

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S
MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING
MAY 4, 2020 – 5:00PM

APPROVED
Amended June 8, 2020

LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN, NH
(MEETING VI ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING)

Board of Selectmen Present: Chairman OJ Robinson, Vice Chair, Tamra Ham, and Selectman Jayne Ludwig

Staff Present: Town Manager Burbank, Fire Chief Ron Beard, Police Chief Chad Morris, and Administrative Assistant Jane Leslie

Public Present via Zoom Video Conferencing: Christine Mooney

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm.

Chairman Robinson commented that this is the first Zoom meeting that the public has the opportunity to actively participate. Robinson noted that if there are hearing/audio issues, it should sound much clearer for the public to hear during the meeting, as they can adjust the volume on their computer as they wish. Robinson explained that the public will be able to participate in the weekly board meetings via Zoom until such time that the public is able to come in to Town Hall and participate in person. Anyone wishing to share during *Public Participation* can submit their request to Townhall@LincolnNH.Org the day of the meeting, and they will be sent the link and key to join the meeting.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL- MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: "To approve the meeting minutes of April 27, 2020 as presented."

Motion: Tamra Ham **Second:** Jayne Ludwig **All in favor.**

MOTION: "To approve the non-public meeting minutes of April 27, 2020 as presented."

Motion: Tamra Ham **Second:** Jayne Ludwig **All in favor.**

Chairman Robinson asked that the photos Chief Morris took of the parking situation on Coolidge Street be attached to the April 27th meeting minutes.

III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Re-Opening Town Hall and Board of Selectmen's Meetings

Chairman Robinson explained that the board had agreed to meet via the Zoom meeting platform through May 4th. Now that May 4th has arrived, the Governor has extended the stay-at-home orders through May 31st, and Selectman Ham suggested that the board use June 1st as a target date for resuming in-person weekly board meetings. Robinson questioned whether or not they should re-open Town Hall prior to June 1st for Selectmen's meetings, and re-organize the Conference Room according to the 6-foot social distancing guidelines, and allow the public to attend. Selectman Ludwig questioned whether or not this was allowed per Governor Sununu's orders. Robinson responded that there are towns that are currently holding public meetings. Town Manager Burbank explained that town employees and officials are considered "exempt" from the stay-at-home orders because they are deemed "essential employees," however, the public is not, and would still be under the stay-at-home guidelines. Burbank recommended they phase-in the re-opening of Town Hall due to some of his concerns (health & safety of staff, Town

Hall air quality issues) and require mandatory face masks be worn by all staff and visitors to Town Hall. Selectman Ham asked if it was possible for the Board of Selectmen to hold their meeting at Town Hall, but not allow the public to attend? Burbank responded that this would be allowed. Burbank added that this would be a good time to discuss the future protocols for conducting daily town operations moving forward because this crisis is not going to end anytime soon. Burbank went on to explain that his major concern is the air circulation and air quality within the Town Hall building, which has no fresh air intake and circulates the same air throughout the building. Burbank added that there may be emergency funding that would help offset infrastructure costs related to COVID-19, and making the building safer for the public.

Chairman Robinson suggested Town Hall staff collaboratively begin looking at procedures that can be implemented to safe-guard Town Hall (Planning Dept., Town Clerk's office etc.) as well as all town buildings. Burbank thought that possibly the Joint Loss Management Committee can begin meeting and devising plans to re-open town buildings as well. Robinson agreed, however, feels that the Department Heads will be valuable in this process because they are the people that work in their environment on a daily basis. Burbank added that there is no guarantee that all town staff will return to work when the town re-opens, citing legislation that requires employers to continue paying employees' wages that are fearful of returning to work during the COVID-19 crisis. Burbank added that legislation also passed that will be paying all Emergency Personnel (Police, Fire, and Ambulance etc.) an additional weekly stipend of \$300 through June 30, 2020.

Public Comment: *I may have a supplier of masks for you if interested -Paul Beaudin*

Response: Town Manager Burbank said to forward this information to Chief Beard or Chief Morris with the relevant contact information.

Closed Captioning - Zoom

Chairman Robinson explained that a request was submitted concerning the Zoom Video Conferencing platform, and its ability to broadcast closed captioning during a Zoom meeting. Robinson explained that it is the responsibility of the host of the Zoom meeting to provide/type the actual closed captioning dialogue throughout the duration of the meeting. Robinson explained that the town would still be confronted with two (2) options: (1) hire a third-party company to provide the service which costs \$137.50 per hour along with purchasing the equipment necessary to facilitate this interface, or, (2) purchase equipment to provide the in-house closed captioning at a cost of \$50-\$60K.

