

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S

MEETING MINUTES

VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

MAY 18, 2020 – 5:00PM

LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN, NH

(MEETING VI ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING)

APPROVED

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**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, Town Planner, Carole Bont, and Administrative Assistant Jane Leslie

**Public Present via Zoom Video Conferencing:** Kathy Cook, Laurel Kuplin, Howard Green, Delia Sullivan, and Margie Gozdiff

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

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### **II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL- MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

*The approval of the meeting minutes was postponed until June 1<sup>st</sup>.*

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### **III. SEALED MEETING MINUTES Discussion**

Chairman Robinson proposed that the board unseal and make public the non-public meeting minutes from February 11, 2019. The following motion was made:

**MOTION: "To unseal the Non-public Meeting Minutes from February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019."**

**Motion: Tamra Ham**

**Second: Jayne Ludwig**

**All in favor.**

Chairman Robinson read the following from the Non-public meeting minutes dated February 11, 2019:

*"The Board discussed the potential sale of town-owned property in the Industrial Park. Tammy and OJ accepted the offer presented by Kurt O'Connell for Business Park, Lot #19 in the amount of fifty-eight thousand dollars and zero cents (\$58,000) to be used for active business(es), and specifically, not to be used as storage (both OJ and Tammy are in favor if Jayne Ludwig concurs). This will be voted on at the next public meeting."*

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### **IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Town Manager's Report**

##### **Bunker Lane**

Town Manger Burbank recently mailed a letter out to all Bunker Lane residents informing them that the town was preparing to shim and overlay Bunker Lane as a follow-up to its usage of that private road to repair the levee. The town had offered to pay a specified amount of money (\$58k) directly to an asphalt/paving company that does a larger repair job, in the event that the Bunker Lane residents decided to do more extensive road repairs at their expense (above and beyond the town's \$58k). Town Manager Burbank explained that the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline has passed for the Bunker Lane residents response to the town's request, and Burbank has spoken with resident and representative Kip Griffin of the Fairways

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Homeowners Association, and they have decided that they will be repairing the road themselves, and the town can release the funds directly to the paving contractor. Town Attorney, Peter Malia is drafting a letter to the Bunker Lane residents outlining the same, and releasing the town of any further liabilities for that road.

### **Riverfront Park**

Town Manager Burbank explained that he was part of a group of people (DPW Director Hadaway, Town Engineer, Ray Korber, Chairman Robinson, and Dan Lamoureux-Rec. Dept.) that walked the Riverfront Park site on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> to conduct a site evaluation of the proposed parking lot area where it was discovered that a section of the park was previously used as a “land fill.” While the Public Works Department was recently digging test pits with a Soil Scientist, they discovered landfill type material in the area where the parking lot was to be constructed based on the park’s design. Robinson further explained that the ground is very soft and spongy and cannot sustain a parking lot being built over it. Burbank added that there are discussions taking place about relocating the parking lot over to the Burndy site. Selectman Ham requested that Burbank forward her the correspondence and emails from DES that detail their findings on the Riverfront Park property. Burbank replied that Town Engineer, Ray Korber is in communication with DES, and he would forward this request to Ray. Robinson explained that he felt it would be better to have a smaller parking lot and put it on land that is already suitable and remediated (Burndy site) and would cost substantially less. Ham was concerned with the parking lot being much smaller than originally planned, which would not resolve Lincoln’s original intent to expand its parking options in town. Ham requested that if another site assessment needs to be done, that Calnex Environmental (conducted original site assessment) should be brought back in to conduct the second assessment of the property. Ham was also concerned because the town’s residents voted overwhelmingly to fund the construction of the Riverfront Park, and she feels like nothing is really happening. Robinson sympathizes with the overall frustration that many are experiencing over the delay in the building of the park, and suggests they proceed with investigating the Burndy site to see if a parking lot can be readily built there (lot is more buildable, and less expensive). Robinson feels that by trying to build the parking lot on the “landfill” area, it will end up consuming all of the project’s funding. Ham recommended that they get the required testing done as soon as possible so that this project can proceed. Burbank reassured Ham that Town Engineer, Ray Korber is working with all involved parties (DES, Calnex, Horizons Engineering) to get this done. Robinson would like to see the landfill area become stabilized and safe for the public so that it can eventually become a grassy area that the public can enjoy. Ham questioned if the current situation will affect the park grant in any way? Burbank responded that Recreation Director, Tara Tower will be reaching out to the grant sponsor to make sure that the current situation does not affect any of the grant requirements.

### **Municipal Relief Funding**

Chairman Robinson questioned the status of the municipal funding relief through the State of New Hampshire (extra money that towns spent as a result of COVID-19 virus). Town Manager Burbank responded that the request was in, and the board had voted on the first round, which was the CARES Act funding for the stipend for the first responders. Robinson clarified that the relief he is referring to is reimbursements to the town for monies spent on COVID-19 related expenses that the town has incurred. Burbank responded that he believes Finance Director Johnna Hart will be submitting the towns expenses by the end of the week for the first round of reimbursements.

### **Levee Loan**

Chairman Robinson explained that the loan paperwork is ready to be signed for the levee. The paperwork is at Town Hall, and the Selectmen will individually go in and sign it.

### **Deer Park Abatements**

Chairman Robinson explained that the board denied three (3) abatement requests at the last Board of Selectmen's meeting from the Deer Park Lincoln Condos (units that are located in Lincoln). The abatement requests had to do with the fact that the property owners also have to pay the Town of Woodstock for their water. Robinson explained that Finance Director Johnna Hart has received requests from two of the three abatement property owners seeking further explanation for the reason they were denied. Robinson asked the board if they would like to invite the property owners to the next Board of Selectmen's meeting (via Zoom) to address their questions and explain the town's position. The board agreed to invite the individuals to their June 1<sup>st</sup> Board of Selectmen's meeting (No meeting May 25<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Holiday).

### **Planning Board Fee Structure**

The board agreed to discuss the revised fee structure at the next board meeting (June 1<sup>st</sup>) so that the Selectmen have time to review the new draft.

### **Masked Mobile at Common Man Restaurant**

Selectman Ludwig asked if there was a date and time scheduled for the distribution of masks to the public at the Common Man Restaurant. Chief Beard responded that he will have more information on Wednesday after the Rotary meeting. The Common Man Restaurant owner (Alex Ray) will be participating via Zoom and providing more details on the date and time of the distribution.

Ludwig asked Chief Beard if he had any numbers on the amount of people that have been tested for COVID-19 at the Kanc Rec. Beard responded that the first day of testing (Monday) they performed 60-tests; Tuesday they did approximately 90-tests, Wednesday, they did 121-tests, and he has not heard the tallies for the rest of the week, although the numbers have surpassed their expectations.

### **Summer Camp Survey**

Selectman Ham commented that the survey that went out to the public for the Summer Camp program wrapped up today, and the results should be available shortly. They are now awaiting the Governor's final decision on whether or not the summer camps will be allowed to open up. Selectman Ham asked Town Manager Burbank if he could schedule a meeting with Woodstock Board of Selectmen for one day next week to discuss this matter further (*if needed*).

