

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Donaldson Room
Monday July 29, 2019
6:30 P.M.

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

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

- Ms. Glass opened the meeting and announced that the Board was returning to Open Session after being in Executive Session from 6:30-7:15PM in accordance with MGL. c. 30A, s. 21. Re: Exemption # 2 – Contract Negotiation. Ms. Glass then reviewed the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mr. Dwyer wanted to recognize the Lincoln-Sudbury Girl's Rugby team for finishing 2nd in the state for the 2nd year in a row.
- Mr. Dwyer also recognized the Lincoln-Sudbury Boy's Lacrosse team for winning the State Championship for the 4th time in the last five years.

APPOINTMENTS:

- Lincoln-Sudbury Academy Initiative – Superintendent Wong joined the meeting. Ms. Glass noted that in June, Superintendent Wong had notified her various liaisons that there were revisions that had to be made to the original estimate for Lincoln-Sudbury Academy. These revisions brought the cost from \$350,000 to \$850,000. The Superintendent recommended that the School Committee proceed with the program hopeful that projected savings from reduced out-of-district placements will cover the program costs.

Superintendent Wong reported that L-S Academy will be temporarily housed at First Parrish until 42 Lincoln Road building is ready. The Selectmen asked questions including:

- How they are bridging the 500K gap?
- When did they go before the Sudbury Historical Commission?
- When will they be holding a public hearing?

OPEN FORUM:

- Barbara and Steve Low of 16 Blueberry Lane joined the meeting. They wanted to discuss the lack of cell coverage in Town. Mr. & Mrs. Low stated that they have no cell coverage at their residence and they consider it a safety concern. Mr. Low said that the lack of cell coverage affects the elderly, the young, and those having an emergency. He added that all of these people deserve to be able to reach emergency services when needed. Mr. Low stated that he

feels that it is the Board of Selectmen who should be taking a leadership position regarding this issue. He added that the goal would be that the three major national carriers provide coverage throughout the Town.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- 5G Technology – Mr. Higgins reported that this was just an update to previous conversations that the Board of Selectmen has had on the subject of 5G technology. He noted that in January of 2018 that the Board approved its guideline that is currently in place. This guideline provides a process and an application process that is to be followed when carriers come forward to propose 5G technology to be placed in the public right of way. This was a follow up to the original overture from the carriers in 2017 when they expressed an interest to populate the Town with 5G cell service. The guideline that was created gave the Town some procedural guidance including the Laws governing this type of service and the fact that the laws have evolved over time. With the input and guidance of Town counsel, the first 5G cell tower was installed on Route 117 at the junction of Route 126.
- Transfer Station Solar Project – Mr. Higgins reported that they are starting to get back into the transfer station solar project. He noted that he would be meeting with the Town's solar consultant Beth Greenblatt and National Park Service Superintendent, BJ Dunn this week. The Town plans to secure any and all National Park Services (NPS) approvals and permits that are required before we solicit proposal from solar developers. Mr. Higgins commented that he hopes to come away from the meetings with a solid understanding of the NPS permit process and requirements. He added that Ms. Greenblatt will help the Town navigate the process, including developing bid documents, evaluating proposals, and facilitating negotiations. Mr. Higgins noted that he would be pleased if the process was complete within 12-18 months.
- deCordova Update – Mr. Higgins reported that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with deCordova and the Operating agreement with The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR) have both been signed and the integration took effect on July 1st. Mr. Higgins suggested inviting TTOR and deCordova to a Board of Selectmen's meeting early in the fall to acknowledge the integration, to give them both a chance to promote upcoming events and to create good will. He added that conversations have begun to link deCordova into the Wayfinding program.
- Leaf Blower By-Law – Mr. Higgins reported that the Attorney General requested an additional 90 days to issue her opinion on the Leaf Blower Bylaw approved by Town Meeting this past March. He noted that a plan has been developed to inform residents and contractors so they can be made aware of the new bylaw, once approved, and for enforcement by the Building Inspector. Draft letters that have been prepared and will be released once the Town receives confirmation from the Attorney General.
- Library Air Conditioning System – Mr. Higgins reported that he has been in touch with the Library Board regarding the \$305,000 that was approved at Town Meeting to implement an air conditioning system. The Library has put this out to bid and they have received bids, but they

are having difficulty getting the scope of work done within the budget that was approved. They are currently exploring their options and are in touch with the Capital Planning Committee and Finance Committee as well as Town Counsel as there was a legal question that came up regarding the scope of the project and whether to proceed or not. Mr. Higgins added that the he and Finance Director/Town Accountant Colleen Wilkins are working together on this and that the discussions are ongoing.