Selectman Ludwig read an email she received from Lisa Philbrick as follows: *I could not hear what was discussed at the BOS meeting this past Monday regarding the closed captioning. Please share the Zoom closed caption information below with the other Selectmen and Butch so all hearing-impaired residents can stay up to date with what is going on with our town. My first written request for CC was March 4th which comments that I have asked for CC several times verbally. Thank you, Lisa*

Selectman Ludwig questioned what could be done in the interim, while deciding what the best option for the town would be going forward. Selectman Ham responded that she knows a sign language teacher that is currently not working and would be willing to provide signing services during the Selectmen's Zoom meetings at a reasonable cost to the town. Once regular board meetings resume at Town Hall, and the public is able to attend in-person, Ham suggested then discontinue the live-streaming of public meetings and save \$50-\$60K.

Town Manager Burbank commented that he received an email response from the Attorney General's Office concerning this matter, which stated that this has been a long-standing requirement of ADA Compliance, and the town should consult with their legal counsel regarding this matter because Burbank

100 does not feel that this formal complaint is going to go away. Ludwig questioned what would happen for
101 those who do not understand sign language? Selectman Ham responded that the Governor has a signer for
102 his meetings and news conferences and that is sufficient. Robinson commented that it was his hope that
103 by allowing this individual and the public to directly participate in the Zoom meeting, some of the
104 sound/hearing issues would be resolved. Robinson further commented that the town is currently looking
105 to make budget cuts and not add a \$50K expense at this time. Ludwig suggested putting it out to a vote at
106 Town Meeting and let the taxpayers decide whether or not to spend the money. Robinson agreed, and
107 suggested this go through the regular budget process (just as other town expenses) and go before the
108 budget committee; a public hearing, and then to a Town Meeting vote. Town Manager Burbank questioned
109 what will happen in the short-term with the closed captioning issue? Robinson replied that he would like
110 to hear feedback from the person who made the request to find out whether the direct Zoom meeting
111 participation allowed them to hear better and understand what was going on, and whether this was
112 adequate.

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114 [Line #97 and Line #98 was amended on June 8, 2020 to read as follows: *"Town Manager Burbank*
115 *commented that he understands that this has been a long-standing requirement of ADA Compliance..."*]
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118 **Question:** *Can the State COVID-19 money that Butch brought up earlier be used for the purchase of*
119 *the closed captioning hearing purchase of equipment. -Paul Beaudin*

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121 **Response:** Town Manager Burbank responded that he was not certain because he thinks the state may say
122 this is something that the town should have been doing anyway, regardless of the current crisis. Burbank
123 felt it would be worthwhile to look into this anyway.

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125 COVID-19 Test Site in Lincoln

126 Chairman Robinson explained that Littleton Regional Hospital has reached out to the town and requested
127 a test-site area in the Town of Lincoln where COVID-19 testing could be conducted. The hospital workers
128 would be the only people accessing the interior of a building, and would come out to the individual's car
129 to take a swab, which would all be done outside. It would take approximately one-week to set up this
130 operation, providing the Selectmen agreed to this tonight. Robinson explained that they have allotted
131 1000 tests for the Lincoln-Woodstock area, and the results would be issued within an estimated 48-hour
132 window of time. There is no fee for the test (covered by either patient's insurance or hospital) and patients
133 would be required to have a doctor's order for the testing. However, if the individual did not have a
134 doctor's order, the staff would help them get in touch with a doctor and obtain the proper referral.

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136 Robinson explained that the Community Center had been discussed as a potential test site, and may
137 possibly be used for Phase II, which is testing for the anti-bodies, however, this test is administered
138 different than the COVID test, and would require the individuals to come inside the building to have their
139 blood drawn. Selectman Ham was concerned with whether or not this was the right place for testing
140 because the seniors and children will be gathering back in the building around June 1st. Ham recommended
141 the Kanc Rec, providing there is no summer camp programs. There was also a question about whether the
142 hospital will do a "deep clean" of the premises upon completion of the testing. Chief Beard suggested
143 reaching out to Loon Mountain if a site cannot be located, because they have Pemi Base Camp which is
144 not open during the summer and may be a good location. The board thought this was a great idea, and
145 Chairman Robinson suggested reaching out to Littleton Regional Hospital to let them know the Town of
146 Lincoln supports the testing in town, however, would rather *not* use the Community Center because the
147 children and vulnerable seniors will be returning to the building in the coming weeks. Robinson
148 recommended offering the Kanc Rec or a private site as a testing location. Chief Beard suggested the
149 White Mountain Visitors Center as a possible site for testing because it is located right near the highway.

