

**Town of Litchfield, NH**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Pat Jewett Volunteer Appreciation Day**  
**March 1, 2021**  
**Litchfield Town Hall**  
**6:30 pm**

**In Attendance:**

**Selectmen:** Steven J. Webber, Chairman (Virtual), F. Robert Leary, Sr., Vice Chairman, Richard W. Lascelles, Kevin A. Lynch and Kimberly M. Queenan

**Town Administrator:** Troy Brown

**Also in Attendance:** Jayson Brennen (Virtual), Rob Fay, Laura Gandia, and Laura Spector-Morgan, Esquire (Virtual)

**Absent:** None

**Memo:** None

**1. Call to Order:**

- a. 5:30 pm - Paperwork Review
- b. 6:37 pm - Chairman Steven Webber called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Review and Approval of Consent Items:**

- a. None

**3. Additional Items or Other Business:**

- a. None

**4. Business:**

**a. Pat Jewett Volunteer Award Slideshow:**

Town Administrator Troy Brown introduced Laura Gandia, and mentioned that she had a couple of comments then watched a slideshow produced by Rob Fay and Ms. Gandia. Ms. Gandia commented that March 1 is a very important day for Litchfield residents. In 2014, March 1 was declared by proclamation from the Board of Selectmen to be known as the Pat Jewett Volunteer Appreciation Day to recognize Pat Jewett for her years of service to the town and its residents. Ms. Gandia pointed out that the town has enjoyed six occasions to show appreciation to Ms. Jewett and the award recipients. Some of the award recipients have been:

1. Margaret Parent
2. Barry Bean
3. Linda Peoples
4. Jayson Brennen
5. Heidi Hale-Miller

Ms. Gandia stated that Ms. Jewett passed away on November 21, 2020 and left the town heartbroken. This year will be the first without a recipient for the Pat Jewett Volunteer Appreciation Award. Mr. Fay played a slideshow presentation to honor and pay tribute to Ms. Jewett. Ms. Gandia then read a citation referring to Ms. Jewett's legacy. Selectman Lynch thanked Ms. Gandia for her work with regards to the Pat Jewett Volunteer Appreciation Day, over the last several years.

**b. Memories of Pat Jewett:**

**1. Town Administrator Troy Brown:**

Mr. Brown mentioned that one of the memories he has of Pat Jewett was participating in the first Pat Jewett Volunteer Appreciation Day. He commented how the town had just finished the budgets, and having a

Deliberative Session. Before every March Election, the town can celebrate Pat Jewett's memory and remember the benefits of becoming involved with the town.

2. **Selectman Richard W. Lascelles:**

Selectman Lascelles mentioned that Ms. Jewett meant a lot to him through the years. He said that when he thinks of her, he thinks of all of her schemes. Mr. Lascelles commented on Ms. Jewett being the town's Welfare Manager, and he pointed out that the town did not spend any money unnecessarily when she was the Welfare Manager. Mr. Lascelles noted that Ms. Jewett set an example for the town with regards to volunteering.

3. **Selectman Kevin A. Lynch:**

Selectman Lynch mentioned that he knew Ms. Jewett his entire life and had many memories. Mr. Lynch commented on some of his memories of Ms. Jewett, and he acknowledged that Ms. Jewett was a blessing to the Town of Litchfield.

4. **Selectman F. Robert Leary:**

Selectman Leary mentioned that Ms. Jewett was always at the town events. Any town event that he attended, he would see Ms. Jewett. Mr. Leary commented that if a person did something nice for her, she would respond by doing something nice for that person. He added that the town would miss Ms. Jewett.

5. **Selectman Kimberly M. Queenan:**

Selectman Queenan mentioned that she did not know Ms. Jewett very well, but they had met at a few town events. Ms. Queenan commented that she met Ms. Jewett once at the Presbyterian Church, and they had a great conversation.

6. **Selectman Steven J. Webber:**

Chairman Webber thanked Ms. Jewett for her years of volunteering and being the beacon of volunteerism for Litchfield. Mr. Webber thanked Ms. Gandia and Mr. Fay for putting together an excellent presentation.

5. **Public Input @ 7:05 pm:**

a. **Jayson Brennen -**

Mr. Brennan mentioned that Ms. Jewett was a marvelous person and remembered an LGSL Tournament, about 15 years ago, that was going to occur at Darrah Field. The LGSL Board of Directors went to the Board of Selectmen and asked if they could paint Talent Hall. A Selectman informed them that the Board would not grant permission to paint Talent Hall because of the liability. Later, Ms. Jewett told the LGSL Board to paint Talent Hall and apologize to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Brennan also thanked Ms. Gandia for all of her hard work.

Public Input ended at 7:07 pm.

6. **Items Removed From Consent:**

a. None

7. **Other Business:**

a. **Appreciation to Laura Gandia**

Town Administrator Troy Brown commented that since 2015 Laura Gandia has been behind the scenes coordinating all the ceremonies. Mr. Brown noted that, around the beginning of the year, Ms. Gandia informed him that this would be her last year acting as coordinator for the ceremony.

Mr. Brown presented Ms. Gandia with flowers as a token of the Boards appreciation.

**8. Non-Meeting Session:**

Chairman S. Webber stated that the Board would have a Non-Meeting with Laura Spector-Morgan, Esquire.

**a. Convened to Non-Meeting Session**

7:10 pm

**b. Reconvened Public Session**

8:37 pm

**9. Public Meeting Session:**

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ ( Selectman R. Leary / Selectman K. Lynch ) Motioned to enter a non-public session pursuant RSA 91-A:3, II the dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee at 8:37pm.

**Roll-Call:**

- a. Selectman S. Webber - Yes
- b. Selectman R. Leary - Yes
- c. Selectman R. Lascelles - Yes
- d. Selectman K. Lynch - Yes
- e. Selectman K. Queenan - Yes

**Vote:** ( 5-0-0 ) The motion carried

**Reconvened Public Session**

8:42 pm.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ ( Selectman K. Lynch / Selectman R. Leary ) motioned to seal the minutes indefinitely because it was determined that divulgence of the information likely would adversely affect the reputation of any person other than a member of this board.

**Roll-Call:**

- a. Selectman S. Webber - Yes
- b. Selectman R. Leary - Yes
- c. Selectman R. Lascelles - Yes
- d. Selectman K. Lynch - Yes
- e. Selectman K. Queenan - Yes

**Vote:** ( 5-0-0 ) The motion carried

**9. Adjournment:**

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ ( Selectmen K. Lynch / Selectman R. Leary ) motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 8:42 pm.

**Roll-Call:**

- a. Selectman S. Webber - Yes
- b. Selectman R. Leary - Yes
- c. Selectman R. Lascelles - Yes
- d. Selectman K. Lynch - Yes
- e. Selectman K. Queenan - Yes

**Vote:** ( 5-0-0 ) The motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew Sullivan  
BOS Recording Secretary

Approved by the Board of Selectmen:

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Steven J. Webber, Chairman

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F. Robert Leary, Sr., Vice Chairman

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Richard W. Lascelles

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Kevin A. Lynch

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Kimberly M. Queenan