### **School Board Meeting**

Selectman Ham announced that the School Board is having a presentation of their Warrant Articles at 6:00 p.m. tonight, and discussing any amendments that they may have. This meeting is being presented via U-Tube and can be viewed at any time (there is a link on the school's website at [www.lin-wood.org](http://www.lin-wood.org) to access this video). Over the course of the next two (2) days, the school board will be taking questions or comments from the public by phone or email, and on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> there will be another virtual meeting to solidify the warrant. On Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> there will be drive-up voting at the school from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Public Question-School Funding Formula:** *Has Tammy found out about revisiting school funding formula yet? -Paul Beaudin*

**Response:** Selectman Ham responded that she believes that they will be addressing this during the next budget season.

### **Update on Restaurant openings/outdoor seating**

Chief Morris updated the status of the re-opening of local restaurants and explained that they have inspected approximately 11 establishments so far. All businesses have been cooperating and adjusting to the Governor's guidelines.

**Comment/Question – Common Man Restaurant:** *Does either the Fire or Police Chief have any concern with not having a concrete jersey barrier separating the traffic on Pollard Road from the tables serving the public? There are also plastic barriers available that can be filled with water that also serve the same purpose that might be a better alternative. I think it would be prudent where traffic is close to those restaurants serving within close proximity to a regular traveled way to have some sort of safety barrier that will take an impact available to protect those dining close to roads. -Paul Beaudin*

**Response:** Chairman Robinson responded that this is certainly something for the Chiefs to consider while assisting with the configuration of the outdoor seating, however, the board is relying on the Police and Fire Chief to assist individual restaurants ensure the safety of all outdoor seating during this crisis. Chief Morris responded that in his personal opinion, setting up restaurant seating in an outdoor parking lot is not an ideal situation, but it is allowed under the emergency orders. Town Manager Burbank commented that it needs to be made clear that the business establishments are assuming full liability for their outdoor seating, and not the Town of Lincoln.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Tom Tremblay letter to the Board of Selectmen**

Tom Tremblay submitted a letter of request concerning a parcel of land that he owns, and he is in the process of developing plans for a proposed subdivision of this land that is off Louann Lane and O'Brien Avenue (for single family homes). In 1976, land was conveyed to the town by Richard Rutherford (known as Louann Lane) that includes a 16.5-foot-wide parcel that extends to Main Street for the purpose of pedestrian traffic only. Mr. Tremblay is asking that the Town consider deeding this property (*as outlined in the attached map*) to him, in exchange for the following:

1. Survey of the land
2. Deed preparation
3. Recording a Quit Claim Deed
4. Recording of a survey
5. Maintaining the land as a public right-of-way for pedestrian traffic
6. Restrict the land from building

Mr. Tremblay will also construct a paved sidewalk for use by the public for access to and from Main Street and Louann Lane. He explained that this will be especially convenient for residents living on Pollard Road, and will alert the public to the right-of-way (many people are not aware of its existence). Tremblay will also install landscaping to beautify the area, as well as install sewer lines in the sub-division so that the sewer pump station can be eliminated. Chairman Robinson explained that the town has a sewer pump station along Louann Lane that services one single home.

Chairman Robinson proposed that the Selectmen give Town Manager Burbank and DPW Director Hadaway permission to discuss this matter in detail with Mr. Tremblay, and then begin the public hearing process (notifying all abutters, etc.).



**Public Comment:** *Dave Beaudin commented to the board that they should check into sewer capacity on the main that is on Main Street.*

### **The Pines at Forest Ridge**

Chairman Robinson explained that The Pines at Forest Ridge received approval from the state for their *Alteration of Terrain permit* to change the way the retention ponds were designed and re-built. At this point, they will have to go through a new Planning Board approval process because they have altered the design of what the retention ponds will look like from their original application. Carole Bont added that the Planning Board is currently waiting for the new site plan review application, which The Pine's engineers are currently working on.

### **Memorial Day – No Board of Selectmen's Meeting**

The Board of Selectmen will not be meeting on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. The board agreed, that if necessary, they would meet.

### **Public Participation**

**MOTION: "To open the meeting up to public comment."**

**Motion: OJ Robinson**

**Second: Jayne Ludwig**

**All in favor.**

### **Coolidge Street Parking**

Howard Greene greeted the board and explained that he has been the owner of 17 Coolidge Street since September 11, 2011, and read from prepared notes (*see attached*). Selectman Ham urged the Selectmen, Town Manager Burbank, and both Chief Morris and Chief Beard to not provide any feedback on Mr. Greene's comments, as he has accused Selectman Ham of violating the Code of Ethics and RSA 640:3.

Coolidge Street resident, Laurel Kuplin commented directly to the board stating that she and Tamra Ham have *never* been "friends," and their *only* interaction *ever*, has taken place during the Town of Lincoln's Annual Meeting. Ms. Kuplin was adamant that this point be made clear in light of Mr. Greene's comments. Ms. Kuplin also detailed her previous conversation with Mr. Greene on Mother's Day, and was quite surprised that they each walked away from it with different viewpoints on how the conversation went. Ms. Kuplin shared her personal experience when her home had a fire event and almost burned down in 2007, and firetrucks had to come from both directions on Coolidge Street. Ms. Kuplin feels that these houses are all built different and a fire can happen at any time. Ms. Kuplin also recalls Mr. Greene commented repeatedly that he does not have a problem with the board's decision, but rather the way the decision was made, and he acknowledged that it is indeed a safety factor. Ms. Kuplin requested that the board *not* change their decision and that everyone works together.

Chairman Robinson commented that when anyone presents correspondence to the Board of Selectmen, it becomes *public information* (unless it is an attorney correspondence). Robinson explained that he has correspondence from Mr. Greene, Laurel Kuplin, and Kathy Cook which is all public information and will be attached to these meeting minutes. Robinson explained that the board was not looking to get involved in a neighborhood issue/dispute, but rather recognized a life-safety concern. The board was presented maps, photographs, memorandums, and verbal comments from both Chief Beard and Chief Morris, and this is what the board's decision was based upon. The recent issue with School Street parking was another situation that the town became aware of on Friday (May 15<sup>th</sup>) and will be addressing this evening as well. Robinson explained that many views were expressed this evening on the process, and he would never want to participate in any process that was unfair or unethical, and he believes the board's decision was based solely on life-safety.

Kathy Cook commented that she has lived on Coolidge Street for 40+ years and has watched the town go through many changes, and feels if the parking on Coolidge Street is a life-safety issue, then they have to address it, and in fact, are mandated to fix it. Ms. Cook's questions concerned service providers (gas, propane delivery, Spectrum etc.) and whether or not the Fire Department has a water tanker because there are no fire hydrants in the immediate area. Chief Beard responded that Engine One has one thousand feet of four-inch hose that can connect to a fire hydrant, which is why it is imperative that the fire apparatus can get through immediately so that all connections can be made. Selectman Ham asked Chief Morris if the service vehicles would be exempt from parking to conduct business on Coolidge Street? Chief Morris responded that he was almost positive that they were exempt because the driver is there for a specific purpose and then leaves. Ms. Cook asked Chief Morris if he would ticket a vehicle that is parked on the sidewalk? Morris responded that they would. Chairman Robinson asked both Chief Morris and Chief Beard to see if there are other roads that have parking issues similar to Coolidge Street, and if so, that they present them to the board in the same manner as they did with Coolidge Street (no parking, one-way traffic).

