

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES–Final
Donaldson Room
Monday February 25, 2019
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Jonathan Dwyer, Chair, James Craig, Jennifer Glass
STAFF: Timothy Higgins, Town Administrator, Peggy Elder, Administrative Assistant

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

- Mr. Dwyer opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mr. Craig thanked the DPW and Public Safety for all the hard work they do during winter storms.

APPOINTMENTS:

- Property Tax Study Committee (PTSC) – Mr. Dwyer asked the candidates for the PTSC to join the meeting. Kenny Mitchell and Jane Appell joined the meeting and introduced themselves. Ms. Appell explained that she was very active in the town 25 years ago and that took a backseat to raising her children. She added that she felt it was time to get involved and represent her age group. Mr. Mitchell stated that the school project and the tax impact from it prompted him to step up. He was part of a group involved in raising private funds that could be used to help those in need. He added that it was a tough discussion to determine need and that the programs available are geared to very specific demographics. Ms. Appell noted that a good needs assessment needs to be done. In addition, she recommends researching to see what additional models there are available to fund projects other than just property taxes. Mr. Mitchell said that it all starts with the need and from there see what type of programs need to be changed or implemented. Mr. Dwyer thanked both candidates for coming in, and said that the Board would be making a decision this evening and contacting everyone tomorrow.
- Quiet Lincoln Proposed Leaf Blower Bylaw – John Koenig, Peter Von Mertens, Jamie Banks, Dan Pereira, Robin Wilkerson, Larry Buell, Jim Meadors, and Geoff McGean joined the meeting. Ms. Banks began by reporting that they had gotten 120 signatures supporting the proposed bylaw. She added that they are holding a public hearing on Thursday night. Ms. Wilkerson said that they have received endorsements from Mother's Out Front, St. Ann's Parish, , and the Green Committee of the First Parish Church. Ms. Banks is asking for the support of the Board of Selectmen.

OPEN FORUM:

- None

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Bond Sale - Mr. Higgins reported that the school project bond sale for an initial \$80M bond took place on Wednesday. Eight bids were submitted, with the lowest at a rate of 3.379%. At the time of the vote, the projected tax impact was at 4% and 5%. With the lower rate, the tax impact will be somewhat lower than projected. Doing full projected versus actual comparisons will not be possible until the full project budget is bonded. The December votes authorized borrowing up to \$88.5M for the \$93.9M project.
- Oriole Landing – Mr. Higgins reported that Jen Burney, Director of Planning and Land Use, has prepared and submitted the final paperwork to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) so that the 60 units will be officially added to the Town's Subsidized Housing Inventory (40. DHCD confirmed receipt and acknowledged that the submittal was complete.
- Marijuana Update – Mr. Higgins reported that the ballot question has been submitted to the Town Clerk, as voted on February 11th by the Board. The Marijuana Study Committee met last week and decided to publish a one-page mailer explaining the ballot and its connection to the October 20th special town meeting vote. The Committee decided not to host a second forum out of concern that a second forum could create the impression that all of the partial ban options were back up for debate. A first draft of the mailer is in circulation among the Committee members. The mailer will be finalized and published next week.
- Harriett Backus Todd Trust – Mr. Higgins reported that they now have a list of potential uses finalized. Mr. Higgins and Mr. Dwyer will invite feedback from friends and family and report back.

DISCUSSION:

- Town Meeting Preparation – Mr. Higgins reported that the Warrant Article list was final as of January 28th, and has been posted. The final draft of the Warrant will be voted on tonight. Mr. Higgins added that he will ask for a vote to submit the Marijuana ballot question that was prepared by Town Counsel to the Town Clerk. Mr. Higgins reported that the FinCom Report was finalized on February 21st. He added that the first draft of the Motions is included in the selectmens' packets, and that the motions will be finalized a week prior to Town Meeting. Mr. Higgins reported that the Annual Report has gone to the printer.
- DeCordova/Trustees of Reservations Integration – Mr. Craig reported that an agreement has been reached in principle. The deCordova Working Group will be holding a public forum on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 in the Donaldson Room at Town Offices. The goal is to give an overview of what is going on and the key agreement terms.
- Liaison Reports –
School Building Committee – Ms. Glass reported that there will be a meeting coming up this Wednesday. Members of the FinCom will be providing information regarding the Bond and

how that affects property taxes. This is the same information that will be included in the BOS Newsletter. Other items on the SBC agenda are interior design and exterior materials.

Roadway & Traffic Committee – Mr. Dwyer reported that the Roadway and Traffic Committee met last week. He noted that topics were the Route 2A redesign, and a highway DPW proposal to repave the lower part of Bedford Road that was damaged when a water main burst. They also discussed granite curbing around the island where a tree was removed at the 5 corners.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Council (BPAC) – Mr. Dwyer reported that the kickoff meeting for the committee is tomorrow night.

Hanscom Area Towns (HATS)– Mr. Dwyer reported that there is a HATS meeting this Thursday night, and it is going to have participation from public safety from each of the four towns, as well as Massport and Hanscom Field, to go over their catastrophe plans and emergency readiness.

South Lincoln Planning Implementation Committee (SLPIC) – Mr. Craig reported that SLPIC had another meeting with their zoning subgroup. Along with the Metropolitan Area Planning Committee (MAPC) they are looking at some possible zoning bylaw amendments in the Lincoln Station area.

Lincoln Housing Coalition – Mr. Craig reported that the Housing Coalition, which is made up the Affordable Housing Trust, The Housing Commission and the Lincoln Foundation, is having a meeting on March 6th. They will be setting some priorities and looking at housing opportunities in the town.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Property Tax Study Committee – Ms. Glass made a motion to appoint David Levington, Sara Mattes, Brendan Coughlin, and Kenny Mitchell to the Property Tax Study Committee as At-Large members. Mr. Craig seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.
- Constable Re-Appointment - Ms. Glass made a motion to re-appoint Robert Millian as Constable. Mr. Craig seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.
- MBTA Advisory Board Representative – Mr. Craig made a motion to re-appoint Andrew Glass as Lincoln's representative to the MBTA Advisory Board. Mr. Dwyer seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.
- Road Ride Application – Ms. Glass made a motion to approve the Brain Tumor Association's request to hold their annual fundraising ride using Lincoln's roads. Mr. Craig seconded. It was unanimously approved.
- Bond Signing – Ms. Glass made a motion to sign the Bonds for the School Building Project. Mr. Craig seconded. It was unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Board of Selectmen's Newsletter - Ms. Glass said asked if anyone had any changes to make. The Board agreed to the draft as presented.

MEETING MINUTES:

- January 28, 2019 – Mr. Craig made a motion to accept the minutes of January 28, 2019 as amended. Ms. Glass seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS:

- Ms. Glass made a motion to approve the warrants. Mr. Craig seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. Glass to adjourn. Mr. Craig seconded. It was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30P.M.

Submitted by Peggy Elder

Approved 03/18/2019