

Board of Selectmen & Assessors Meeting- Minutes

October 25, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Fire Station Community Room, 86 River Rd.

Present: Board Members- Joel Lind, Tor Glendinning, Rob Nelson, Karen Paz, and David Levesque. Staff Members- Sarah Macy-Town Manager, and Evan Goodkowsky-Broadband Grant, and Lorrie Winslow- Village of Lights. Minutes transcribed by Michelle Cameron-Town Clerk

1. Call to Order: Lind called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Amendments to the Agenda (Pending Approval):NONE

5. Public Comments On Items Not On The Agenda The Board requests that public comments are limited to five (5) minutes per subject: Mal Carey commented that a careful reading of the draft Code would have caught the issue of a statutory prohibition of the Town exempting itself from the requirements of the Code.

6. Selectmen Future Agenda Items: NONE

7. New Business

7.1 Village of Lights Update from Lorrie Winslow: Winslow updated the Board regarding the upcoming Village of Lights tree placement in town.

7.2 Tree Growth Classification Removal Penalty: **On motion Paz/Nelson moved to accept the Tree Growth Classification Removal Penalty correction. Vote 5-0**

7.3 First National Bank – Lincoln Academy Bond Interest Update: **On motion Glendinning/Levesque moved to approve the First National Bank -Lincoln Academy Bond Interest. Vote 5-0**

7.4 Accept Funds for Connect Maine Planning Grant - \$5,000: Goodkowsky and Levesque explained the available usages and information about the grant.

8. Board of Assessors: See 7.2

9. Unfinished Business

10. Town Manager Report and Communications: Macy updated the Board regarding the CLC Ambulance Review of Preliminary Budget. Central Lincoln County Ambulance Service has submitted a preliminary FY22 budget request. It is important to note this increase for our planning purposes going into the FY23 budget process. Discussion ensued about why the budget has increased.

Macy gave an update on American Rescue Plan Funding. Macy and Michelle have finished applying for ARPA reimbursement and have received half of the \$186,623 award thus far. We are creating separate revenue and expenditure accounts in order to track these expenses when they occur. A public hearing may be helpful to garner public opinion but it's not a required part of the process. From there we will be including a warrant for the next Town Meeting to appropriate these funds per MMA recommendations. Discussion ensued regarding allowable expenditures.

11. Fiscal Warrants

11.1 Town Warrant- \$212,228.89: **On motion Glendinning/Nelson moved to approve the town warrant for \$212,228.89. Vote 5-0**

12. Adjournment: **On motion Glendinning/Nelson moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.**

Upcoming Events

11/8/21 Board of Selectmen meeting 7:00 pm at the Newcastle Fire Station community room, 86 River Rd.

**Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405 (6) A – Personnel, C – Real Estate, D - Labor Contracts, E – Legal, H – Consultation With CEO Concerning Enforcement Action*