

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Final
Hybrid Meeting
Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order
Suspending Certain Provisions of
Open Meeting Law.
Zoom Meeting ID# 938 4860 9485
Monday July 10, 2023
6:30 P.M.

IN PERSON PARTICIPANTS: Jim Hutchinson, Select Board Chair
Jennifer Glass, Select Board Member
Kim Bodnar, Select Board Member

Tim Higgins, Town Administrator

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Mr. Hutchinson opened the meeting at 6:30 pm and noted Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, as further extended most recently by Governor Healey's March 29, 2023 signing of a bill extending said authorization to March 31, 2025, this meeting of the Lincoln Select Board will be conducted as a hybrid meeting, providing the public the opportunity to participate in-person or remotely.

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 Town of Lincoln website, at www.lincolntown.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Ms. Glass thanked everyone that was involved in the Fourth of July events. The weather allowed all the events to happen which was a surprise. Thanks so much to the Parks and Recreation Department for their efforts. She also noted that there was a float from Hanscom Air Force Base for the first time that she could remember and that it was nice to see them participating.

APPOINTMENTS:

- Conservation Commission: Renaming of Muster Field – Conservation Director Michele Grzenda, Commission Chair Susan Hall Mygatt, and Commission Member Becca Fasciano joined the meeting. Ms. Hall Mygatt gave an overview of the renaming of conservation lands. She noted that the field was incorrectly named as the Lincoln Minutemen did not muster there. It was suggested that it be renamed Dakin field after Samuel Dakin who owned the land in 1775. Becca Fasciano noted that it was important to be thoughtful in the renaming of fields and that the naming aligns with their work as a Commission.

OPEN FORUM:

- Lynn Smith noted that she was looking forward to the new cost estimates for the Community Center that are due out at the end of July.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- 250th Celebration – Mr. Higgins reported that the joint town planning team is moving forward with plans to hire a consultant to lead the Public Relations/Marketing and Events Management responsibilities on behalf of the four towns. A draft Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) is circulating. The team now seems generally content with the draft, although one final round of edits is anticipated. He has reviewed the basic terms which are consistent with other IMA's we've used in the past. The observation he shared with my colleagues was that the scope of work for the consultant seems heavy on PR/Marketing, but light on Events Management/Coordination. He also reported that the most recent shuttle grant was denied, but they will be looking into other opportunities. Ms. Bodnar added that she is concerned with the number of vehicles that will be coming into Lincoln for the celebration. Massachusetts Planning Organization (MPO) was in contact with the Town and there are alternative grant opportunities and suggested that perhaps the Town should investigate the shuttle for the long term and not just for the 250th Celebration.
- Agricultural Commission Appointment Complication – Mr. Higgins reported that it turns out that Mark Huss, the Board's recent appointee to the Agricultural Commission, is not a Lincoln resident. Under State Law, elected officials must be residents of the community. Lincoln's practice is to require residency, so we should advise the Ag. Com. and Mark that he will be unable to serve in this capacity. Mr. Hutchinson made a motion to rescind the appointment of Bill Huss to the Agricultural Commission. Ms. Glass seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote: Bodnar: Aye; Glass: Aye; Hutchinson: Aye.
- Chief Kennedy Resignation – Mr. Higgins reported that after a long career with the Lincoln Police Department, Chief Kennedy has submitted his resignation. Mr. Higgins noted that in his last year of service to the Town, he was able to achieve accreditation for the Department.

DISCUSSION:

- Community Charrette/Fall SOTT Planning Checklist

Ms. Glass reported that that a Doodle poll has been sent out to the Housing Choice Working Group to set a date for a planning session over the summer. She added that regarding the IDEA committee, tomorrow she, Rob Stringer, and Dan Pereira will be meeting with Bird Guess from Racial Equity Group to get an update. Mr. Higgins added that they are reaching out to the 4 groups to ask them what they are looking for as far as feedback from the September workshop.

- Community Center Building Committee (CCBC) Update

Mr. Higgins reported that CCBC made substantial progress in June. They have been able to come to a consensus on the base program and what the committee believes will meet the needs of the current programs. There was much debate on the figures, and they looked at three years of program data to come to a point of agreement on the program. He added that there was a great deal of discussion of site work and how the building can achieve a net zero point. CCBC is planning to meet once in July and once in August, so that they are prepared to share the three early concepts and price points in September.

- Liaison Reports –

Ms. Bodnar thanked Parks and Recreation for all of their work for the events held over the Fourth of July.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Patrol Officer Appointments – Ms. Bodnar made a motion to appoint Kelsey Francher and Vincent Oliveri to the position of Student Officer, subject to their completion of the Police Academy. Ms. Glass seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote: Bodnar: Aye; Glass: Aye; Hutchinson: Aye.
- IDEA Committee Appointment - Ms. Glass made a motion to appoint Albert Uriah Turner to the Inclusion, Diversit, Equity, and Anti-Racism Committee. Mr. Hutchinson seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote: Bodnar: Aye; Glass: Aye; Hutchinson: Aye.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

WARRANTS:

- Mr. Hutchinson made a motion to approve the Warrants dated July 10, 2023. Ms. Glass seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote: Bodnar: Aye; Glass: Aye; Hutchinson: Aye.

MINUTES:

- None

Ms. Glass made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hutchinson seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote: Bodnar: Aye; Glass: Aye; Hutchinson: Aye.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 P.M.

Submitted by Peggy Elder

Approved 09/11/2023