she wanted to know how the Town could get on a vendor work schedule this summer so the court-work can be done next summer."

Dunn was appreciative of the enthusiasm for Pickleball but reminded everyone that there is a 3-ring binder full of other worthy and necessary immediate expenditures.

The Board was not in favor of committing future voters to expenditure that they don't know if the Town can afford.

The only way Gerritsen would be willing to support this request is if the Town was not required to put money down if there was simply a way to just get our name on a schedule. Therefore, if a year from now, the Town doesn't have the funds, the Town could withdraw our name from the waitlist.

The Board recommended revisiting this conversation this winter when the budget is being reviewed.

Gulezian also asked the Board, "If a group of citizens vetted a professional painter, to do just two sets of Pickleball lines and fundraised for this professional painter. Would the Board consider this request as an option, to get this done sooner and I would be willing to get more information and come back to the Board to present specifics if the Board is willing to consider it?"

Gerritsen was in favor of Gulezian's request for private fundraising as long as the individual doing the painting is a professional.

Dunn expressed some concerns based on the fact that this is town infrastructure.

Kinney told the Board that the Town would need to make sure that this individual was insured, what kind of paint would be used, and whatever kind of paint used didn't inhibit the next layer used.

Dunn recommended that Gulezian come back to the Board with a concrete proposal.

Kinney also recommended that Gulezian seek input from the Recreation Commission, now that they have enough members for a quorum.

Richard McKittrick, a Lincolnville resident recommended that the Town wait to 2-3 years to resurface the tennis courts since he felt that they are still in very good condition.

The Board thanked Gulezian for attending the meeting.

#### **8. Lincolnville Sewer District – Request for Building Permit Data:**

Paul Lippman, Chair of the Lincolnville Sewer District Trustees, came before the Board seeking help on how the Town could keep the District informed on new building permits issued or change of use within the Sewer District and if a property is sold.

Dunn noted that any additional tasks come with a cost, whether it's staff time and resources.

Kinney told the Board that first, we need to know who the District thinks is in the District and where those lots are located, which properties are involved, the frequency of notification, and in what format. The District needs to define what's needed from the town.

Lippman explained that the District can serve everyone that is within the District boundaries, and the ability to serve outside of the District.

Gerritsen was in favor of helping the District as long as the request isn't overly taxing on the staff.

Barnett-Parker suggested that the District start by creating a formal list request with bullet-points of the things that are needed from the Town.

Lippman requested that a representative from the District sit down with the person from the Town that would be providing the material from the Town and have a work session to come up with a list.

Kinney added that one of his concerns was who would become liable if the Town should miss reporting one or more properties to the District.

The Board suggested that a representative from the Sewer District have a joint meeting with Kinney to work out the logistics and look at what an agreement or memorandum would look like.

Kinney also suggested, including the Assessor's Agent, Vern Ziegler, and the Code Enforcement Officer, Frank Therio, at the same time, after Ziegler finishes the tax commitment.

**9. Broadband Committee Discussion of RFP for Broadband Consultant:**

Ray suggested this item be added to this agenda, but since his request, he needed to be excused from attending this meeting.

Dunn suggested that the Board table the discussion until the next Select Board meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup> when Ray is in attendance. The rest of the Board members concurred.

**10. Broadband Update:**

Gerritsen reported that a lot was covered at the last Broadband meeting. The entity called Otelco, Inc. has stated publicly they plan to come in building out the Mid-Coast area and undercutting Mid-Coast Internet and offering very fast internet at a reasonable price, but not in Lincolnville.

Barnett-Parker also reported that Otelco, Inc. has made it very clear that they plan to cherry-pick the most profitable areas up and down the Mid-Coast and use their financial backing to cut out a part of the market for them and they won't change for a profit-driven company.

Barnett-Parker explained that Mid-Coast dropped the Town of Rockport from their Phase I expansion because they don't have the density like Camden, Rockland, and Thomaston and he felt it was important to remain flexible and focus on what the Town wants and needs for the internet.

Gerritsen noted that the Town of Lincolnville needs a feasibility study, to look at all the potential options.

The Board thanked Gerritsen & Barnett-Parker for their updates.

**11. Maine Municipal Association Annual Election Ballot:**

**Gerritsen made a motion, seconded by Laite, that the Board case the Town of Lincolnville's vote for Elaine Aloes for MMA Vice-President and David Cyr, Melissa Doane, and Justin Poirer for Executive Committee.** After discussion, Gerritsen withdrew his motion and Laite his second. The Board by consensus decided not to cast a ballot.

**12. Anticipated increase in Municipal Revenue Sharing & LRAP:**

**Gerritsen made a motion, seconded by Barnett-Parker, that the Town Administrator draft a special town meeting warrant for consideration by the Board of Selectmen at their August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting that would call for a Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, August 23, 2021, at 6 PM in the Town Office for the purpose of voting on an article or articles that would utilize the unanticipated revenue from the Local Road Assistance**

Program and the Municipal Revenue Sharing to reduce the property tax commitment for Fiscal Year 22. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

**13. EMS Performance Committee Membership:**

**Laite** made a motion, seconded by **Gerritsen**, that the Board appoints **Dunn** and **Barnett-Parker** to serve on the EMS Performance Committee until June 2022 or until replaced. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

**14. Selectmen Update(s):**

Laite: Laite explained that the Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation is experiencing an inventory shortage of recycling yellow trash bags. This bag shortage is due to a nationwide manufacturing due to Covid-19. Laite asked that people remain patient while this issue is resolved. In the meantime, residents can use standard 30-gallon trash bags and pay for them at the gatehouse.

Gerritsen: There will be a Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation Annual Board of Directors meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. This meeting will be held in the French Room at the Camden Town Office.

Barnett-Parker: No updates at this time.

Dunn: No updates at this time.

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

**Barnett-Parker** made a motion, seconded by **Laite**, that the Board approves the Treasurer's and Payroll warrants. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

**16. Executive Session – Title 1 MRSA Section 405 (6)(C) to discuss a personnel matter:**

**Laite** made a motion, seconded by **Barnett-Parker**, that the Board enter into executive session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter with the Town Administrator. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

**17. Adjourn:**

**Laite** made a motion, seconded by **Gerritsen**, to adjourn. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Melissa A. Geary  
Administrative Assistant