

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES–Final
Donaldson Room
Thursday July 19, 2018
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 re-opened the meeting in open session and reviewed the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Ms. Glass reported on today's Hanscom Homecoming Heroes event, recognizing the forty five military personnel returning from duty abroad. The entire Board thanked them all for their service.
- Ms. Craig extended kudos to the July Fourth Celebration Committee. Another fun Independence Day celebration was held and could not have happened without the efforts of all of those involved.

APPOINTMENTS:

- Community Center Preliminary Planning & Design Committee (CCPPDC) – Members of the committee Ellen Meyer Shorb, Chair; Dan Pereira, Parks & Recreation Dept; Sarah Chester; Owen Beenhower; Doug Crosby; and Steve Gladstone, Planning Board, joined the meeting and introduced themselves. MaryAnn Thompson, Architect, also joined the meeting.

Ms. Meyer Shorb began by reporting that the committee worked wonderfully together. Ms. Meyer Shorb then went on to explain the following:

- What Worked:
- Having representatives from various committees
Working alongside the School Building Project
Mary Ann Thompson and Martha Foss
- The Challenges:
To not reinvent the wheel, not duplicate the work of previous committees
Additional exit to Lincoln Rd was not recommended, but could be reconsidered by future committee
The survey results were split between the two designs, just as the committee was
- Next Steps:
Reconvene a committee in November 2020 to prepare for the 2021 Annual Town Meeting
Identify ALL stakeholders. Do the research. Work with the current programs using the

space currently which are LEAP, Magic Garden and Lincoln PreSchool.

Ms. Glass thanked the committee for the extra effort put forward to stay connected with the school project. At the next School Building Committee meeting the topic will be the site. She encouraged members of the committee to come and add to the conversation. Mr. Craig echoed Ms. Glass' comments. He attended public outreach meetings and does not want the momentum gained to fade. He was open to ideas to keep the conversation going. Ms. Glass added that there will be a spot in the Selectmen's Newsletter. Mr. Higgins added that they should make sure that the Capital Planning Committee adds the Community Center to their multi-year planning. Mr. Craig made a motion to dissolve the CAPPDC. Ms. Glass seconded. It was unanimously approved.

- Rural Land Foundation/Conservation Commission Conservation Restrictions – Geoff McGean of the Rural Land Foundation joined the meeting. The two properties are:
 - 0 Winter Street
 - o 54 acre parcel of protected land which is mostly wetlands. The restriction means that the land will be permanently protected.
 - o Owned by City of Cambridge as part of aquifer protection plan
 - o CPA funds used as part of the original conservation plan in 2015
 - o Process was delayed due to staffing shortage at state reviewing agency
 - o Lincoln's Conservation Commission and City of Cambridge have already reviewed and approved.
 - 24 Sandy Pond Road
 - o 2.8 acre developable parcel
 - o Owned by the Hargreaves-Heald family.
 - o CPA funds used as part of 2016 acquisition/protection plan.
 - o Delay resulting from state staffing shortage
 - o Rural Land Foundation and Conservation Commission are recommending approval.
 - o Once the restriction is approved, the land will go to the Town.

Mr. Craig moved to approve the Conservation Restrictions for 0 Winter Street and for 24 Sandy Pond Road. Ms. Glass seconded. It was unanimously approved.

OPEN FORUM:

- None

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Oriole Landing—Mr. Higgins reported that since the Board's last meeting, the Planning Board's Special Permit hearing was continued to a second session that took place on June 26th, and then again to July 10th. He added that the report from Ms. Burney and Ms. Vaughn prior to the meeting on the 26th was that the developer appears to have addressed

all of the key concerns of the boards and the abutters. The Board then met on July 10th and voted to approve the permit application subject to the various conditions that have been discussed throughout. Ms. Vaughn is in the process of writing up the decision. Once the decision is finalized, it will be submitted along with other required documentation to the Department of Housing and Community Development for review and approval to ensure that the units will be counted as part of the Town's 40B affordable inventory. The developer is hopeful that he will be able to break ground this fall. Mr. Higgins added that as the Board is aware, the units will be added to the Town's inventory at the time of issuance of the building permit.