Howard Greene commented that he would like to apologize to Selectman Ham, and if what Ms. Kuplin stated concerning her relationship with Selectman Ham was in fact true (they are not friends) then it was his perception and what he took away from his conversation with Ms. Kuplin. Selectman Ham thanked Mr. Greene. Ms. Kuplin added that it is time that they all work together, and help each other out with extra parking in their yards if someone is in need of a parking space.

Delia Sullivan commented that Coolidge Street is awesome, and during the winter months there is no parking and everyone seems to manage.

*The board took a brief recess at 6:38 p.m. and resumed the board meeting at 6:44 p.m.*

### **School Street**

Chairman Robinson explained that an email was received from a resident on School Street concerning (1) vehicles parked in the roadway, and (2) construction being done on a house. Chief Beard updated the board and explained that he had received a phone call (anonymous tip) that a house was being renovated on School Street, which is what he found when he went to investigate. Beard had concerns with the siding that was being removed, and was able to get the homeowners contact information from the contractors and called to speak with them. The homeowner sent the following email in response to this situation:

*"Good Morning Chief Beard, In regards to our renovation and concern in town, please know that we have already sent samples of siding and insulation in to be tested for asbestos. We have also contacted an asbestos sub-contractor who put in paperwork to the state on May 12<sup>th</sup> and we have a tentative date of May 28<sup>th</sup> for professional removal, if necessary. In regards to the ladies and gentlemen working on our job site, at the present, they live in the Nashua/Milford NH area. If you should have any other questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you, Jennifer Kierce-Cuddy."*

Chief Beard added that one thing that was not mentioned in the email was that the citizens had concerns with the multiple construction vehicles parked on School Street. Beard had recommended to the property owner that they utilize the municipal parking lot in an effort to minimize all of the construction vehicles on the roadway.

### **Trash Cans Around Town – Email Received**

Chairman Robinson explained that a letter was received from a seasonal resident voicing concerns over the lack of trash cans around town, and their request to put trash cans out throughout the community.

*“To whom it may concern, I am writing as a seasonal resident (20+ years) that is hoping to change into a full-timer. I have always noticed the scarcity of trash cans around town but due to the seasonal nature of my visits, I have been refraining from speaking up about it. I notice this because I, unlike most people, don’t drive. I think, and believe that there should be a trash can in the parks, and in front of public buildings where it makes sense (where people gather) to have them. Lincoln is a resort and retirement community. The town has to stay relevant. I am writing this because I have grown attached to the Town of Lincoln, NH and I wish to see the community keep growing and prospering into the future. Sincerely, Peter Keller”*

Chairman Robinson responded that a lot of cities have trash cans that are readily available, and he feels that it is a good idea, however, he fears the town would not be abiding by its own *Wild Animal Ordinance*, and the trash cans would have to all be bear-proof and/or removed from the streets every night. Selectman Ludwig added that Lincoln has dealt with various issues such as the public dumping household waste, as well as the garbage attracting bears into town. Selectman Ham feels that if there is a particular area that is accumulating trash, the board would then have to take a closer look at this.

#### **Proposed Expansion of Parking at Kanc Rec Area - Email**

Chairman Robinson explained that the board received an email from Boyle Street resident, Jack Patterson concerning the proposed expansion of the Kanc Rec parking area (*see attached*). Robinson noted that this is the third correspondence received concerning this subject, and he suggested that these letters be put aside for when this matter is on the agenda to be discussed. Robinson explained that Mr. Patterson’s letter details that the Kanc Rec is a noisy area, and expanded parking would exacerbate the noise in addition to creating safety issues for children that are crossing the road to get to and from the Kanc Rec area. Robinson noted that the discussion for the proposed expansion of the Kanc Rec parking will be an agenda item when the board is prepared to aggressively move forward with the idea, and these letters will be part of the discussion at that time.

#### **Emails Received from Paul Beaudin**

Chairman Robinson explained that he has received a series of comments/emails from Paul Beaudin (*see attached*) Robinson commented that some of the emails appear to be contradictory in nature as they pertain to the COVID-19 virus and the Governor’s Executive Orders. Town Manager Burbank commented that the Governor’s Orders are constantly changing and evolving on a daily basis, and he feels that the Town of Lincoln is doing extremely well in navigating through these changes, but we are unfortunately not going to please everyone. Robinson added that everyone is entitled to their opinion regardless of whichever side they are on, and all ideas and comments are welcome, however, all of the negative finger-pointing is not good for the Town of Lincoln, the State of New Hampshire, or our country, and the negativity does not contribute to a productive environment.

#### **Email(s) Received from Town Resident (*see attached*)**

Chairman Robinson explained that he has received two (2) emails from resident Lisa Philbrick pertaining to closed captioning of town meetings. Robinson explained that the board’s collective thoughts at the last Selectmen’s Meeting were that (1) they encourage the public to join the Zoom meeting because the sound quality is much clearer (through the Zoom app versus the town’s website), and it is easier to control the volume on an individual’s home computer or device. Robinson further noted that the board has agreed that upon return to their “normal” meeting format at Town Hall, they will be discontinuing the live broadcasting of all board meetings, and once the approved meeting minutes are available to be posted on to the town’s website, the recorded meeting video will be posted as well. This will enable the listener to have the meeting minutes available in the event that there are any sound quality issues with the recorded meeting video. This will also allow the public to understand what the conversation was about, and more importantly, the decisions that were made.

**Public Comment:** *I am not happy you are not representing the public fairly by not reading all comments we taxpayers submit to you online. Do your job or as I said let someone else do what is right? -Paul Beaudin*

**Response:** Selectman Ham responded that they are addressing all of Paul's questions. Selectman Ludwig commented that Paul is referring to OJ paraphrasing and not reading all of the questions/comments verbatim. Ham responded that all documents will be attached to the meeting minutes.

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

**MOTION: "To go into Non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 (III) (e)."**

**Motion: OJ Robinson**

**Second: Tamra Ham**

**All in favor.**

**The BOS went into Non-public session at 7:07 p.m.**

**MOTION: "To re-enter public session."**

**Motion: Tamra Ham**

**Second: Jayne Ludwig**

**All in favor.**

**The Board came back into public session at 7:22 p.m.**

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**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MOTION: "To adjourn."**

**Motion: OJ Robinson**

**Second: Tamra Ham**

**All in favor.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Jane Leslie

Approval Date: June 1, 2020

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Chairman O.J. Robinson

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Tamra Ham

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Jayne Ludwig



# THOMAS TREMBLAY

PO Box 235  
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603-381-3621 (C)

May 8, 2020

Mr. Butch Burbank  
Town of Lincoln  
PO Box 25  
Lincoln, NH 03251

RE: Louann Lane and Main St Access

Dear Mr Burbank:

In 1976 land, now known as Louann Lane, was conveyed to the Town of Lincoln by Richard Rutherford. See the attached deed for reference. The land as conveyed includes a 16.5 foot wide parcel that extends to Main Street for the purposes of pedestrian traffic only.

