

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 9, 2015**

Present: Chair, Ladleah Dunn, Arthur Durity, Rosendel Gerry, Cathy Hardy, Arthur Durity, Keryn Laite, Jr & Town Administrator, David Kinney

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dunn at 6pm at the Lincolnville Town Office.

The quote was given by Selectman Hardy.

1. Citizens' Forum:

Ron Huber, Executive Director of Friends of Penobscot Bay, came forward to explain his conservation group works with the Downeast Lobstermen's Association, mostly to keep the waters healthy for the lobsters. He wanted the Town of Lincolnville to look into the proposal for the natural gas pipeline before it becomes too late.

Mr. Huber provided information to the Board that explained Energy Management Incorporated, a big energy company based in Boston wants to build a natural gas pipeline from fracking areas to the south to the Penobscot Bay coast in Rockland then up through west Penobscot Bay coastal towns to Belfast or even Searsport. EMI's local company is called Clear Energy; their spinoff is called Rockland Energy Center, LLC.

Huber felt that the Town of Lincolnville should become an interested party in the consideration of the Rockland's Energy Center gas power plant, because if it gets approved in Rockland, the pipeline would be heading to Lincolnville.

Sandra Schramm, member of Friends of Penobscot Bay and works with the Sierra Club and Natural Resource Council of Maine to help spread the word regarding what is going on. There have been several information sessions in Rockland to let people know about climate change and the need to switch from fossil fuels to sustainable and renewable types of energy.

The pipeline could run from Winslow down Route 17 to Rockland or from a sub-station in Searsport and could very well come down Route 1 through the beach area. Ms. Schramm stated that nothing is clear on the direction, likely due to the fact that permits need to be applied for. She noted that CMP would be building this pipeline and therefore they have a stake in the decision process and the cost of the pipeline would be passed on to all CMP customers. The energy from the plant would go to the grid in Rockland and sold as a commodity to the highest bidder and would not stay in Maine and nobody living in the area of the gas plant would receive the benefit of a lower electricity bills.

She stated this is a cash cow to be sited in Coastal Maine for the benefit of those getting rich in peddling fracked gas from the Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania.

Schramm also reported this pipeline would also affect the lobstering industry because of the acidification to the ocean. They would use 300,000-400,000 gallons of water and the water that isn't sold off as steam would go back into the harbor.

Schramm finished by saying she hoped that the Board and the public would attend some of these meetings, because if the pipeline is approved for Route 1, it would have huge ramifications for Lincolnville, Northport and all the surrounding areas. The Town of Searsport has defeated this plan twice.

She explained she did not come forward to put fear, but to seek answers for when and if the pipeline plan moves forward.

2. **Administrator's Report:**

David Kinney, Town Administrator, reported:

- **Elections:** Kinney extended a thank you to all the election clerks that went above and beyond their duties last week and he thanked the folks at the Lincolnville Central School for providing help and the space to hold the election.
- **Dog License:** Dog license renewals are due by the end of this year. The public can register their dogs online, through the town's website, or at the Town Office during normal business hours.
- **Islesboro:** The Harbor Committee had a follow-up meeting with some folks from Islesboro and came away with what they thought was a workable solution to support the stretcher. This is a unit that sits on top of the rails on the gangway and they went back to see if they could get it constructed at a reasonable cost and at their expense.
- **Youngtown Road:** Kinney put in a request to David Allen with the Maine DOT to see what the status was from a year ago and has not heard back yet.
- **Illegal Subdivision:** It appears that there may be an illegal subdivision with a creation of an extra lot near Route 1 that was found at a real estate closing. The proposed solution would be to go back to the Planning Board for an after the fact subdivision application.
- **Fire Department:** The Fire Department submitted an application and received a grant for the purpose of purchasing a Multi Gas Meter. The grant is to cover two-thirds of the cost and not to exceed \$663.33 and must be used within one year from October 27, 2015.
- **Road Shoulders:** The road shoulders, for the paved roads, were put on the end of October for the Moody Mountain Road, Sand Hill Road and Whitney Road and that concluded the contract for this year's paving and associated work.