Public Comment: *What about high school, with school being closed for the remainder of the year would be a great place for testing. -Paul Beaudin*

Response: Selectman Ham replied that the High School is trying to keep their facility clean and safe for the students to return to in September.

West Street Road Construction Project

Town Manager Burbank explained that after consulting with the board and town counsel, and reviewing the budget, he has decided to *not* proceed with the West Street Road Construction Project this year, and to push it out to 2021. Burbank sent a letter to the contractor, AJ Coleman explaining the town's concerns and reasoning for delaying the project, however, Coleman could not commit to holding the same price for the project next year, and said that they would follow-up with the town prior to the next construction season. Selectman Ludwig commented that she feels terrible for the residents on West Street. Robinson explained that the cost estimate for completing this job is a little over \$1M, and there is \$643K left in the *Roads and Streets* Capital Reserve, leaving \$400K to come out of the Water and Sewer Fee accounts (water and sewer is a critical part of the job). Robinson further explained that it was not the town's original intent to take the \$400K out of the water and sewer tap fees, however, if there are any additional costs resulting from the current litigation with Nelson Construction (previous contractor), it will cost the town above and beyond the final price of completing the West Street project.

Elimination of Coolidge Street Parking

Chairman Robinson and the board received two emails (*see attached*) from a resident on Coolidge Street that was unhappy with the board's decision to eliminate parking on both sides of Coolidge Street, as well as not allowing for public input prior to making this decision. Robinson explained that the Board of Selectmen are often tasked with making very difficult decisions that do not always please everyone, however, this decision was not a difficult one. Robinson explained that after the board viewed the pictures of the fire truck in the center of Coolidge Street, with little space available on both sides of the truck to navigate the roadway, it only made sense that this was a life safety issue. Selectman Ludwig added that this has been a concern of hers for years, and not just Coolidge Street, but several of Lincoln's narrow roadways. Robinson noted that at the last board meeting they asked Chief Morris and Chief Beard to look at Corbeil Lane, and other town roads and back alleys to see if changes need to be made on these roads as well. Robinson felt that the written memo and photos taken by Chief Morris were very helpful in determining whether or not to eliminate parking on Coolidge Street, and made the following motion:

MOTION: "To attach the photos to the Board of Selectmen's April 27th, 2020 meeting minutes."

Motion: OJ Robinson

Second: Tamra Ham

All in favor.

Text message received from Paul Beaudin

Selectman Ham read a text message that OJ Robinson received from Paul Beaudin as follows: "*Why does Lincoln decide to close summer camp before the Governor has made a recommendation? We need leadership not gang of 3. Last night's Selectmen's meeting was a true testament to why this board is not ready to lead. They discussed fees instead of a pending pandemic and how the town is going to proceed so the taxpayers could have some idea of when the town might be opening up, or when the town might be opening up. I really thought you were a leader, but when faced with a true crisis, you are not any better than our President, what a shame. -Paul Beaudin*

Recreation Program

Chairman Robinson explained that during last week's board meeting they had *not* made a decision on the future of the Recreation Program; however, a notice came out the following day stating the program was cancelled. Robinson does not want to make any decisions without consulting with the Woodstock Board

200 of Selectmen, even though the Town of Lincoln runs the program. Historically, Lincoln has always
201 consulted with Woodstock prior to making any policy decisions or changes. Robinson suggested they
202 schedule a meeting with Woodstock to discuss the future of the Recreation Program. Town Manager
203 Burbank commented that he forwarded a memo to the board from Recreation Director, Tara Tower
204 concerning her recommendations moving forward on budget cuts, and whether or not to reopen. Burbank
205 thought this would be a great opportunity for both boards to discuss when they do meet. Burbank also
206 noted that based on last week's board meeting, he had spoken to Department Heads about potential cuts,
207 lay-offs, and furloughs, and Recreation Director Tower took this to mean that the summer programs would
208 be cancelled, which is why the notice was posted the following day. Selectman Ham commented that
209 under the current circumstances, most communication these days is taking place over the phone and
210 through emails, and miscommunication is bound to happen. Chairman Robinson proposed they schedule
211 a joint meeting with Woodstock BOS and Recreation Director, Tara Tower as soon as possible.