I am in the process of developing plans for a proposed subdivision of land off Louann Lane and O'Brien Avenue for single family homes. I have secured the Town's approval for a driveway permit over a portion of this land to access an existing house lot. I currently own the abutting land to the west of the 16.5 wide strip and a wider portion that leads to the travel way of Louann Lane. Please review the enclosed map showing the detail of a portion of the land in question.

Since the Town has no particular use for this land, I would appreciate the consideration of the Board of Selectmen in deeding the property, as outlined on the enclosed map, to me. The conveyance of the property to me would be subject to the following conditions provided at my expense:

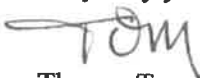
1. Survey of the land
2. Deed Preparation
3. Recording a Quit Claim Deed
4. Recording of a survey
5. Maintaining the land as a public right of way for pedestrian traffic
6. Restrict the land from building

During preliminary discussions with you and Ms Bont, it was mentioned how the town could benefit if my infrastructure design would include the elimination of the sewer pump station on Louann Lane, currently servicing just one house. As consideration for my request to convey the land to me, I further agree, during the process of installing infrastructure for the proposed sub-division, to:

1. Construct a paved sidewalk, for use by the public, for access to and from Main Street and Louann Lane. This will be especially convenient for residents living on Pollard Road and alert the public to the right of way. Few people know of its existence.
2. Install landscaping to beautify the area
3. Install sewer lines in the sub-division such that the sewer pump station can be eliminated.

I appreciate the Board of Selectmen's consideration of this request and await their favorable reply. In the meantime, if you have questions or need additional information, please give me a call.

Very truly yours,

  
Thomas Tremblay



### Introduction

Thank you OJ, Jayne, and Tami for allowing me the ability to speak today.

For the recording and record my name is Howard Greene and I am the owner of 17 Coolidge Street here in Lincoln, NH.

As noted in previous communications I have owned the home since September 11, 2011 and it is my primary residence.

### Purpose/Goals

I am here today to speak about the decision to ban parking on Coolidge street as voted upon by this board on April 27, 2020. From my perspective, this has felt like an unnecessarily adverse proceeding. I believe that results from what has appeared to be a closed and unwelcoming process. Lincoln is hailed as a small and friendly community. Tens of thousands of tourists visit our community each year to enjoy our natural resources and welcoming hospitality. We should do as good a job treating our fulltime residents in a similar welcoming and neighborly fashion.

### Attempts to be involved before decision made.

Originally, I was looking to speak to this board or Chief Morris prior to any decision being made about parking on Coolidge Street. Thanks to my neighbor, Cathy Cook, I only learned about the potential vote late in the day on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, and only by happenstance had the ability to talk to Chief Beard as I saw him at the fire station that afternoon. I am one of only eight property owners whose homes front on Coolidge Street. Given that Coolidge Street has existed in its present configuration for decades, and has operated for all of that time with no adverse impact on public safety, it did not seem unreasonable to seek to have a seat at the table and a voice in the conversation. The goal of the conversation was to understand the situation, ask some questions, and if, possible discuss potential solutions. As we all know this discussion never happened and, despite my conversation with Chief Beard, multiple calls to Chief Morris, and a reasonable request to merely table the decision in an email I wrote prior to the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, the board moved ahead anyways.

### Attempts to be involved after decision made.

After the board's decision on Monday, April 27, I still sought to become involved in the process. I tried both calling Chief Morris and emailing the board to have a conversation. But no one responded. It seems that the only way I was able to get a response was to hire a lawyer to write a letter – a step that we should not have had to get to. When I first received a communication from OJ to speak tonight I was happy to see that we might be able to have a

reasonable conversation. I went and spoke to neighbors and even had what I thought was a productive conversation with Laurel, the originator of the complaint. After that conversation, I was hopeful that we'd find a reasonable compromise. That was until I saw the May 11, 2020 meeting video and the behavior exhibited by one of you on it.

In watching that video and observing that behavior it finally hit me what was going on. The math was simple:

1. In my conversation with Chief Beard he suggested that when people have a disagreement he believes that you should get them all in a room to try to work things out. He mentioned he never even had Coolidge Street on his radar as an issue and even said, and I quote, "I don't think it's a big deal, now that I know cars are there I'll just go in the other side of the street." For the record, Tami, I have never called him a liar – I believe that the LARGEST fire truck doesn't fit down a 16 foot 9 inch road when a car is parked there but he very clearly communicated to be that he thought this was more of a neighborhood discussion and gave some solid advice on next steps – which I followed.
2. As Chief Morris basically said in the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting the genie is out of the bottle, we now know that the largest fire truck cannot fit down the street with a car parked there. However, the decision to ban parking doesn't really fully solve the problem. What if a car is driving down the road at the same time as the emergency? As stated in the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting "every minute counts" and if there's no time to knock on doors there's no time to wait for someone to potentially have to back up. Wouldn't the proper thing to do for safety be to ban parking and make it a one-way street?
3. In the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting it was mentioned that you have not gotten to the other streets because of COVID 19. But the April 27<sup>th</sup> decision was during COVID-19. The original conversation was April 20<sup>th</sup> and a week later the board banned parking on Coolidge Street. It's now been 3 weeks since the April 27<sup>th</sup> decision and there has been no work to make the rest of the town safe. In fact, right now, over on School Street, there is a home being worked on where the workers' trucks are creating a safety issue on the street – as well as the asbestos tile removal going on without proper coverings. I have seen police cars drive by there at least twice without stopping to discuss either situation.
4. In my initial 45-minute conversation with Laurel she spent 90% of it talking about the inconvenience of having cars parked on the street. She had pictures of cars for 3 years, she talked about calling the town to cut back the brush multiple years, she mentioned her new car that "had to last her the rest of her life", she talked about the concern of hitting the parked cars, and she and I did talk how she was OK with 1 or 2-hour parking, but when there are more than that there it was unreasonable, she discussed the parking from the church and not being able to get out and oh yeah, she mentioned in passing it was a safety issue. Now that said, we also spoke yesterday and it appears that she had changed her mind on the 1-2 hour parking because of the church crowd and concerns they'd block her in but for the second time I pointed at motorcycles parked in front of the house and she indicated that was reasonable for all vehicles to get by. This time

around in our 10 minute conversation it was a 50/50 split between her inconvenience and safety concerns.

5. Finally, when Laurel and I first came to what I thought was reasonable conclusion that 1-2 hour parking would be reasonable and handle the safety and convenience issues she suggested that she could call her friend Tami Ham and let her know. Then yesterday when she and I spoke she referenced a “sarcastic” tone in my unpublished and non public emails to the BOS after the April 27<sup>th</sup> vote – which I would suspect her friend Tami told her about.