- New Reporter: Kinney welcomed Elizabeth Hebert who has recently joined the Camden Herald as a staff reporter. She will be covering news for Lincolnville.

3. Meetings & Announcements:

David Kinney, Town Administrator read the upcoming meetings.

Gerry reported that there will be a Veterans Park meeting on November 19th at 6pm at the Lincolnville Community Library.

4. Upcoming Community Events:

There were none.

5. Meeting Minutes:

Durity made a motion that the Board approve the October 26, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Laite seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-1 vote. (Hardy abstained because she was excused from that meeting.)

6. Five Town CSD Superintendent Maria Libby and Assistant Superintendent Gary Gonyar:

Maria Libby, Superintendent of the Five Town Community School District, introduced herself and explained she will be visiting all the five towns that represent the Five Town CSD, so that people can put a face with a name and have an opportunity to ask her questions.

Ms. Libby grew up in Camden, moved away and came back 18 years ago and started teaching at the Middle School in Camden as a math teacher for six years, then became the Assistant Principal of the middle school, then the Principal of the middle school, where she served for eight years. A couple of years ago, she became the Assistant Superintendent and now as the Superintendent. She explained this has really been a nice full circle, in her life, to be in this position and in a field and a community that she cares so much about.

Gary Gonyar the new Assistant Superintendent came forward to explain he has been in education for 32 years. He started as a math teacher at East Grand High School in Danforth, Principal of the Brewer High School, served as a Middle School Principal in Holden and for the last seven years he was in the Bangor at the William S. Cohen School. He told the Board he is enjoying the area and is glad to be here.

Hardy stated, "Every year, as Selectmen, we go through the municipal budget process, the local school budget and CSD budget. The local school budget is very concrete and easy to understand and over the years, the budget has been trimmed. The struggle seems

to be with the CSD budget and I would plead with you and to consider the taxpayers, and also to make the budget process as transparent as possible and easy to understand.”

Libby stated, “I appreciate what you are saying Ms. Hardy, we’ve just started our budget discussions and we’re constantly echoing the same thing and if nothing else, know that this is very much on our minds and we are asking ourselves the same questions. How much is enough and where are we in access, what do we think is something that we need verses something that we want? Are going to add anything, what are we going to cut? We are going into this budget process with a target of a 2% increase in our expense budget, which could be lower than the cost of living. There are a lot of factors that can’t be controlled, on the revenue side of that, which makes it difficult to budget as exactly as we would like.”

Libby offered to come back and present a budget presentation to the Board.

Kinney announced there is a vacancy on the Five Town CSD Board; please contact someone on the LCS Committee.

7. Discussion of Winter Road Maintenance with Farley & Son:

Two representatives, Mike Ames & Tom Farley of Farley & Son, Inc. came before the board to give an update and answer questions on plowing for the upcoming winter season.

Farley reported the trucks will be fully ready by turkey day. They are waiting on the wings, which should also be ready by Turkey Day, but the crew may need to start plowing without the wings.

Farley explained there will be five routes, two of those are the primary routes and will plow the state numbered routes. The other three trucks will plow the smaller roads.

Hardy recommended that the exact plow routes be posted on the town website when they are finalized.

Dunn recommended that the Town of Lincolnville send a friendly mailing to individuals that live on a dead-end road or a difficult stretch of road, to inform residents and remind them that they are not to park on the streets.

Ames gave the Board a copy of Farley & Son, Inc. mailbox damage policy which states:

The State of Maine law views mailboxes as an encroachment in the public way put there at the Owner’s risk and municipalities or the State are not legally liable for any damage or repairs to mailboxes due to plowing operations. Seldom are mailboxes damaged by direct contact with a plow. Most mailboxes are knocked over by the weight of the snow being pushed into them, a weakened post, not being kept clear of snow, or located too close to the road.

In the event a mailbox is damaged by snow removal operations, the owner needs to make any necessary repairs. If a resident feels the damage was caused by negligence of the driver or the mailbox accidentally came in direct contact with the plow, we will review the circumstances onsite with the owner. If, after reviewing the situation, we agree that we are liable for the damage, we will do what we can to return the mailbox to a serviceable condition and replace it when conditions allow. When such a case arises, the mailbox will be replaced by a 4"x4" pressure-treated post and standard metal mailbox.