DISCUSSION:

- Regional Housing Update – Mr. Craig reported that the Housing Coalition (made up of the Housing Commission, The Affordable Housing Trust, and the Lincoln Foundation) have now voted to endorse the idea of joining the Regional Housing Services Organization. Lincoln was a founding member of the organization which now supports eight area towns. The organization really helps the towns do the due diligence needed when managing affordable housing in each of the towns. Mr. Craig added that Lincoln's affordable housing has evolved in several different waves over the years each one seems to have different requirements with some being ownership models and others being rentals such as the Oriole Landing project coming online. Mr. Craig reported that there has been a lot of turnover in all of the housing groups and the thought is that now that all three groups are on board that they need to decide what services that they are going to need from the regional organization. He added that the goal is for each committee to meet this month and take a look as to what services that they would be interested in and then have a joint housing coalition meeting to see if the groups are all in alignment. Mr. Craig noted that there would be more to come, but they hope to be able to come back to the Board by the end of August.
- State of the Town Planning – Ms. Glass reminded everyone that the State of the Town (SOTT) has been set for Saturday November 2, 2019. She noted that there would be big topics such as Lincoln Station zoning, Property Tax Study Committee report, as well as Budget Review items. She added that it might be a good idea to set the context and then discuss the fact that the Town is going to need to be making some decisions. Mr. Craig added that while we can have these big picture visions, they would need to bring the zoning discussion before the Town noting that there will be a big outreach effort put forth. Ms. Glass remarked that it would be great to present the big picture vision, but then ask for feedback as to how it can be fine-tuned before it is brought back for a vote.
- Liaison Reports:

Hanscom Area Towns Committee (HATS) – Mr. Dwyer reported that they had a meeting where Michelle Ciccollo who is the new state representative for Lexington and Tami Gouveia the state representative for Concord and Acton were both in attendance. Their topics of importance were Transportation, Housing, Education, and Social Services and how they are intertwined. Mr. Dwyer commented that he was at Hanscom for the Hero's Homecoming which is a terrific event where people returning from deployment or are being deployed are recognized and their families are there. He added that it is an eye opening reminder that as a country we are still at war and that as a country there are people here that are still sacrificing so much to do the job that the country has asked them to do.

Listening Session – Mr. Dwyer reported that at the July concert series at Codman Pool he spoke to about 14 people. The topics of interest to them were the deterioration of asphalt near

the railroad tracks which he spoke to the DPW about; Transfer Station Solar Project; Rural Land Foundation Solar Project; and also the sixty (60) plus double utility poles in Town. Ms. Glass also had a listening session and the subject of lack of cell coverage in Town came up in the discussion. Ms. Glass added that another subject was having better lines along the side of the Town roadways. Ms. Glass added that the final subject that was asked about was better homecare in Town.

School Building Committee (SBC) – Ms. Glass reported that in relation to the School Building Project that on campus signs of progress are beginning to emerge. She added that the next SBC meeting is August 14th.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Entertainment License Lincoln Station Partners, LLC d/b/a Real – Ruth Anne Adams and Tom Fosnot of Lincoln Station Partners, LLC joined the meeting. Mr. Craig commented that he really appreciated the support that Real gives the town softball league a place to meet after their games. He added that Lincoln has other venues such as the Pierce House that use amplified music that the town regularly gets complaints about. Ms. Adams explained that Real wants to become an active participant in the community. Mr. Craig made a motion to approve an acoustic only Entertainment for Lincoln Station Partners, LLC d/b/a Real. Mr. Dwyer seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.
- Mr. Dwyer made a motion to appoint Natalia Depkov to the position of Town Social Worker for Lincoln. Mr. Craig seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.
- Mr. Craig made a motion to appoint Joan Ingersoll to the position of Human Services Worker for Lincoln as a temporary position to cover Abby Butt's leave. Mr. Dwyer seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.
- Mr. Dwyer made a motion to appoint Victoria Otis to the position of Pierce House Event Manager. Mr. Craig seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- David Alperovitz, Codman Farm – Mr. Craig noted that Mr. Alperovitz has resigned from the Codman Community Farm Board. The Board agreed that a letter of appreciation will be sent to Mr. Alperovitz.

MEETING MINUTES:

- June 3, 2019 minutes – Mr. Craig made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting. Mr. Dwyer seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.
- June 17, 2019 minutes - Mr. Dwyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting. Mr. Craig seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

WARRANTS:

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

Mr. Dwyer made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Craig seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 P.M.

Submitted by Peggy Elder

Approved 09/09/19