So, what’s that all add up to? It appears that this was not something that was about safety; this was about doing a favor for a friend. On May 11<sup>th</sup> the board was quick to say that they trusted their “experts”. But why did it take Laurel, a resident of Coolidge Street, to complain for the experts to look at the road? Why over the years when she called to have the brush cut back did town worked not alert the Fire chief? Why did the foremost expert, the Fire Chief, not even know where the road was – a road that has existed for decades? What is the actual plan in a fire? The hydrants are on Church and School Streets. Would the large trucks even be brought down Coolidge Street?

#### Importance of transparency and inclusion.

There is a reason that the January 6, 2020 Code of Ethics signed by this board states that a board member is supposed to disclose when a board decision involves someone with a personal relationship: Fairness in the process requires that all participants – other board members, potentially affected residents, other stakeholders – all know and understand the driving forces. That was not done in this case. Tami did not disclose her friendship with Laurel. Laurel is on resident it Coolidge Street. I am another. And there are several more. And there are even more streets and more residents of those streets that have similar situations. Before taking action to change the pattern of parking which has operated successfully for more than half a century, doesn’t it seem fair and reasonable that the affected residents would be informed and invited to participate in a town-wide process of education and problem solving? That would be the welcoming and neighborly approach. Why did that not happen here?

The same Code of Ethics says that when something is a quasi-judicial process that a board member with a special interest is supposed to recuse themselves. Since you called “expert witnesses” and took a vote, like a jury, should Tami have recused herself?

The Code of Ethics and RSA 640:3 says that a board member is not supposed to improperly use their influence for the benefit of themselves or their friends and family. A favor for a friend is certainly improper use of power as banned by both your own code and state statutes – a class B felony, mind you.

#### Process matters.



The Lincoln Board of Selectmen Code of Ethics and NH state statutes both require disclosure and recusal in appropriate circumstances for a reason. Impartiality and transparency are hallmarks of fairness and due process. A correct conclusion will be undermined and less accepted by the public if its results from a process which appears tainted, not impartial, and unnecessarily exclusionary. As such I would argue that a vote that violates the Code of Ethics is really no vote at all.

In the meeting of May 11, Tami suggested that I might not have strong moral turpitude. I have built my career as a financial professional with the last 10 years as a CFO for Venture Backed and privately owned businesses across this country based on my honesty, transparency, and hard work. Gratuitously impugning someone's character in public meeting may not violate the ethics code, but it is certainly bad form. And if it continues in such a public forum and rises to the level of slander and defamation of character it will result in the most extreme legal action I can take against both this town and the individual.

Coolidge Street is a small street, and this parking ban – while an inconvenience – is not a big deal in the grand scheme of things. In fact, if a committee is formed and there are no other solutions than a total ban AND a one-way street then I'll bang that drum the loudest. That said, how we treat each other – especially how elected officials treat their fellow residents in the small town of Lincoln – is a big deal. We can, and must, do better.

### Conclusion

I'm asking that the Board suspend its no parking decision in favor of convening a task force of affected residents and municipal public safety officials to confirm the facts, discuss solutions, and return with a recommendation for action to this Board, that can be used as a model to inform decisions across the town. Tami stated at the May 11 meeting that "nothing will change my mind" about the decision. If she maintains that attitude when the task force reports back, then it will be appropriate for her to recuse herself at that time and if this is how she is going to continue to approach issues within this town, violating the code of ethics, and possibly state statute, she should consider resigning her position to allow for the town to elect someone that can masterfully blend safety, business, and resident needs and serve us with the utmost of integrity.

I thank the board for their time and look forward to working with you, my neighbors and with Chief Beard and Chief Morris to determine what the parking situation is and should be on Coolidge Street, and the others of similar structure.

Thank you and all those watching via video for your time.

To whom it may concern,

May 13, 2020

I am writing as a seasonal resident (20+ years) that is hoping to change into a full timer. I have always noticed the scarcity of trashcans around town but due to the seasonal nature of my visits I have been reframing from speaking up about it.

I notice this because I, unlike most people, don't drive. I think, and believe, that there should be a trash can in the parks and in front of public buildings where it make since (where people gather) to have them.

Lincoln is a resort and retirement community. The town has to stay relevant. I am writing this because I have grown attached to the town of Lincoln, NH and I wish to see the community keep growing and prospering into the future.

Sincerely,

Peter Keller

Hello OJ,

It was brought to my attention that you're going to be talking about parking in reference to Coolidge St. Monday 5/18/20, and thought it would be a good time to address issues on School Street. I have enclosed some pictures of the rehab congestion, in front of the Palmers former residence.

1) As you can see the trucks were parked 2 - 3 feet into the road away from the curb, a work station set up in the road, with barely one lane opened. A fire truck or ambulance would not be able to pass which is a safety issue.

2) Another safety issue, the house being rehabbed has asbestos shingles which were being removed without containment as I am sure you know as you would have been notified 10 days before the project started.

3) Does the 2 week self quarantine Include out of state workers?  
In conclusion: I Felt it was important to notify the Board.

Thank You for your time and I will be waiting for your response.

Denise Hereddeen resident  
25 School St.

## Town Hall

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Contact form at Lincoln NH  
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 10:52 AM  
**To:** Town Hall  
**Subject:** [Lincoln NH] Information on Corbeil Lane (Sent by Kathy Cook, Cubelady@yahoo.com)

Hello townhall,

Kathy Cook (Cubelady@yahoo.com) has sent you a message via your contact form  
(<https://www.lincolnnh.org/users/townhall/contact>) at Lincoln NH.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.lincolnnh.org/user/91/edit>.

Message:

Hi JANE,

It was nice to speak to you today. I was wondering if you could pass this onto to the Selectman or proper person/people. I have been listening to the Selectman meetings concerning the issue on Coolidge Street. I have owned my home on Coolidge St. since October 1979 and would be happy to discuss Corbeil Lane with anyone who might need some info on it. I do know that no fire truck or probably Ambulance would be able to make the sharp turns onto that alley/road. It has a history. Yes Coolidge is and has always been a very narrow street since the homes were build in 1930. I have watched the St.

Joseph's church traffic go by on the weekends at a high speed while I stood guard when my children and now grandchildren were outside playing. Life is changing and so is the population of our small community.

I am offering my knowledge of my 40 plus years on Coolidge St. and Corbeil Lane if anyone has any questions. Good luck and hopefully everything will work out for the best.

Kathy Cook  
Coolidge Street Resident

From: Kuplin, Laurel  
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 1:42 PM  
Subject: Coolidge Street parking

I want to thank you for taking the time to look into the parking issues on Coolidge Street, and due to the safety issue, voting to make the decision to make the street "No Parking". As was discussed at your Selectman's Meeting, both the Fire Chief and the Chief of Police recognized that having vehicles parked on Coolidge street does not allow enough clearance for Emergency vehicles to pass through should the need arise. There have been times when overflow from the church parking (on both sides of my driveway entrance) have even prevented me from being able to leave my house until the services were over.

