

**TOWN OF LINCOLNVILLE
SELECT BOARD MEETING
October 10, 2023**

Present: Chair, Ladleah Dunn, Vice-Chair, Keryn Laite, Jr., Mike Ray, Robyn Tarantino, and Town Administrator, David Kinney

Excused: Steve Hand

The quote was read by Laite.

1. **Citizens' Forum:**

Chair Dunn started by explaining that the Citizens' Forum is a time for citizens to interact with the Select Board. She recommended that if anyone would like to engage with the Select Board to reach out to the Town Administrator and request to be added to an upcoming agenda.

Bob Olson came before the Board with concerns regarding protecting the night sky of Lincolnville. There is a glow in the sky, which makes it very hard for residents to see the stars and he wanted to know how the Town could preserve the night sky.

Olson suggested the best way to manage this would be to create a Lighting Ordinance and he explained the Board will be receiving a proposal, for later this month.

John Williams, a Lincolnville resident, came before the Select Board to voice his concerns with the upcoming road reconstruction, tree clearing, and bridge replacements in Camden, which will be a multi-year project that will include lane shifts and temporary bridges and should be finished by the end of the summer of 2026. His concerns have to do with the increased traffic to Lincolnville and speeding vehicles.

The following solutions were suggested:

- Add more patrol coverage in Lincolnville
- More speed signs around town
- Installation of speed bumps
- Maine Department of Transportation should model traffic flow through Lincolnville
- Radar speed signs should issue speeding tickets.

The Board thanked Williams for his update.

Also, several Lincolnville residents attended the meeting to voice their concerns regarding a recent submission of a proposed building permit application to construct a 10,640-square-foot building at the intersection of Beach Road and Thurlow Road in Lincolnville.

Keith Maguire, a Lincolnville resident, suggested that the Board add a moratorium on chain stores until the citizens of Lincolnville can have a town vote.

The Board thanked everyone for attending the meeting and they recommended citizens reach out to the Town Administrator with questions on how to be added to an upcoming agenda.

2. **Administrator's Report:**

David Kinney, the Town Administrator, noted:

- Absentee Ballots: Election Day is November 7, 2023, at the Lincolnville Central School gymnasium from 8 AM to 8 PM. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Office during regular business hours. All ballots need to be returned on or before 8 PM, on November 7th.
- Culvert: Townhouse Road box-culvert has been installed. The bypass still needs to be removed and water was flowing through on Friday.
- Storm: There was relatively minor storm damage last week, which has been put back together. The High Street area continues to give the Town challenges and the new Public Facilities Director may want to do more of a permanent repair.
- Breezemere Park: The roofers are back at Breezemere and heading towards wrapping up before the end of October.
- Sidewalks: Kinney and Select Board member Ray both attended a meeting last week regarding the sidewalk that proposed for the crosswalk to Breezemere Park, and the Town is now moving forward. This is hinged on contract availability and weather.
- Harbor Camera: Kinney reported the camera is up and mostly running and this link can be found on the town's website homepage under Lincolnville Harbor Cam.

3. **Meetings & Announcements:**

Administrator Kinney read the meetings and announcements.

4. **Upcoming Community Events:**

There were none.

5. **Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2023:**

September 25, 2023:

Laité made an amended motion, seconded by Tarantino that the Board approve the September 25, 2023, meeting minutes with minor changes. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

6. **Renewal of Revocable License Agreement with Waldo County Woodshed:**

Laité made a motion, seconded by Ray, that the Board authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Revocable License Agreement between the Town and the Waldo County Woodshed. The motion was withdrawn.

Ray stated, “This does not include language, and we as a Board decided that they needed to do some security fencing there and I’m wondering if the Board wants to include an amendment to the license agreement, stating that we want a fence and security camera.”

Kinney recommended incorporating the language and adding a number 7.5 and he would make that change.

After a brief discussion, the Board decided to table the vote until a future meeting when the Board has the chance to revisit this agenda item.

7. **Resignation – Comprehensive Plan Review Committee:**

Ray made a motion, seconded by Tarantino, That the Board accepts with regret the resignation of Pat Shannon from the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

8. **As Board of Assessors:**

Tarantino made a motion, seconded by Laité, that we suspend our meeting as the Select Board and that we convene as the Board of Assessors. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

Abatement #2023-04:

Laité made a motion, seconded by Ray, that the Board grant abatement #2023-04 to Lottie Wallace in the tax amount of \$618.54 to correct an error in the record. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

Supplemental Tax Warrant:

Ray made a motion, seconded by Laité, that the Board approve and sign the Supplemental Tax Warrant for Edward Mahoney, Account #998, in the amount of \$618.54. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

Laite made a motion, seconded by Ray, that we adjourn our meeting as the Board of Assessors and reconvene as the Select Board. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

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

Laite: No updates at this time.

Ray: There will be several grant workshop opportunities happening soon.

Ray also attended a Maine Municipal Association meeting recently.

Tarantino: There will be a Waldo County Budget Committee organizational meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Dunn: No updates at this time.

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

Laite made a motion, seconded by Tarantino, that the Board approve and sign the Treasurers and Payroll warrants. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

11. **Adjourn:**

Ray made a motion, seconded by Laite, that the Board adjourn. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Geary
Administrative Assistant