

**TOWN OF LINCOLNVILLE
SELECT BOARD MEETING
May 15, 2023**

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

Excused: Josh Gerritsen and Ladleah Dunn

School Representatives Present: Tracee O'Brien, Melissa Nowell, Paul Russo, and Kate Clark

This was a joint meeting of the Lincolnville Select Board and the Lincolnville Central School Committee.

1. **Introductions:**

Vice-Chair Laite opened the meeting and thanked those present for attending. Individuals present then introduced themselves along with their positions.

2. **Review of Recreation Areas Oversight Policy:**

At the request of Laite, Kinney, provided a brief overview of the history of the development of the fields and their maintenance as well as the oversight policy development. Kinney stated that periodically since when the policy was first developed that the two groups had gotten together to review with the goal of making sure the policy still reflected the current operations and that everyone was on board with the document. Kinney stated that he believed it was 2019 when the groups last met on matter.

Laite explained the concern that the areas had suffered last year from a lack of maintenance and he wanted to make sure that facilities were safe, clean and represented the best face of the town.

Principal Russo explained some of the maintenance challenges from the previous years (an employee being out) and that the school did the best they could with a part-time employee and himself taking on the bulk of the mowing.

It was expressed that weed whacking was particularly lacking last year. It was agreed that the weed whacking of the fence lines was challenging due to the staffing shortage. It was also mentioned that the decision to not apply vegetation killing product along the fence line made the situation that much more challenging.

No suggestions were made for any amendments to the policy. It was noted that bike trails have been added by the school through the woods of the property. The school was acquiring mountain bikes for use by the physical education classes.

Laité emphasized the importance of infrastructure preservation and maintenance. A suggestion was made that a special ad hoc committee be formed by the Select Board and the School Committee to examine the facilities, create an inventory of existing facilities, create a plan and timeline to restore the facility and maintain the facilities in the future. Possible members of the committee to include a Select Board member, a School Committee member, a Recreation Commission member, a school staff member, and possibly a stakeholder group member (such as a representative of Five Towns Little League).

The Select Board to prepare and review a draft committee charge that would then be forwarded to the School Committee for consideration, possibly at their June 5th meeting.

3. **Any other items of mutual interest:**

Due to the limited time remaining prior to the Special Town Meeting, no other items were discussed.

4. **Adjourn:**

Hand made a motion, seconded by Ray, that the Board adjourn. Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Kinney
Town Clerk