I know providing enough parking in this town is difficult and there has to be a good balance, but in this case it really is a safety issue and I support and appreciate this decision.

Laurel N. Kuplin





## Conversation on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> with Howard Greene

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> was Mother's Day and the weather was sunny, but cold. Due to the Covid 19 virus issue I have not had many opportunities to see my family as we have all been following the social distancing guidelines. My son is an RN and has been extremely cautious – they have only come up to visit me one time since March, and that was on Easter Sunday when we stood outside and visited briefly.

On Mother's Day my daughter and grandson were at my house and my son came with his family to visit outside. They parked their car in front of my gate and while we were visiting my daughter in law noticed Howard Greene and pointed out to me that he was watching us. I let her know that we had a parking issue and that was probably why he was watching us; she was not aware of the parking situation but immediately said she would move her car and she did move it to the church parking lot.

Howard walked up and commented to me that it "is nice to be able to have people stop by and park in the street" which began a discussion that although was not heated or unpleasant, went around and around with no real ending and was quite confusing as it skipped around from topic to topic and back again.

Some of the discussion is outlined below, but it is not in chronological order as the conversation went around and skipped from one topic to another and back again.

Howard said he was trying to have "conversations" as that is "what good neighbors do", and that he felt that people should have talked to him if they had an issue with his parking in the street, and that no one had spoken to him.

I responded immediately that I **had** spoken with him, and more than once. One time I asked him if he could at least park further down towards the Coolidge condos where it was a bit wider, and then another time to discuss clearing the brush growing into the street so that I could drive by without having the brush scrape my car every time I drove by. His first response to me at that time was, "I work in Boston", which was pretty much the end of the conversation at the time and he continued to park in the street.

*Howard then apologized and said to me that is how his mind works and he sometimes does not complete his thoughts.*

I also pointed out that he was well aware of my frustration with him parking in the street, has been since my first conversations with him and he has been doing it 24/7 from May through November since he has owned his house.

*Howard said he was not even in this area last summer, so he was not parking in the street last summer.*

**I said he absolutely was**, and I have pictures in my phone if he would like to see them, and he said he did want to see them. I got my phone from the house and showed him.

*Howard then said, "oh, that's Jenny's car, but the blue one behind it belongs to another neighbor down the street, it isn't at my house."*

I told him they both went in and out of his house all summer long, and there are always people at his house— I am here all summer and I watched it.

Howard said anytime anyone has asked him to move his car he has done so, which I absolutely disagreed with and I responded to him he has known I have been frustrated with it for years.



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He said parking on Coolidge Street has never been an issue, and I said there were no issues with it until he moved in and since then he has parked there 24/7.

I again shared my frustration and said it is a safety issue as an emergency vehicle can't get by. Howard asked if I would agree to a "no overnight parking" ordinance, and I said that would not help me out at all as I drive by during the day and I do not want to possibly scrape a vehicle when I go by, and it would still be a safety issue. He then suggested a 1 or 2 hour parking limit so that he could park on the street to unload things, instead of a complete no parking ordinance. I said that I didn't feel that anyone would be calling the police even if there was no parking on the street, if he just was taking a few things out of his vehicle for a few minutes. I further explained that the issue is more than just him, as there were times in the past when I could not even pull out of my driveway during church service as people going to church had parked on both sides of my driveway. He then told me I own the road (?), and that the marker pins actually go all the way across the road (Cathy told him?) and I should just tell people they can't park there because I own the road (?). That just sounded odd, and I did not know how to respond except to say I don't feel I should have to stand by my door every Sunday morning in the winter, ready to go out and talk to anyone who tries to park. Somehow in the same conversation he acknowledged a 1 or 2 hour parking limit in this case would not be helpful to me.

I again expressed my real concern over the safety aspect of an emergency vehicle unable to respond. Howard said he had spoken to Ron Beard, and Ron told him until this situation came up he "didn't even know where Coolidge Street was", and if there was an emergency he "would just drive around and go in the other way". That did not make sense to me as Ron Beard has said it is a **safety concern**, he is also very knowledgeable, takes his job seriously, and has lived in this area for years.

Howard said if we allowed 1 or 2 hour parking safety would not be an issue as you would "have to be the unluckiest person in the world" to need a safety vehicle during the one hour or so when someone was parked on the street. I totally disagreed that safety should ever come down to "luck" due to parking.

I pointed out his having vehicles parked on the street has also prevented the town from properly maintaining the sidewalk and the street. I let him know I am also working from home due to Covid 19 and I could hear the sweeping vehicles all morning – I was well aware of the work they were doing. Howard acknowledged **he had heard them also**, but both he and his renter who parks out front were "on all day Zoom calls" so they could not go move their vehicles. I pointed out this has happened for the past few years and sand on the road is dangerous for motorcycles and bicycles. Howard said he would go clean up the sand that is currently in front of his house because "that is what good neighbors do."

Howard told me he has been trying to "have conversations" (through email?) with the Chief of Police, the selectmen and the Fire Chief (he did tell me about a conversation with Ron?), but nobody will call him back. I suggested he just call them, and there may be phone numbers on the website. I let him know when I need to, I call Tammy and I see Jayne when I walk my dog and they are always responsive.

Howard said he was not upset so much with the decision the town had made, but rather the way it was done without him being able to have a public discussion along with the neighbors which he feels is illegal, and he could not even speak at a Selectman's meeting. He told me he knew a lot about law as he had gone

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to law school, but never finished, and that he had called a lawyer friend. I have been watching the Selectman's meetings online and they do provide access through Zoom; Howard is apparently quite capable with using Zoom, so I am not sure why he does not participate for the Selectman's meetings.

I suggested Howard get in touch with the lady who owns the house and garage across the street from him as that may be a good option for him to park a number of cars that is very close by. Howard said he had considered getting in touch with her and offering to clean out her garage so that he could use it. I offered to get in touch with Charlie Clermont as he had previously rented the house to see if he had her phone number, but Howard said he knew Charlie also. I then offered to get Marcel's phone number (Marcel and Cindy own the 2 houses under the arch next to the big white house with the garage) so that Howard could ask him about possible parking also. Howard expressed appreciation if I would do that; I do have the phone number, and will share it with Howard.

This conversation went around and around in this manner and was quite confusing. A number of times I tried to finish the conversation (he kept apologizing for interrupting my family time), and I asked him how he planned to move forward, but I am not sure if there was a conclusion at that point as this had gone on well over an hour, and my son and his family were then packing up to leave, and I was unable to spend my time with them.

### **In review of his email to the Board of Selectmen dated Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

In Howard's email he stated;

*"A friend who has been staying at the house had his full size pickup parked out front and the chief asked him to move it and he did immediately"*

The pickup was actually parked on the sidewalk, and yes, they moved it to the street.

