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Board of Water Commissioners and Select Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020, Order,
as Extended on June 15, 2021, with the Governor's signing of Senate Bill #2475,
Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law

Remote Participation Protocols: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, as further extended on June 15, 2021 by the Governor's signing of Senate Bill #2475, this meeting of the Lincoln Board of Water Commissioners will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the www.lincolntown.org. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen or watch the meeting may do so in the following manner:

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Topic: Water Commissioners & Select Board Joint Meeting

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Attendees:

Water Commission Board

MLB: Michelle Barnes, Commissioner

SG: Steve Gladstone, Commissioner

DL: Darin LaFalam, Water Superintendent

JH: Jim Hutchinson, Liaison Board of Select

ET: Edwin Tam, Minutes Taker

CS: Cindy Sheriff

Select Board

(JG) Jennifer Glass

(JW) Jonathan Dwyer

Town Administration

(TH) Tim Higgins: Town Administrator

(PE) Peggy Elder: Town Administrative Assistant

Candidates

(MB) Matthew Bio

(PL) Packy Lawler

MB called the meeting to order at 08:05 am.

1. Commissioner Vacancy – discuss interim Water Commissioner Replacement with a possible vote.

MLB gave a summary of the responsibility of Water Commissioners.

- Act as an oversight on Lincoln Town water supply and water safety
- Collect revenue and set rates.
- Unlike other departments, the water department is more capital-intensive, and is an enterprise fund; as such, the position prefers candidates who understand science, and engineering with strong financial backgrounds.
- Provide guidance to Water Superintendent and Water Department

Process.

- Due to the resignation of Ruth Ann Hendrickson, there is a need to appoint an interim Commissioner to serve now until March 2023.
- By March 2023, there will be 2 openings, one is vacated by Ruth Ann, and the other will be vacated by Michelle Barnes.
- For those who want to run as Water Commissioners in March, the person needs to pull all the paperwork and collect 30 signatures by February, information and collected signatures need to submit to the Town office. The election will be held the Monday after Town Meeting, March 27, 2023.

Candidates

Candidate 1: Matthew Bio

- Ph.D. Chemist
- long-standing interest in the management of resources such as water.
- Started a company in 2015, growing from 2 people to 80 people. The company is around \$10 MM.
- CEO of a medium size pharma company, has a background in finance and capital management
- Moved to Lincoln 2 years ago, impressed with the town's self-governance and commitment of the Town to making this a better place to live.

General comments from the group

- Matthew's strong management experience, especially in dealing with people, is a plus for this position.

Candidate 2: Packy Lawler

- Served six years as Water Commissioner in the Town of Lincoln.
- Consultant to SLPAC about the use of the existing wastewater treatment plant at Lincoln Woods.
- Prepared 2 RFPs
- Assisted SLPAC in conducting in-person reviews of consultants' submittals.
- Professional Engineer in the Environmental Consulting field for over 40 years.

- License as a PE in eight states. Consultant in the fields of environmental contamination, remediation, wastewater treatment, and public water supply treatment and distribution.
- Works as Treasurer for Lincoln COA
- Currently 83 years old and health--wise still good

General comments on Candidate 2

- Packy is highly respected in the Town based on his work as Water Commissioner and his work on SLIPAC.
- Very knowledgeable in this field.
- He works well with Town Office and Administrators
- Hope he can find someone as Treasurer for COA so he can focus exclusively as Water Commissioner

General comments on both candidates

- Very lucky to have two very strong candidates interested in the two openings.
- Both are strong candidates and the Water Superintendent would love to get them up to speed.
- Since Packy is a known entity, we may want to give Matthew a chance to work as an interim Commissioner until March for him to get a feel for the position, and for the town to experience his service.
- Everyone wants both candidates to run in March for the two openings.

Motion (MLB): Move to appoint Matthew Bio as interim Lincoln Water Commissioner until March 2023.

SG: Seconded.

Vote: Barnes - aye, Gladstone- aye. Dwyer -aye, Glass-aye, Hutchinson-aye.

Motion passed.

2. Adjourn

Motion (MLB): motioned to end the meeting.

SG Seconded.

Vote: Barnes - aye, Gladstone- aye

Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 08:38 am.