

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES–Final
Donaldson Room
Monday April 8, 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:

- Ms. Glass extended the Board’s thanks to the DPW for getting the flower pot at the 5 corners intersection back up.
- Ms. Glass congratulated Mr. Craig on his re-election to the Board.
- Ms. Glass reported that since Town Meeting the new restaurant “Real” has opened at Lincoln Station.
- Mr. Craig made a motion to reorganize the Board with Ms. Glass to serve as Chair for the next year. Mr. Dwyer seconded. It was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS:

- None.

OPEN FORUM:

- Alex Bostrum joined the meeting and introduced himself. He wanted to make the Board aware of an issue with the “sport court” at the schools. He reported that the surface is often slippery which he said could cause possible injury. He added that the court surface is only good when it is a dry sunny day. Knowing that the court is within 50 feet of a wetland, he is not sure of the type of surface that would work in the space, but has spoken to Parks & Recreation Director, Dan Pereira. Mr. Craig responded that when the sport court surface was selected, it was done with the idea that it would need to be moved during the school project. The Board thanked Alex for bringing his concern to their attention.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

- Town Meeting Re-cap - Mr. Higgins reported that it was another successful Town Meeting. The Budgets that were presented were well developed and minimized questions. Mr. Higgins

reported that all of the bylaws were approved, including those that required a 2/3 vote. The changes to the deCordova bylaw which was supported unanimously, thanks to the good work done by the deCordova Working Group. In addition, the citizen's petition supporting a resolution to examine the symbols on the state seal and flag was approved. Mr. Higgins went on to say that the logistics, planning, and everything from the presentations to handouts being available made the day run smoothly. Mr. Higgins thanked Twisted Tree Café for providing lunch at the meeting. Mr. Higgins then thanked the Board for recognizing his service to Lincoln and for including his family in the celebration.

- Codman Farm Solar Project – Mr. Higgins reported that the Town has been working with Codman Community Farm (CCF) for several months to complete the process enabling them to move forward with the installation of a solar array on the main barn. He added that he was pleased to report that the bid was awarded to SunBug Solar, at the recommendation of CCF.

Mr. Higgins reported that he and David Alperovitz of CCF worked through the process with the assistance of Beth Greenblatt, Lincoln's solar consultant, and Michael Haines, Facilities Manager. The solar array will be owned by CCF, and the contract will be between CCF and the solar contractor.. All benefits and obligations will accrue to CCF. The Town, acting in its capacity as landlord under its License with CCF, will enter execute a License Amendment confirming the duties and obligations of CCF and the Town.

When fully operational, which is anticipated to occur not later than June 23rd, the Codman Farm solar array will generate approximately 54 kw of electricity, sufficient to meet the Farm's needs and likely to generate additional credits for the Farm. The project was done under an ownership model, rather than as Third Party Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). CCF received grant funds of approximately \$50,000 and raised private funds to cover the difference. The total bid price was \$148,481. The Codman Farm solar system will be the first installed on any town-owned building which, when combined with the replacement heat pump system, is expected to make the Farm a net zero facility. Ms. Glass asked if the farm was considering a back up generator or battery now that it will be an electric heating system.

Mr. Craig made a motion to award the solar array installation on the main barn at Codman Farms. Mr. Dwyer seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved that Sunbug be awarded the CCF solar installation contract.

- Solar Installation at the Public Safety Building – Mr. Higgins reported that he is working with Beth Greenblatt regarding this project. The project has a similar scope to the one at Codman Farms. Completing the project under an ownership model would require going through the capital planning process as opposed a third party Power Purchase Agreement which would not require going through the capital planning process. However, the size of the project may not draw the interest needed to secure a third party PPA. Mr. Higgins added that the worst case scenario is that a PPA would not work and the project would have to be completed through the capital planning process.

DISCUSSION:

- Town Meeting - Ms. Glass extended congratulations to all involved in helping to deliver what was a very well organized and successful Town Meeting. She noted that it is a group effort to pull off. Mr. Dwyer added that the feedback he had heard was all positive, as well. Mr. Craig

commended the efforts of the Town Moderator, Sarah Canon-Holden, in running the Meeting. Mr. Dwyer put the question on the table as to whether or not groups/committees who had completed their charge should be disbanded, citing the Marijuana Study Group, the Leaf Blower Committee, and the deCordova Working Group as examples. Mr. Craig stated that the deCordova Working Group needs to stay intact until the due diligence phase ends on June 30th. Once the full integration has been confirmed, it would then be appropriate to disband the committee. Mr. Craig stated that the Marijuana Study Group could be disbanded now as their work is completed. Ms. Glass noted that the Leaf Blower Committee is a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, so it is up to ConCom to make a decision. The Board agreed that the Marijuana Study Group should be invited to a future meeting in order to be thanked and officially disbanded.

- Liaison Reports

McLean Litigation – Mr. Craig reported that he, Joel Bard (Town Counsel), Joel Freedman (ZBA), Mr. Higgins, and several of the abutters to the McLean property attended the Supreme Judicial Court oral arguments last Tuesday. Mr. Craig extended his thanks to Special Town Counsel Jay Talerman, who worked very effectively alongside the abutter’s attorney, Michael Fee. Mr. Craig noted that this is a very important case which will further define the reach and scope of the Dover Amendment. He added that for anyone interested in watching the hearing, the video is available on the Supreme Judicial Court website. A decision by the SJC is expected within the next 120 days.

School Building Committee – Ms. Glass reported that cost estimates for the design development stage are due in this week. The next meeting is this coming Wednesday evening.

Property Tax Study Committee - Ms. Glass reported that the Committee had met and Mr. Higgins and Ms. Bottum did a great presentation on what is now being offered and how well each program is being utilized. This week the committee will look at what is known about economic need in Lincoln, and start the conversation about how else to determine need.

Lincoln-Sudbury High School - Ms. Glass reported that the LS School Committee is holding a special meeting this evening to discuss the budget, as there is a revision that needs to be made. The result of the revision is a lower assessment from Lincoln, so there are no additional votes or decisions required on the part of Lincoln. Ms. Glass then reported that the state had finally certified Lincoln-Sudbury’s Excess and Deficiencies Fund, and that LS will now be able to go forward with plans for a new in house special education program to be known as LSAcademy.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Annual Consent List – Mr. Dwyer moved to approve the annual consent list as presented. Mr. Craig seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- Cultural Council Candidate – Mr. Craig moved to appoint Kathryn Corbin to the Lincoln Cultural Council for a term of 3 years expiring in 2022. Mr. Dwyer seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.
- Road Closure for Kid’s Triathlon – This event is held annually, and this year it will be held on June 15th. It will require a road closure between 8:30 and 10:30AM from the 5 way stop to

Ballfield Road. Mr. Dwyer moved to approve the road closure. Mr. Craig seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

MEETING MINUTES:

- March 18, 2019 – Mr. Dwyer made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended, of the March 18, 2019 meeting. Mr. Craig seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

WARRANTS:

- Mr. Craig made a motion to approve the warrant. Mr. Dwyer seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Dwyer. Mr. Craig seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 P.M.

Submitted by Peggy Elder
Approved 05/06/19