*"I have owned this house since 2011 and have parked cars out front sporadically since then"*

Howard (or his renters') have parked vehicles on the street pretty much full time when the winter time parking ban is not in effect, and continues to increase the number of vehicles. Recently there were 2 cars and 2 motorcycles – all of which have parked there on a regular basis.

*"What I am getting at is that this is a temporary situation....something that's happened sporadically the last 8 years"*

This is neither "temporary" or "sporadic" as it has been consistent from April to November for the last 8 years. More importantly, this is a safety issue.

*"And if the majority of Coolidge St says no cars I'll move them without the need for a formal ban – because that's what good neighbors do".*

Coolidge Street is not wide enough to allow for emergency vehicles to pass through if there are vehicles parked on the street. Ultimately, this is a huge safety concern and we are all part of ensuring the road is clear, because "that is what good neighbors do".

Conversation on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> with Howard Greene

Late April, early May 2020





Conversation on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> with Howard Greene

Street Sweeping in Late April – Howard was at home and acknowledge he heard the Sweeping vehicle making passes all morning, but he was on an all-day Zoom meeting and did not move the car or motorcycle.



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The parking ban ended.



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The parking ban ended – but we did get snow, and they could not clear the sidewalk in front of Howard's house.





Conversation on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> with Howard Greene

The parking ban ended and the town came through to sweep the sidewalks, but they could not sweep the sidewalk in front of Howard's house.



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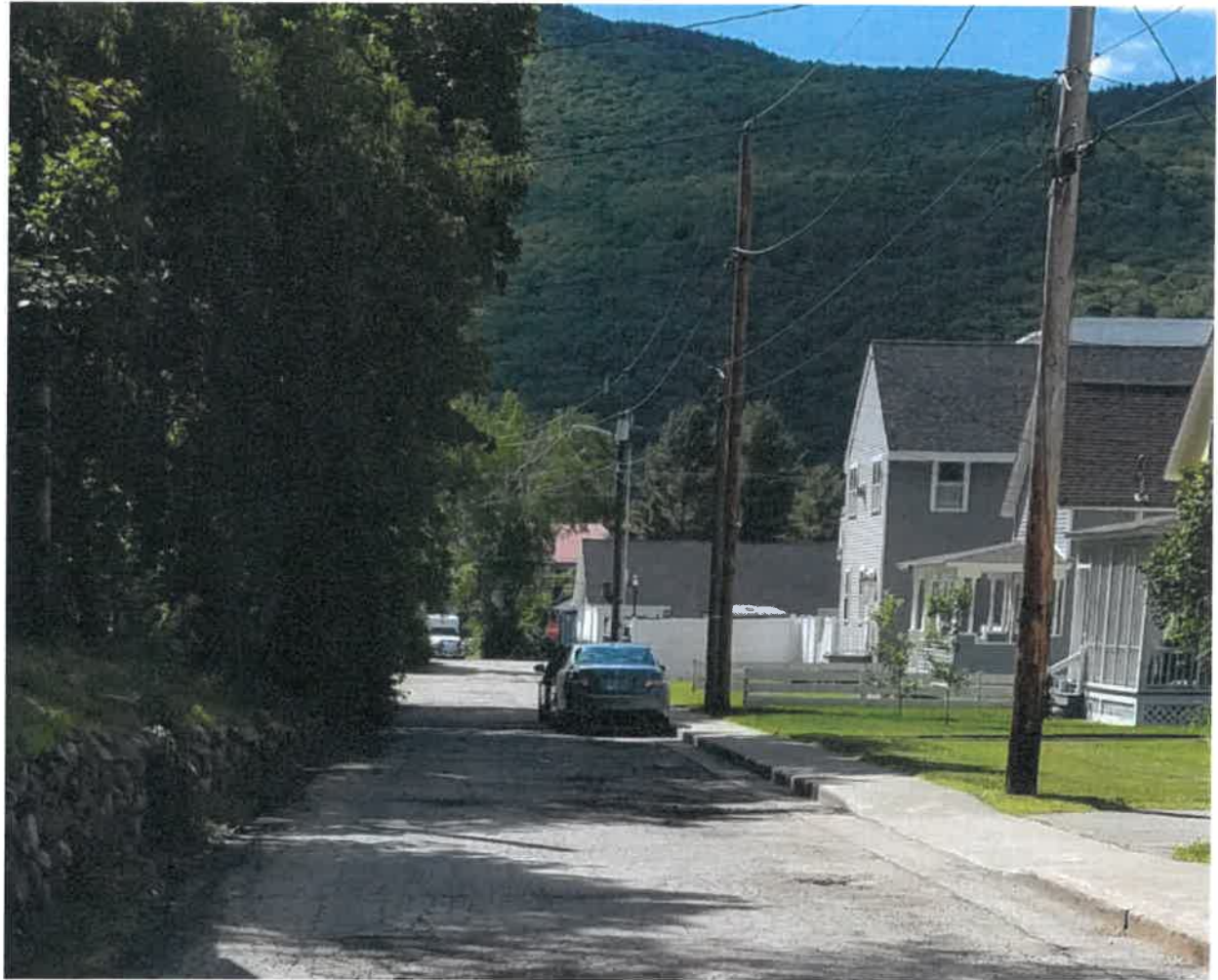
Summer of 2019 – before they re-paved Coolidge Street. These vehicles parked right in front of Howards house all summer. Howard acknowledged the white car is “Jenny’s” (?)





Conversation on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> with Howard Greene

Summer of 2019 – before they re-paved Coolidge Street.





From: Howard Greene <[howard@mavrck.co](mailto:howard@mavrck.co)>  
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 8:02 AM  
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

On Apr 28, 2020, at 8:40 AM, Howard Greene <[howard@mavrck.co](mailto:howard@mavrck.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? Or 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.

Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 1:15 AM

Subject: 17 Coolidge Parking

Hello, My name is Howard Greene and I'm the owner of 17 Coolidge St.

Today, as I was leaving the house long time resident and amazing neighbor Cathy Cook stopped me to inform me that last Monday the parking on the street was discussed at the selectmen men meeting, including potentially making the street no parking. When I returned home today I went to visit the fire chief who filled me in on the situation - I also left a voicemail to chat with the Police Chief whom I am to understand is leading looking into the situation.

Here's what I've learned:

- A woman called in a complaint about cars parked on the street
- The fire chief was asked to check it out and brought the truck down
- A friend who has been staying at the house had his full size pickup parked out front and the chief asked him to move it and he did immediately
- We chose to park his Honda CRV out front as the smallest car here, and occasionally a Land Rover (relatively narrow) and have heard nothing more until Cathy mentioned something today about the meeting
- It is my understanding that there are discussions to make the street no parking

In hearing this I thought it might be helpful to provide some additional color.

