

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
DONALDSON ROOM
Monday, February 8, 2016 7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Noah Eckhouse (Chair), Peter Braun, Renel Fredriksen
STAFF: Timothy Higgins, Town Administrator

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Mr. Eckhouse opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mr. Braun took a moment to thank Town Public Safety personnel for their great work during the storm last Friday and again tonight.
- Mr. Braun announced that Lt. Governor Karyn Polito will be attending the HATS meeting on February 25, 2016 and invited anyone interested to attend.
- Mr. Eckhouse announced that on February 23, 2016 there will be a Special Town Meeting. 100 registered voters are required in attendance in order to achieve a quorum for this meeting.
- Mr. Eckhouse mentioned, as a public service announcement, that during power outages that the best course of action would be to check for status of power outages online via mobile phone and not to call the police/fire department regarding power outages.

APPOINTMENTS:

- Joint Meeting With The Lincoln School Committee – Ms. Fredriksen gave a brief overview of the work of the Campus Master Planning Committee. Carole Kasper, Committee Chairperson, then took the floor and thanked all the members of the Committee, the Consultants, the Town staff, and the Town residents who all participated and contributed to the report that the Committee was presenting tonight. Ms. Kasper described how the Committee’s work was informed by the work of the SBAC I and SBAC II as well as the Community Center Study Committee. She went on to explain that the Report answered certain fundamental questions about the capacity of the campus to absorb new uses including a potential Community Center. Ms. Kasper stated that the Report concludes that, yes, the campus infrastructure can support additional uses, including a new community center. Ms. Kasper added that the Committee explored various conceptual options for building and facility placement to demonstrate the tradeoffs of each of them. Ms. Kasper commented that these options were not put forward as actual plans, but rather ideas of what the campus could be. Ms. Kasper stated that the Committee did not select a preferred option. She added that the Committee’s intention was to provide different views as to how the Campus might look and to be a useful reference tool for future Town Committees when making decisions going forward. Ms. Fredriksen added that the process was very open and that input was taken from the residents. Mr. Braun thanked Ms. Kasper for her efforts on the

Committee. Mr. Eckhouse thanked the Committee for their good work and added that the final report is available online on the Town website. Steve Perlmutter congratulated Carole Kasper and the Committee. He said that he was glad to hear that this report was not meant to replace the work of SBACI and SBACII. Ms. Fredriksen made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Braun seconded. It was unanimously approved.

- Vocational Education Options Working Group (VEOWG) – Mr. Braun presented an update on what the working group is doing. He made a point to thank Lincoln School Superintendent Becky McFall for her contributions to the progress that the group has made. Mr. Braun gave an overview of what has happened since Fall of 2015 in regard to Minuteman Regional High School and the Regional Agreement Amendments. He explained that at a December Minuteman School Committee meeting it was stated that if the Town of Lincoln does not agree with the amendments, then the Town should have the option to withdraw from the District. From that point forward the VEOWG has been busy researching and gathering information and generating a FAQ memo to inform residents. He continued that the VEOWG has visited two local regional high schools (Nashoba Valley and Assabet Valley), and has plans to visit Keefe Tech in Framingham, while also touring Minuteman. He reported that there is a Public Forum being held this Thursday at the Hartwell Building and that the VEOWG is hopeful that there will be a good turnout and useful feedback from residents. Laura Sander, Finance Committee Representative to the VEOWG, added that the group has done a great deal of good work in a short period of time and that she hoped that people would see that. Ms. Fredriksen added that she appreciated the quality and objectivity of the information that was being generated and published by the group.

OPEN FORUM:

- None

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- FY17 Budget Proposal – Mr. Higgins began by reporting that the Finance Committee has agreed to support the budget as amended. He added that anyone that was interested in the details should feel free to call his office and he would be glad to go over them. The budget now covers all items included within the initial base budget, plus funds for the 4th Sergeant and some staffing addition in the Planning Department.
- Landfill Solar Steering Committee – Mr. Higgins reported that the group had a second meeting. He added that the group is attempting to balance a a complicated set of legal, financial and conservation considerations. After their last meeting, there was consensus that the Green Energy Committee (GEC) representative and the Conservation Commission (Concom) representative would lead a focused exploration on 10-20 parcels in Town that have been identified as possible sites for solar or for possible consideration in trade for the landfill property. The Steering Committee recommends that the Town focus on this issue for Special Town Meeting in the fall rather than Annual Town meeting this spring. Mr. Higgins said that he would keep the Board updated.

- Blazes' Alcohol Petition Update – Mr. Higgins reported that he was continuing to stay on top of the Bill as it passed through the legislative process. At this point, Mr. Higgins commented that he felt we would run out of time and miss the Town Meeting deadline. He added that there may be a workaround if another license became available and that particular license could be transferred.
- Board of Selectmen Annual Report – Mr. Higgins reported that the Board's 2015 Annual Report has been finalized.

DISCUSSION:

- Special Town Meeting Preparation – The Warrant for the February 23rd Special Town Meeting contains two Articles:
 - To consider withdrawal from Minuteman Regional High School District
 - To vote on a slate of proposed Regional Agreement Amendments
- Liason Reports - None

ACTION ITEMS:

- Special Town Meeting Warrant - Ms. Fredriksen made a motion to sign the February 23, 2016 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Braun seconded. It was unanimously approved.
- Annual Town Meeting Warrant - Ms. Fredriksen made a motion to sign the March 19, 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Braun seconded. It was unanimously approved.
- Annual Town Election Ballot Questions – Ms. Fredriksen moved that the Board direct the Town Clerk in accordance with the requirements of MGL Chapter 54 Section 42c to include the following two questions on the Ballot for the March 28, 2016 Annual Town Election.
 1. Shall the Town of Lincoln be allowed to assess an additional \$320,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of purchasing an articulated loader and a street sweeper for the DPW, including all costs incidental and related thereto, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016? This is a Yes/No question.
 2. Shall the Town of Lincoln be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for its apportioned share of the bond issued by the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District in order to finance costs of constructing and equipping a new District Vocational Technical High School, including the financing of all other costs incidental and related thereto? This is a Yes/No question

Mr. Braun seconded. It was unanimously approved.

- Town Constable Reappointments – Mr. Braun moved to re-appoint Joseph Topol and Robert Millian as Town Constables for the term of March 1, 2016 to March 1, 2017. Ms.

Fredriksen seconded. It was unanimously approved.

- ZBA Appointments – On the recommendation of ZBA Joel Freedman, Ms. Fredriksen moved to appoint Bill Churchill as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one year term to expire in May 2017 and Ron Chester as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term to expire May 2019. Mr. Braun seconded. It was unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Mr. Higgins wanted to make the public aware that there are opportunities to serve on the Conservation Commission. There are two vacant seats as well as two incumbents looking to be reappointed.

MEETING MINUTES:

- None

A motion was made by Mr. Braun to adjourn. Ms. Fredriksen seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved. The Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Submitted by Peggy Elder

Approved March 7, 2016