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213 **Public Comment:** *During this time, it is very important that ALL information whether it be on Face*
214 *Book or other media, be vetted by the Lincoln Board of Selectmen prior to being released to the*
215 *public. -Paul Beaudin*

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217 **Response:** Selectman Ham was not sure where the comment came from (Summer Camp program being
218 cancelled). Robinson explained that this information was posted in a release that was sent out on Facebook.

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220 **Local Restaurant Seating (outdoor seating)**

221 Selectman Ludwig commented that requests have been made by local restaurant owners to be able to
222 expand their outdoor seating for dining. Town Manager Burbank responded that the Governor is asking
223 all municipalities to be as lenient as possible when it comes to expanding outdoor seating for these
224 respective establishments. Burbank explained that in order to grant this request to expand outdoor seating,
225 it would at a minimum, require a ZBA Hearing. Chairman Robinson explained that we are living through
226 difficult and unique times right now, and if each and every restaurant in town wanted to change how they
227 operate to have more outdoor seating, they would have to go before the Planning Board and ZBA which
228 would be very time consuming. Restaurants need something that will happen immediately so that they are
229 prepared to open by the Governor's scheduled May 18th re-opening date. In Robinson's opinion, it does
230 not seem right to tell the owner's that they cannot expand their outdoor seating to their parking lots because
231 they will already be operating at a reduced capacity, and therefore they will have less vehicles. Robinson
232 feels that the town needs to be reasonable in allowing a temporary situation to exist, even if that means
233 tying up parking spaces. A discussion ensued about whether or not to allow restaurants to use parking lots
234 for expanded seating.

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236 Chief Morris addressed the board and explained that Exhibit C to Emergency Order #40 (Governor
237 introduced on Friday, May 1st) details specific guidelines on take-out, curbside pick-up, delivery, and
238 outdoor dining. Outdoor dining must be by reservation only, and the number of people allowed is no more
239 than 6 per table (the establishment must control and enforce all guidelines). Morris does feel that Memorial
240 Day weekend will be very busy, and there may be lines of people waiting to dine in restaurants. Robinson
241 suggested formally asking the Planning Board if they would like to weigh in on this issue, and if so, to do
242 so at their next meeting on May 13th.

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244 **Public Comment:** *We the Town of Lincoln are tourist-based community and we need to support our*
245 *local businesses. But we need to make sure that all abutters have an opportunity to voice their concerns*
246 *prior to making any decision on outdoor seating. -Paul Beaudin*

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248 **Response:** Selectman Ham responded that this has already been addressed.

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Public Comment: *We are all in this together, but just as COVID-19 is a public safety issue, so is mixing parking and table seating. There needs to be accommodation made for the safety of the customers. -Paul Beaudin*

Response: The board agreed.

Public Comment: *Temporary sales locations are covered under LUPO which I believe may allow business to start up in a new manner given this time period and for a temporary period. -Paul Beaudin*

Response: Town Manager Burbank responded that this is a good angle to look at this, and he will have Town Planner Carole Bont look into it further. Burbank feels that this may be a good temporary solution that would simply require the issuing of a permit. Selectman Ham commented that anyone watching this evening can submit their questions or comments to Townhall@LincolnNH.org.

Public Comment: *Temporary sales locations are covered under LUPO which I believe may allow business to start-up in a new manner given this time period and for a temporary period. -Paul Beaudin*

Planning Board Fee Structure

The board agreed to discuss the Planning Board Fee structure and document with comments from Town Planner, Carole Bont at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting (May 11th).

Chief Morris Comments

Chief Morris commented that in the coming months it is going to be a little frustrating for people, and he is asking for patience and understanding during this time, and to take things one day at a time.

Town Manager's Report

Riverfront Park & Boyce Brook Water Storage Tank Grant Status

Town Manager Burbank updated the board on the grant expiration dates, and explained that the Riverfront Park grant is good through September 2021, and the Boyce Brook Water Tank grant is good through September 2022. Burbank explained that the winning bidder for the Boyce Brook Water Tank project is Weston and Sampson, who is currently assessing the *scope and fee* aspects of the project.

