

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES– Final
Public Health Emergency Response Update Virtual Meeting
Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order
Suspending Certain Provisions of
Open Meeting Law.
Zoom Meeting ID# 98658051198
Wednesday May 20, 2020
9:30 A.M.**

PARTICIPANTS: Jennifer Glass, Selectmen Chair
(Virtually) James Craig, Selectman
Jonathan Dwyer, Selectman
Tim Higgins – Town Administrator
Sarah Cannon-Holden – Town Moderator
Kevin Kennedy – Police Chief
Valerie Fox – Town Clerk
Andy Payne – Chair, Finance Committee
Peggy Elder – Administrative Assistant

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

- Ms. Glass opened the meeting and noted that this meeting is being held remotely in a way that is consistent with Governor Baker’s Executive Order of March 12, 2020 in order to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 virus. The order suspends the requirement to hold meetings in a publically accessible physical location and it allows bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as there is reasonable public access. Ms. Glass noted that this evening a public comment portion has been built into the meeting that will take place after they have gone through the discussion items on the agenda. She respectfully asked that the public participants keep their video and microphones off until that time. Ms. Glass reported that in addition to Zoom, this meeting is being broadcast on Comcast channel 8, Verizon channel 33, and is available through the Town website at www.lincolntown.org. She noted that this meeting is being recorded and that attendees are participating via video conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None

APPOINTMENTS:

- None

DISCUSSION:

- Town Meeting – Mr. Higgins reported that Town Moderator Sarah Cannon-Holden joined the Board of Selectmen’s meeting on Monday night to offer her support for the Town to go ahead with Town Meeting on June 13th. There is no law requiring Ms. Cannon-Holden to make her declaration publicly, but she has made the declaration publicly to postpone Town Meeting until

June 13th and the legal obligations have now been satisfied. Mr. Higgins added that Chief Kennedy, who is also a Constable in the Town, will post the Declaration and forward it to the Attorney General's Office as required

With the requirements of the Town Meeting postponement satisfied, the Board moved on to discuss the Warrant. Mr. Higgins reported that the Warrant is highly restricted. Out of 40+ original articles, it has been pared down to twenty-two. It only includes Articles that are financial in nature, including the school and Water Department capital projects. Nineteen of the remaining articles are considered routine enough in nature to be placed on the consent calendar. The other three articles, one of which involves borrowing, will not be included on the consent calendar: Article 8, Lincoln School project requests funds from Free Cash; Article 20, transfer of funds to Free Cash (customarily voted on after approval of the Town budget), and; Article 22, approval of borrowing for Water Department capital projects. Mr. Higgins noted that the Board had seen the drafts of the Warrant as it was developed. This final version includes a change in the provisions in the event of rain. In the event that changes need to be made on the day, the Town will use the reverse 911 system to get the word out. This will be used in addition to posting on the Town website, as well as posting to Lincoln Talk and The Squirrel.

Mr. Craig made a motion to approve the Warrant for the June 13, 2020 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Dwyer seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was approved by roll call vote: Mr. Dwyer: Aye; Mr. Craig: Aye; Ms. Glass: Aye.

Mr. Higgins reported that the Town Meeting page on www.lincolntown.org is going to be the single place that residents can go to see all of the latest Town Meeting related documents. There will be a post to Lincoln Talk and The Squirrel which will include a link to the page.

Town Moderator, Sarah Cannon-Holden read her Declaration to postpone the Town Meeting until June 13th. The Declaration will take effect as of May 23, 2020, which was the original date of the meeting. Chief Kennedy confirmed that he would post to the standard locations.

- FinCom Update – FinCom chair Andy Payne reported that they met virtually last night. They considered the School Building Committee's requests. He was please to announce that they had a revised Town Budget. He is working on the cover letter that will accompany the report.
- Liaison Reports –
None

OPEN FORUM:

- None

ACTION ITEMS:

- None

WARRANTS:

- None.

MINUTES:

- None.

Mr. Dwyer made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Craig seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote: Dwyer: Aye; Craig: Aye; Glass: Aye. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 A.M.

Submitted by Peggy Elder
Approved 06/01/20