

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Donaldson Room
Monday March 5, 2018 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: James Craig (Chair), Jennifer Glass, Jonathan Dwyer

STAFF: Timothy Higgins, Town Administrator, Peggy Elder, Administrative Assistant

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mr. Dwyer thanked the DPW and Public Safety Departments for their great work during the recent Noreaster.
- Ms. Glass reminded everyone about the joint workshop taking place on March 13, 2018.

APPOINTMENTS:

- Mother's Out Front – Emily Haslett and Trish O'Hagan joined the meeting to discuss their Citizen's Petition warrant article. Ms. Haslett began by saying that this is an exciting chance for Lincoln to be part of the solution to the problem of gas leaks, noting that there are 64 gas leaks in Lincoln.

Ms. Haslett explained that the intent of their resolution is to urge support for legislation that will require the utility companies to repair leaking mains by creating a financial incentive for them to do so. Another option suggested was to fix 7% of the largest leaks.

Mr. Dwyer asked for a motion to support the Mother's Out Front warrant article as amended, including Mr. Higgins' suggested revision to support the specific Bill "or other similar legislation". Ms. Glass seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

- Historic District Commission – Andrew Glass and Lucretia Giese, Co-Chairs of the Historic District Commission, joined the meeting to present their Town Meeting articles which are:
 1. Add modern homes to the historic homes register.
 2. Forming a new historic district in Brown's Wood.
 - 18 existing homeowners wish to join
 - 11 homeowners want their own district
 - It is a voluntary process
 - The Planning Board has endorsed it
 - Process can be reversed. Essentially the same process in reverse.

- Currently 73 homes in the Historic District

The Brown's Wood district would require a new Historic District. Meetings would run at the same time.

Mr. Dwyer moved to endorse Article #28, Mr. Craig seconded. With Ms. Glass abstaining, the motion was passed with a majority vote.

Ms. Glass moved to endorse Article #29, Mr. Dwyer seconded. It was unanimously approved.

- Historical Commission – Andrew Glass and Lucretia Giese then updated the Board of Selectmen on the proposed preservation restriction for 241 Old Concord Road. The Rural Land Foundation will hold a restriction on the land, and the Lincoln Historical Commission will hold the restriction on the house. This will be submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission for final review and approval. Mr. Craig thanked them for their update. Mr. Glass stated that the Lincoln Historical Commission will return to ask for the Board's vote to approve when their work has been completed.
- Green Energy – CJ Volpone and Paul Gromer (Peregrine Group) joined the meeting. They began the discussion by explaining that aggregation would pool electricity purchasing power and the Town could influence the nature of the supply. For example, a resident could request green renewable sources. Residents may also opt out. It allows more choices. The Town would set the menu and the residents would make their selections from there. Article 31 is being sent to Town Meeting and Green Energy Committee is seeking the Selectmen's endorsement. They added that if approved at Town Meeting, the regulatory process is about a year. It would then go back to Green Energy Committee to set a contract with Peregrine. There would be much public outreach and then it would come back to the Board of Selectmen to sign the contract. They recommend giving a menu of up to three options as that works best. The process is easy for the Homeowner to opt out. There is no fee to do so. Mr. Dwyer moved to endorse Article #31, Mr. Craig seconded. It was unanimously approved.

OPEN FORUM:

- None.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Annual Town Meeting – Mr. Higgins reported that the Board now had the final signed version of the Town Meeting Warrant and that it has been posted by Police Chief Kennedy. Mr. Higgins noted that the the warrant and article list can be found on the dedicated Town Meeting page on the Lincoln Town website. Any related documents can be found on that page. He added that the Article List will now go through the process to convert to Motions.

Mr. Higgins presented a first draft of suggested presentation assignments. The Board suggested several changes to better balance the load. Mr. Higgins will forward a revised list.

DISCUSSION:

- PPDC/SBC – Mr. Dwyer reported that there two sessions (8:00 AM and 7:00 PM) being held on March 13, 2018, at the Reed Gymnasium. The group is looking for feedback. Ms. Glass reported that there would be a meeting this week. The design team SMMA has a highly qualified in house green energy person on their team. In addition, SMMA also contracted with Bill Maclay whose firm specializes in sustainability will be speaking at this meeting.
- HOW Group – Mr. Craig reported that they had another public forum last week for the proposed Oriole Landing project. Civico (the developer) did their own traffic study which prompted many questions from those in attendance. One question was could the Town do their own review of the Civico traffic study. The Town was able to get a peer review done and the Engineer who did that review presented at the meeting and came to a slightly different conclusion than the one who did the original report. The heavy traffic on Route 2 and the driving apps available will cause additional traffic through the area. A discussion consisting of ways to mitigate the traffic issues including making Mary's Way a cul-de-sac, or one-way, and other mitigation options including a no right turn restriction exiting Oriole Landing. Of those options, it appears that the neighborhood would support a no right turn, but not a cul-de-sac or one-way. Mr. Craig stated that he would like the Board of Selectmen to also agree to make this neighborhood a priority for complete street funding and other sources. The goal would be to identify possible roadway and roadside improvements including a potential roadside path of abutters will agree to provide necessary easements.

- Liaison Reports:

Sudbury Board of Selectmen - Ms. Glass wanted to follow up on the letter the Board sent to the Sudbury Board of Selectmen. She followed up on the conversation with the Sudbury Board of Selectmen Susan Iuliano and told her that the Lincoln Board of Selectmen appreciated the transparency of the letter. She added that the conversation should start with the School Committee and not the Board of Selectmen. The Sudbury Board of Selectmen will be meeting with the Lincoln-Sudbury School Committee on March 13th and with the Sudbury School Committee sometime in April.

Cycling Safety Advisory Committee (CSAC) – Mr. Craig reported that the committee met last week. He added that they will be hosting a public forum on March 28, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Bemis Hall. Mr. Craig reported that the Executive Director of Mass Bike will be the keynote speaker and they will be looking at Middlesex County corridor in particular and ways to advocate for improvements, especially on state roads like Route 2A. The Committee is hoping for a good turnout from surrounding communities to brainstorm to come up with innovative ideas for improvements.

ACTION ITEMS:

- None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

MEETING MINUTES:

- None

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

Submitted by Peggy Elder

Approved 04/09/18