Public Participation

Christine Mooney thanked each of the Selectmen and the Police and Fire Chief's for discussing the current crisis and issues in detail this evening. Mooney commented on the closed captioning discussion, and explained that a company named Webex provides closed captioning services that coincide with video conferencing platforms that are not as expensive as the options discussed earlier this evening. The board was thankful and told Ms. Mooney that she could forward this information to Townhall@LincolnNH.org. Mooney also asked what immediate needs the Food Pantry had at this time. Selectman Ham told her she can email Recreation@LincolnNH.org and communicate directly with Recreation Director, Tara Tower who oversees the food pantry. Mooney asked the board if they have considered getting the restaurant owner's together via a Zoom meeting to discuss the outdoor seating issue, and if there was a way that they can all work together to consolidate seating and help each other out. Robinson thought this was a great suggestion and something that the Chamber of Commerce could weigh in on due to the collaborative relationship they have with local businesses. Mooney also discussed an email she had received from the government concerning funding through the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) which provides grants that towns and municipalities can apply for, and be used for funding for their Libraries

and other programs. Town Manager Burbank responded that the Library Trustees are working now trying to figure out how to re-open the Library so that it is safe for the employees and the public. Mooney also asked the Police and Fire Chiefs if they were in need of Face Shields for their departments, because she works in a community College in New York that has a 3-D printing lab, and they are currently creating shields for emergency first responders nationwide. The board thanked Ms. Mooney for participating in tonight's meeting and sharing her valuable information.

VI. NON-PUBLIC Session Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3:(III)

There was no Non-Public Session

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to attend to, the Board made the following motion:

MOTION: "To adjourn."

Motion: Tamra Ham

Second: Jayne Ludwig

All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.


Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Leslie

Approval Date: May 11, 2020

Chairman O.J. Robinson

Tamra Ham

Jayne Ludwig

Town Hall

From: Howard Greene <howard@mavrck.co>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 8:02 AM
To: O.J. Robinson; Tamra Ham; Jayne Ludwig
Cc: Town Hall; Chief Chad Morris; Hildreth, Tom
Subject: Re: Coolidge Street Parking

Dear Board Members,

I hope each and every one of you enjoyed your long weekend. I know we spent lots of time out in the yard with our dogs watching them run around, and with our cars moved (even though there are not any no parking signs up) each time someone drove by on our narrow road we called them back and tried to flag down the speeding drivers. While a bit of a rain cloud over enjoying our home the sun was so wonderful we almost didn't care.

I'd like to thank each and every one of you for responding to my note, the time, attention to detail, logical explanations as to why you moved a decision so quickly through the lack of proper procedure makes total sense.

The Chief and I have been playing an epic game of email/phone tag that I hope to win today - walking over there in an hour or so I hope to declare myself the victor of that game and have a great discussion.

In the meantime I've spoken to a municipal lawyer, PURELY TO UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION AND NOT BE LITIGIOUS. Things I've learned:

- My property line extends 4' past the side walk into the road
- There is no easement on the deed
- Tax records date back to 1922 meaning after 100 years the town finally decides to "fix" an issue (only after someone complained about convenience)
- A quick google image search shows two cars parked in the street circa 2014, when I had another tenant and we had 4 cars. Same happened in 2015, 2016, 2017.
- This vote you took last week may or may not be something that's supposed to go to a full town vote (spoke to a selectmen in another town who is a close friend)
- While Sununu has given confusing guidance for town meetings at it's core a meeting is designed so as that we, the residents, get to have a voice and just reading my original letter asking you to table the vote a week (which means to delay a week) wasn't necessarily giving a voter's voice a change to be heard - instead of pointing a camera at Zoom you can invite anyone to your link, have someone mute all of us, and then give us the chance to actually speak. I feel like if Brooke, my girlfriend who taught at Lin-Wood for four years, can teach her new first grade class from Colorado via Zoom and control them then a bunch of adults on a town call can behave as well.
- Yes, I have the ability to spend \$\$ with legal to attempt to force you to properly go through the process of your decision - notice period, open floor, maybe even that town vote. But I really don't want to be "that guy" so here I am again, emailing.

I've also taken to the streets. So far of the 8 houses on the street 4 of those houses don't want the street to be no parking, understand the "risks" associated with cars parked on the street (as well as the benefits), and prefer the last 100 years of how we handled this - as a neighborhood.

What does my sarcasm, list of learnings from a lawyer, and discussion with my neighbors all mean? That this matter is not settled, that we should come together as a community and registered voters/tax payers, and have a conversation. To be clear: we are actually less upset about the decision (we moved the damn cars!) but we are upset about how you

went about doing it and the level in which you did it. Why are we upset about the level? Things we cannot do if you put those signs up:

- Have visitors
- Have services come by (Spectrum was parked there an hour on Saturday, I sent the Chief a pic)
- Load/Unload our vehicles in the front of our house
- Temporarily park vehicles in the front of our house while we work on the back
- Use our front yards with kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, dogs, alpacas, goats, or any living thing without worrying about a speeding red F150 (the likely complainer)
- Have to tell the church when they are back in session to keep clogging up Edgewood St. and Church St. (oh, and Chief, I'd like a police presence every Sunday for the church crew before/after morning mass because with no cars parked there they think they are in the 50mph zone past Loon).

