

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
OCTOBER 28, 2013**

Selectmen present: Ladleah Dunn, Chair, Julia Libby, Vice-Chair, Rosendel Gerry, Jason Trundy and David Barrows.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dunn at 7:05 p.m. at Lincolnville Central School (C-1). The quote was read by Gerry.

**1. Citizens' Forum:**

Tracy Colby told the Board her household is pleased with the tree trimming that's been done by Asplundh. She said driving down the road it's clear to see they won't be losing their power throughout the winter.

**2. Administrator's Report:**

David Kinney, Town Administrator, reported:

- Absentee ballots are available at the Town Office during normal business hours.
- Dog licenses for 2014 are now available online through the Town's web site or at the Town Office during normal business hours. Dog licenses need to be renewed by the end of December. There is a grace period through the end of January.
- Town Office Project open house is scheduled for Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 10a.m.
- Camp Tanglewood has signed a contract with Central Maine Power Company to move the power line overhead.
- The Town will start putting up winter sand this week.

Gerry asked if the Board wants to respond to a letter, received from a Lincolnville citizen, concerning the notification and work to be done on roads. He said that the Board had spent an hour and a half with the Town Administrator, tree steward and a few members of the conservation commission, and residents explaining the tree cutting and the work to be done during a walk on Tanglewood Road. Gerry thought enough discussion had taken place and asked the Board if it's worthwhile to respond to the letter.

Trundy said the letter was generated because of specific concerns about the project on Tanglewood Road. He opposes the idea of the Town creating guidelines for broad topics like ditching and brush cutting for roadside maintenance. He said for most of the roads in this Town it is very clear where you need to ditch and cut brush; all the major roads are cut back. Trundy does not want to bog down the Town Office, the Town Administrator and the Road Commissioner by having them go through some sort of process with the Conservation Commission, tree wardens and landowners for something that is routine business. He said the Board recognized that Tanglewood Road was going to be a touchy area because it had been unimproved for so long. Trundy agreed with Gerry that the Board met with landowners and the tree warden and we had an understanding of what was going to be done. He said there may have been some miscommunication about what trees were going to be cut. He said those types of

situations, like Tanglewood Road, are far better dealt with on an individual basis than creating a general, sweeping rule that applies to roads everywhere.

Dunn asked Kinney if he had responded in any way.

Kinney said he told Cindy Dunham, who sent the email that he would pass it to the Board of Selectmen as requested.

Dunn said she feels there is an over arching theme being heard tonight of a certain level of unhappiness with the Board's effectiveness at communicating. She doesn't think it's necessarily a failing on their part or how the Board conveys information to the citizens particularly the people who are affected by the Tanglewood Road project. The proposed purchase of the parcel by the Lincolnville Fire Department is another example of a communication issue. Dunn said the Board can end up chasing their tails if we tackle each and every one. She said the letter begs some sort of response, but the Board should, as we do with all citizens of Lincolnville, encourage them to remain active in all of our public meetings.

Trundy said when he read the letter he was left with the impression that Dunham was asking the Board to create an agreement between the Conservation Commission and Road Commissioner that requires standards to be met for conducting roadside maintenance. Trundy said he would be very hesitant to create some bureaucracy or structure that applies to every road in Town.

Libby said that's how she understood the letter.

Gerry said the Board did all the things Dunham asked along Tanglewood Road. He said our Town Administrator has gone above and beyond the call of duty on some things and has done his job to notify the people and be readily available to answer questions.

Trundy said tonight was not the first time he has heard citizens make comments about what they felt was lack of due notification on a typical topic. Trundy said he thought the Board should put on the agenda, for one of their future meetings, a conversation about what other towns are doing. He wondered if other towns have some interesting or creative way to go above and beyond what's required by law. Trundy said the next time he goes into a public hearing and people say you blindsided us with this he would like to be able to answer with something other than well we've done what the law requires. He said with today's technology there are a lot of things available to the Board of Selectmen to better inform our community.

Dunn said she agreed.

Kinney said he doesn't disagree, but he didn't want the Board to think the Town just did the minimum that was required of them. Routinely, in addition to the postings that are required, we post on the Town's web site, send the information to Village Soup, Pen Bay

Pilot, Bangor Daily News, the Local Cable Company and any media outlets that are available to us to get the free publicity.

Trundy said looking around to see what other people have created and capitalized on, given technology today, we may find some low cost ways to expand our options. Trundy subscribes to an email group, along with thousands of other law enforcement officers, that advises him of training, articles and news events related to his job. The program is through Yahoo. Trundy said through the site he can send messages that will reach half the law enforcement officers in the state. This is a very low cost option and if someone thought they weren't getting informed well enough they could subscribe to a service like this one. He said every time we had a town meeting with an agenda we could send it directly to their email box.

Dunn said the Google group would be a good option, although not everyone subscribes to Google group. Dunn said we are never going to satisfy everybody.

Kinney said you have to be careful not to discriminate against non computer users. He said he is all for getting the information out because we are conducting the public's business. Kinney said tonight's Special Town Meeting was better attended than some of our annual town meetings.

Kinney encouraged the public to come out and vote on Election Day Tuesday, November 5, 2013, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Lincolnville Central School in the gymnasium.

**3. Meetings & Announcements:**

Town Administrator Kinney read the upcoming meetings.

**4. Upcoming Community Events:**

Veteran's breakfast at the Camden Hills Regional High School on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Town Office will be closed on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, also on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, for our move back in. The Town Office will reopen Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

Dunn encouraged the public to come out to vote, attend the next Selectmen's meeting and to get involved by volunteering to join a committee. See our Town Administrator for a community interest form.

Kinney said the forms are on our web site with the list of committee openings.

**5. Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion by Libby, second by Trundy, that the Board approve the October 15, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Vote: 5-0.**

6. **Liquor License Renewal – Whales Tooth Pub:**

**Motion by Gerry, second by Libby, that the Board approve and sign the liquor license application submitted by the Whales Tooth Pub. Vote: 5-0.**

7. **Estimate of Firearms Value and Disposition Plan:**

Kinney said at the last meeting the Board instructed him to take the former PD firearms to Four Aces Arms for an appraisal and to explore what it would cost for consignment. There is a 20% consignment fee for each item at the listing price.

**Motion by Gerry, second by Libby, that the Board instruct the Town Administrator to consign any Town owned firearms with Four Aces Arms and the arms be listed for their appraised value plus any consignment fee. Vote: 5-0.**

Kinney said Selectman Trundy provided him assistance valuing some of the law enforcement items, which will soon be marketed to law enforcement agencies.

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

**Motion by Libby, second by Trundy, that the Board approve the Treasurer's Coombs-Griffin Trust and Payroll warrants. Vote: 5-0.**

9. **Adjourn:**

**Motion by Libby, second by Trundy, to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 5-0**

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Ten Broeck  
Administrative Assistant