

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 11, 2022**

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

Excused: Steven Hand

The quote was read by Gerritsen.

1. Citizens' Forum:

There were none.

2. Administrator's Report:

David Kinney, the Town Administrator, noted:

Property Tax Stabilization Applications: Kinney reported that the Town Office has forms for the new Property Tax Stabilization for senior citizens, the town website, or the State of Maine website. These forms need to be filled out and returned to the office no later than December 1, 2022.

The Town Office will be contacting those who have submitted an application with some type of determination in the coming weeks.

Absentee Ballots: Election Day is November 8, 2022, 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 8th.

Permit Application: The Town of Lincolnville has submitted a permit application to the Army Corps of Engineers for the Townhouse Road culvert project. Kinney is working on a grant application for the DEP stream crossing program, which is due in early November.

Grading: The fall grading of the gravel roads should be done by Thursday, October 13th.

FEMA: Kinney reported that he thought he was all set with last October's storm damage claim with FEMA. However, he explained they're not satisfied as of yet.

Lincolnville Sewer District: The Lincolnville Sewer District has reached out to Kinney inviting the Select Board to take a tour of their facility and Kinney suggested they get back to him with a couple of date options.

Select Board Emails: Kinney reported that the Select Board members town email addresses should be functioning.

3. Meetings & Announcements:

Administrator Kinney read the meetings and announcements.

4. Upcoming Community Events:

Gerritsen reported that the Waldo County Budget Committee is meeting on Saturday, October 22, 2022, at 10 AM.

5. Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2022 & October 6, 2022:

Laité made a motion, seconded by Ray, that the Board approves the September 26, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Laité made a motion, seconded by Gerritsen, that the Board approves the October 6, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

6. MMA Legislative Policy Committee Priorities – Selectman Ray:

Ray wanted to give the Select Board an update on the MMA Legislative Policy Committee and included a summary in the Board's packet.

Ray also explained Item #1 is the Policy Goals that the committee we are focusing on, which are the following:

- Funding for municipal programs
- Home Rule Authority
- Affordable, decent, and safe housing
- Investment in Broadband (Fiber)
- Solid Waste Investment
- PFAS

Ray noted that enclosed is a survey, which he will fill out and submit on October 14th regarding how to specifically deal with some of the above topics.

The Select Board reviewed the survey section by section.

Gerritsen suggested that each Board member take the survey home, fill it out, and quickly review and email Ray with the results before October 14th.

Ray also suggested if any of the Select Board has additional clarification to any of the survey questions, to call MMA directly for further information.

7. As Board of Assessors:

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

Abatement #2022-04 Suzanne Thomas:

Ray made a motion, seconded by Laité, moves to correct an error in the record that the Board grants abatement #2022-04 to Suzanne Thomas in the tax amount of \$563.63. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Abatement #2022-05 Alleson Bixler:

Gerritsen made a motion, seconded by Ray, moves to correct an error in the record that the Board grants abatement #2022-05 to Alleson Bixler in the tax amount of \$29.83. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Supplemental Tax Warrant – John & Christine Burstein (\$349.33):

Laité made a motion, seconded by Ray, that the Board moves to approve and sign the Supplemental Tax Warrant for John and Christine Burstein, Co-Trustees in the tax amount of \$349.33 with a due date of November 10, 2022 and interest to begin on December 10, 2022, on any unpaid tax. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

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

8. Broadband Update:

Gerritsen updated the Board that the Broadband Committee met on October 6, 2022, with Susan Corbett, which was very exciting. The next meeting will be held in two weeks, and by then Ms. Corbett will have census data about Lincolnville residents and start to formulate the Digital Equity Plan.

Gerritsen also reported the Broadband Committee discussed the Maine Connectivity Authority (MCA) Grants and what is currently out there.

9. Selectmen Update(s):

No Selectmen updates at this time.

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

Gerritsen made a motion, seconded by Laité, that the Board approves and signs the Treasurers and Payroll warrants. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

11. **Adjourn:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Geary
Administrative Assistant