All of those things are real everyday convenience and safety issues. We should solve for those, the ambulance, and the firetruck.

So, what's this all mean? Give us notice, give us forum, let us have a conversation as a group to determine the combination of safety and other factors. My "ill informed" comment in my original note was not meant to be derogatory but rather a concern that when a knee jerk decision is made (which a week to change something that's been the same way for 100 years constitutes knee jerk) things are missed. Happens to me at work all the time (and no Jane, I'm not a used car salesman - I'm a CFO for hire that is lucky enough to be working from his home in Lincoln 12-15 hours a day, 6-7 days a week, helping keep my companies alive and people working).

Please, I implore you, reopen this decision and do it the right way as our servant leaders.

Sincerely,

Howard Greene
603-494-5577

> On Apr 28, 2020, at 8:40 AM, Howard Greene <howard@mavrcrk.co> wrote:

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> Dear Board Members,

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> I cannot even begin to tell you how disappointed I am in your governance. Regardless of whether or not you did the "right" thing you failed to do the fair thing - and have a conversation with all the owners of the street. We are the live free or die state, right? Maybe we don't care about the narrow street and the inability for fire trucks to easily make it? I don't know, you don't know.

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> Jayne, you mentioned that you have been here for 40 years, you have now been a selectwoman for at least a couple (though likely longer) and only now, when someone complained about "fire safety" did you act. How many fires have there been on the street since the days of the mills? How many ambulance calls (other than my own in November 2018)? Yes, I would never, EVER, want to be the reason that emergency services can't get through but what about everyday when the guy with the red truck does 30+ down the narrow road? You've made it now parking, are you also going to make it a 15mph street? On Sundays are you going to post officers on traffic duty when the church is full?

That's really the right thing to do if you actually care about safety. Every day people speed up and down that road - you placed the safety concern over fire/ambulance about street safety - do your research more people die getting hit by cars than by fire.

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> You decided to make it ubiquitously no parking - why not 2 hour parking? So now if I'm doing yard work in the front and want to leave the truck there while I'm working I'll get a ticket? Or if I'm loading up my mtn bike? Of if friends visit and we are sitting in the yard?

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> My disappointment is that no one bothered to talk to the only person that actually parks there. You guys claimed last night that you were doing it for the neighborhood and it wasn't about one person - well, in 8 years living here I'm about the only one that takes advantage of using that street parking (and part of why I bought the house). It feels very personal - especially when not a one of you, or the chiefs bothered to come have a conversation. Shame on you.

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> By the way, over the weekend, we checked with our neighbors and they are cool if we park there as they are second home owners. So you just solved an issue with a bazooka that didn't actually need solving. If you come to the street right now there are two motorcycles outside parking in a manner to make sure the fire truck can get through. Like a reasonable person that actually cares would do. I heard you, acted immediately, and hoped to keep flexibility given that I've had it for 8 years.

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> I've already called an attorney's office in Concord and plan to have the matter looked into. Not because I want to create a fire hazard - the cars have been moved - but because I don't believe you acted in reasonable due process. All I asked for was for you to table your vote until next week, a more than reasonable ask, to have conversations with the chiefs to talk about reasonable middle grounds that handle fire safety, road safety, and my right to quiet enjoyment.

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> Finally, I was trying to avoid this but when I was speaking to the fire chief he literally told me he didn't think it was a big deal. I didn't want to throw him under the bus in my original letter but last night when he spoke in a manner opposite our conversation I believe he's talking out of both sides of his mouth and his "recommendation" you laid your hats on was basically a lie. I will be seeking to have him deposed, under oath, to show that he didn't actually think it was a big deal. I'd suggest that you call an immediate meeting and table that vote because you still have work to do.

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> All of this could be avoided if you were a little less self righteous and someone walked the 100 yards to my house to have a conversation.

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> I'm deeply disappointed that you are our elected officials today because you clearly just did what you wanted without actually going into the neighborhood to see what's up.

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> I'm waiting for a call back from the attorney in Concord and would implore you to come have a conversation and think about alternative measures before I make us both waste money with lawyers just because you didn't care to be a good servant leader.

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> Have a good day,

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> Howard Greene

> 17 Coolidge St.

> 603-494-5577