- Tax Relief Program Option—Mr. Higgins reported that the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee have made a point of promoting the various property tax relief programs that the Town has implemented over the years, and are committed to studying any additional program options that seem appropriate. Lincoln currently offers all of the programs that are available to all communities, under state law. Over the years, the Town has also studied various other tax relief program options that are available only through special legislation. Mr. Higgins explained that one such option is the expanded circuit-breaker program that was implemented by Sudbury in 2013. It is an option that is worthy of consideration. Mr. Higgins asked that the Board consider appointing a very small working group to find out more about the program and to come back to the Board with a recommendation this fall, to consider whether to include a proposal for the 2019 Town Meeting. The group that would be made up of a member of the BOS, Council on Aging (COA) Board member, the COA Director and Mr. Higgins could do the initial research and report back to the Board in September. Ms. Glass moved to establish a working group to look into possible tax relief program options. Mr. Craig seconded. It was unanimously approved.
- By-Law Approvals – Mr. Higgins reported that he received approvals from the State Attorney General's office on the zoning by-laws, the historic district by-laws, and the by-law that bans plastic water bottles. He added that he is still waiting approval of the plastic bag ban by-law.

DISCUSSION:

- Marijuana Study Committee – Mr. Craig reported that the Committee had met in mid-June. The Committee will be recommending to go forward with a Special Town Meeting (STM) to be held right before the State of the Town (SOTT) on October 20, 2018. The Committee is still working out the details of the specific warrant articles, but at the very least they would like to extend the moratorium from this November until June 30, 2019. Mr. Craig also reported that the results of the town wide marijuana survey showed that there was almost a 2-1 preference for a total ban of recreational marijuana establishments in the Town.
- deCordova Working Group – Mr. Craig reported that their next meeting is scheduled for August 2nd.
- Liaison Reports -
Green Energy Committee – Ms. Glass reported that this morning she attended the kickoff meeting for Aggregate Electricity Purchasing. Representatives from Peregrin Group who will put together a draft proposal were in attendance as well.

School Building Committee – Ms. Glass reported that the School Building Committee (SBC) meetings are now being televised. Meetings are set up in a charette/brainstorming style. They have been well attended so far. She added that the next meeting they will be discussing floor plans, site planning and exterior elevations.

Listening Sessions – Mr. Dwyer reported that he had held listening sessions with residents at the Codman pool as they were dropping off or picking up their kids from camp, swim lessons, and during the evening concert. He spoke to roughly 30 people and a main topic of discussion was Route 117 issues.

HATS – Mr. Dwyer reported that the Chair of the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area was there. It is a congressionally recognized area. The group works with the 45 cities and towns included in the area to help them work together to become more of a destination area in the state for people who are interested in exploring the history of the area as well as the current things to do and see.

Hanscom AFB – Ms. Glass and Mr. Dwyer will both be attending the changing of command ceremony on August 2, 2018. Colonel Roman Hund will be retiring after 26 years in the Air Force.

- Selectmen's Newsletter – Ms. Glass reviewed a draft of the next Selectmen's Newsletter that she plans to mail the first week in August. She asked that the selectmen get their sections to her next week so that the Board can approve the Newsletter at their July 30th meeting.
- Goosepond Road No Parking Signs – The discussion of installing no parking tow zone signs on Goosepond Road was tabled. Mr. Higgins will investigate and report back to the Board at their July 30th meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Veteran's Service Officer – Mr. Higgins reported that with the retirement of Patricia Leach, the Town began the search for a new Veteran's Service Officer. Carol Bottum, COA Director endorsed Peter Harvell for the position. Ms. Glass moved to appoint Peter Harvell to the position of Veteran's Service Officer effective July 2, 2018. Mr. Craig seconded. It was unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Mr. Higgins reported that Ms. Burney is back to publishing the Planning Department newsletter which is a nice summary of what is going on in the Town.
- Ms. Glass mentioned the Garden Club's letter that explained their long range plan of propagating sections of the twisted tree which stands in front of the Library. That particular tree is coming to the end of its projected lifespan and the Garden Club hopes that one of the

propagated saplings exhibits the same twisted character.

MEETING MINUTES:

- June 18, 2018 Minutes – Mr. Craig moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Glass seconded. It was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS:

- None.

A motion was made by Mr. Craig to adjourn. Ms. Glass seconded. It was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:45P.M.

Submitted by Peggy Elder

Approved 09/10/18