We won't attempt to repair any mailbox in a poor existing condition or one that has a rotten post. We won't replace or reimburse the owner for any custom mailboxes, ornate posts, granite posts, etc. Newspaper boxes will not be repaired or replaced in any event. Any mailboxes not installed according to the guidelines of the U.S. Postal Service will not be repaired or replaced.

The Board thanked Mike Ames and Tom Farley for their time.

8. Conditional Gift Offer – Veterans Memorial and Maintenance Funds:

Kinney was contacted by Mike Eugley concerning the Veteran's Memorial and he explained that many years ago, John Pottle raised money to restore the Lincolnville Veteran's Memorial. Mike Eugley and Ben Hazen are now the custodians of the account and they would like to turn the money over to the Town of Lincolnville for the purpose of restoring and maintaining the Veteran's Memorial. The account balance as of September 30, 2015 was \$2068.14. This would be considered a conditional gift, which would need to be voted upon at town meeting, whether annual town meeting or a special town meeting.

Gerry explained the group is trying to find a name for the location of the WWII Honor Roll and at this particular time it's on private property. The plan at this time is to move this to the town's property on the corner of Norton Pond Road and Rt. 52, next to the library.

Diane O'Brien spoke about the fact that at one time, nearly every town in Maine had a wooden Veteran's Memorial for the WWII soldiers, however most of those are no longer in existence as they have deteriorated. Fortunately, the Town of Lincolnville's memorial is one of the few remaining wooden memorials, which was restored approximately 15 years ago.

Hardy made a motion that the Board approve and sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant calling for a Special Town Meeting to be held at 6PM on November 23, 2015. Durity seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-1 vote. (Gerry abstained)

9. Budget/Election/Town Meeting Schedule Review:

The Board was in agreement with the schedules for the following upcoming meetings for next year: Presentations by Committees/Dept. Heads, etc. on Wednesday, February 10 & 11, 2016 at 6pm, Selectmen's Budget Review Meeting (if necessary) on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 6pm and the Annual Town Meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 6pm.

10. Treasurer's and Payroll Warrant(s) – Approve and Sign:

Durity made a motion that the Board approve the Treasurer's and Payroll Warrants, Coombs Griffin Education Warrants & the Capital Campaign. Hardy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

11. Workshop with Route 1 Advisory Committee:

Dunn reported the workshop preview preliminary presentation from the Route 1 Advisory Committee in preparation for the joint meeting with the Camden Select Board. In attendance was Co-Chair, Chris Osgood, Will Brown, Secretary Bradford Payne and previous committee member Diane O'Brien.

Gerry said, "The purpose of this workshop is to prep us for a joint meeting with Camden and I would recommend highlighting the real points because most of us are familiar with these things and I don't think there is any opposition from this Board. There are few things that need to be discussed, but this Board is in agreement with what the Route 1 Advisory Committee has presented in the past."

Osgood updated the Board that the focus now on this work is the follow-up. The critical point and reason we are going to the Camden Select Board is to try to get a sense of what the proposed right-of way is.

Dunn stated that we're going to be going to the Camden Board of Selectmen, taking a portion of their full agenda and she wanted to know how the Advisory Committee plans to keep it very short and to the point.

Hardy recommended that we as a Board need to understand what the key talking points are and what the Route 1 Advisory Committee would recommend for Lincolnville's best interest. She also recommended that the Committee attach a specific list of recommendation which would become the basis for the discussion with the Camden Select Board.

Kinney reported that MDOT was in hopes to commence right of way negotiations on the Camden stretch next year for potential construction in 2017. One of Mr. Kinney's concerns that needs to be brought up with the Camden Board of Selectmen is traffic

control during construction, because it will be a citizen concern because this will create a temporary bypass into Lincolnville.

12. Adjourn:

Gerry made a motion to adjourn. Durity seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Geary
Administrative Assistant