- I have owned this house since 2011 and have parked cars out front sporadically since then.
- We have NEVER parked overnight during the winter ban we love and respect this town (I even was the owner if Cascade in North Woodstock before it became the Pemi)
- This is my primary residence but I travel for work nearly 50% of the time and COVID 19 now has me at home for the longest stretch in 3+ years
- My friend (who owns the Honda, the truck he moved and is planning to sell, and the two motorcycles) has actively been looking for a house to buy. He too travels for work but is now home due to COVID-19.
- If there are vehicles out front it means we are in the house and would happily move them for the town or a neighbor, and the one time we were asked by the town we did
- In the 8 years I've been here every summer we have parked out front my immediate neighbors thank me because it causes people to slow down on the street
- otherwise they are speeding and Cathy has grandkids over and we have dogs we play with in the yard - both our neighbors speed and church goes speed
- I spent half a day clearing brush on the street to widen it after the fire chief came over and asked us to move the truck
- The chief had indicated to me that but for this complaint he had never thought to check the truck clearance - though confirmed it does not fit
- UPS/Fedex have been here almost daily and make it through just fine - their

vehicles are wider than any neighbors

What I'm getting at is that this is a temporary situation. What I'd hate to have happen is that without my neighbor actually talking to me to understand the above and just complain about something that's happened sporadically the last 8 years that the drastic step of "no parking" may be taken. So now when visitors come to see anyone on the street there's nowhere to park. So my handicapped plated parents can't come visit when in town.

When COVID is over I'll be traveling again and the number of cars will decrease. When my friend travels again, cars will decrease. When he buys a house, cars will decrease. My ask is that before the board renders judgment that I am given an opportunity to speak to the Chiefs, my neighbor, and a representative of the board. As you can see this temporary COVID related parking situation should hopefully end soon. In the meantime if the fire chief wants the road cleared we will certainly obey and only use it for temp parking for visitors. But if the chief is ok with how we have parked (which he alluded that he may be) then I'd ask the board whether my neighbors inconvenience of having to slow down (or go out the other end of the street) is of greater importance than the added safety the parked vehicles bring to the neighborhood? Again, more people have made positive comments than the one negative you have received.

But most importantly I'd like to be afforded the opportunity to have a reasonable conversation and hope folks understand the extraordinary circumstances we find ourselves in. I sincerely hope we can all find a temporary solution during this time before an ill informed permanent one is made that affects an entire street negatively - and I have to tell my handicap parents they have to park at town hall to come visit for 2 hours.

As I'm lucky enough to be employed and working from home I'll be around all day Monday and happy to discuss in person before your meeting on Monday evening. At the very least I'd like to ask to be able to have a conversation with all parties prior to any sort of vote and if it cannot happen on Monday then ask the vote be tabled until it can.

Finally, I'd like to end by where I started - Cathy Cook, my immediate neighbor stopped me to inform me of the situation and suggest I reach out to try to avoid the street becoming "no parking". Clearly advocating to let us keep the cars there. So again, if the fire chief is ok with this situation, whether temporary or permanent then we should at least poll the residents and determine their preference. And if the majority of Coolidge St says no cars I'll move them without the need for a formal ban - because that's what good neighbors do.

Thank you for your time and have a wonderful weekend.

Howard Greene



May 8, 2020

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RE: Proposed Expansion of Parking at Kanc Rec. area

Board:

As a property owner abutting the Kanc Rec Road, and as a resident of another home within view and hearing of the Recreation Area, I want to add my objections to this project. I have refrained from complaining about the noise from the snowmaking, and the unnecessarily loud music coming from speakers on the slope, but I now am complaining!

The Rec Area is a great asset to town families, but the intrusive noise can easily be reduced, and this proposed parking expansion would do just the opposite!

Why anyone would want to jeopardize children's' safety by making them walk across a dangerous road is beyond my comprehension! Just check the police records for accidents and speeding on the road. And that does not fully represent the personally observed speeders (cars & trucks) that frequent the road.

There are multiple, lower cost alternatives than adding an unsafe parking area, including more efficient use of the existing areas (no cost!), and relocation of the sliding hill (minimal cost). I sincerely hope you consider those safer alternatives.

  
Jack Patterson



Paul Beaudin:

April 28

Why has Lincoln decided to close summer camp before governor has made recommendation We Need leadership not a gang of 3

Last nights selectman 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 where the town might be opening up or when they 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

May 4

Open up town hall and selectmans meetings technology does not afford us our constitutional right as current technology is not consistent Can't you get someone who can run the video without loosing connection

May 5

Based on last nights loss of voice during the end of the

Selectmans meeting I guess I would like also to request closed captioning so that we the public would also be able to at least read

What is being said

Pass it along

Especially those of us who are hearing impaired

May 15

So now Lincoln has confirmed cases of COVID .

Let's keep opening up restaurants and other places where people will want to come and recreate at ! You leaders of Lincoln need to realize that your first commitment is to the inhabitants of this Town . If you can not prevent what is causing this then step aside and let some one else lead. Obviously you do not care about the long standing citizens of Lincoln and are only concerned about the god almighty dollar .

It is the safety of our citizens that should come first lead do not follow



**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:04 AM

**To:** Town Manager <[townmanager@lincolnnh.org](mailto:townmanager@lincolnnh.org)>; O.J. Robinson  
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**Subject:** Re: Closed Captioning of Vimeo Professional live streaming : Get 4X visibility

Hello Butch and OJ,

Please read this email at the next BOS meeting.

I'm responding from the 5/4/20 meeting minutes, so I'm 10 days behind in case this was discussed at the 5/11/20 meeting.

I did watch portions of the 5/11/20 meeting, but unfortunately could not make out the conversation's due to my hearing loss.

Selectmen OJ clearly states that's the request for closed captioning is required by the ADA on all video conferencing. Butch also states that "the AG office response is: "this has been a long-standing requirement of ADA compliance". For Selectmen Ham to suggest that a sign interpreter was "sufficient" is quite bothersome for the hearing impaired residents of this community. All of the Governor's meetings are in closed captioning as well. Her comments were nothing short of discrimination or lack of knowledge in this area.

This simple request for closed captioning is to benefit all residents so they can stay active in their community. The ADA compliance is the law, so putting this request out to a Town vote is not an option, as Selectmen Ludwig suggested.

I am glad to see there is feedback from other residents regarding the CC compliance. Has the Town checked in to the option "Webex" as suggested by Christine Mooney? A common response stated several times is "the Town should have been doing this anyway".

Thank you for serving all our residents,

Lisa Philbrick

**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 4:14 PM

**To:** O.J. Robinson <[robinsonbos@lincolnnh.org](mailto:robinsonbos@lincolnnh.org)>

**Subject:** Re: Closed Captioning of Vimeo Professional live streaming : Get 4X visibility

Hi OJ,

Thank you for your response regarding Zoom. This isn't about me, but all the residents of Lincoln that have hearing loss and want to stay up to date with what's happening in our town.

That is why there is an ADA compliance.

I'm not always available to listen in for the complete meetings, so closed captioning works best. Plus closed captioning would work for Jane when she is typing up the minutes. Case in point: the minutes of 5/4/20 states that Butch received an email from the "AG office" when in fact, according to Butch's response earlier today the "email was from NHMA".

As I see it, closed captioning benefits more people than just the hearing impaired.

Thank you,

Lisa Philbrick