

**Lincoln Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2008  
5:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Deanna Huot, Selectman Patricia McTeague, Selectman Peter Moore (excused late arrival), Town Manager Ted Sutton, Recording Secretary Susan Chenard  
Audience members: WT Bishop

**Approval of public meeting minutes of January 7, 2008 and approval of non-public meeting minutes of January 7, 2008:** A **motion** was made by Selectman McTeague, seconded by Chairman Huot, to approve the public meeting minutes of January 7, 2008, as written. The vote was unanimous. Then, a **motion** was made by Selectman McTeague, seconded by Chairman Huot, to approve the non-public meeting minutes of January 7, 2008, as written. The vote was unanimous.

**Routine Business**

- **Budget Review** – Town Manager Sutton reported that the budgeting process is finished, other than the Budget Public Hearing scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>. There were a few changes at the last meeting, increasing the welfare department and reducing health appropriations and the executive payroll budget. The increase in the total operating budget is approximately 4.2%.
- **Town Land Transfers** – There had been a request from Mr. Dumont to either allow him to purchase the piece of land connecting the business park to Connector Road or to make it conservation land. The second piece of land involved a parcel that is currently leased to the Common Man Restaurant for additional parking for the amount that would be paid for taxes. After some discussion on both parcels, Selectman Moore asked about the Common Man lease dates, which run until the end of March 2008. He and Chairman Huot agreed with Selectman McTeague that the assessed value of the piece of land should be checked, as it seems it should be worth more as part of the Common Man’s land. Selectman Moore also explained that the Planning Board had asked the Common Man to purchase this land to alleviate a chronic parking problem, when they came in for approval to build an inn next door. The Common Man will also purchase “No parking” signs to be placed on all surrounding side streets to satisfy local neighbors.
- **Annual Equalizing Local Assessed Valuation of the Municipality** – Town Manager Sutton met with Ron Cote of the Department of revenue to discuss our annual results in regards to the assessed value of property versus its sale prices. Our weighted mean sales assessment ratio is 96.5% and the median ration is 98.1%, the latter being the one used for assessing. The PRD is 1.01, so all of these numbers mean that the assessing company is doing a good job of maintaining our assessed values very close to 100%.
- **Sign Ordinance and Land Use Plan Ordinance** – The Lincoln Planning Board has been working on a new version of the sign ordinance for about 2 years. At the second public meeting, one small change was requested and a compromise was reached regarding limiting internally lit signs in the Village Center. When sending

the plan to our town attorney, Peter Malia, he suggested that the sign ordinance should be incorporated into the Land Use Plan Ordinance (LUPO), so as to come under Planning Board purview. The Board of Selectmen felt that the Land Use Plan Ordinance was the appropriate location.

### **Other Business**

- Town Manager Sutton reported he had met with the newest police officer, who wants to move to Lincoln and was highly recommended. He is currently part-time certified, but will need to go to the academy to get final, full-time certification. He said he would sign whatever contract necessary regarding the education, and Chief Smith seems pleased with the applicant as well.
- Town Manager Sutton met with the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council's Executive Director Roberta Berner, as well as Jay Polimeno and Kathy Cook, to discuss improvements in the operation of the Senior Citizens Center.
- Town Manager Sutton reported that CNL, who had done presentations in Twin Mountain regarding their visions for a village at the base of Bretton Woods and their plan to better integrate the ski area with the town of Carroll (aka Twin Mountain), have offered to do a presentation in Lincoln of their future plans. Chairman Huot had attended one of the presentations and felt it was a good idea from an informational standpoint.
- The Energy and Water Conservation Committee is starting well, with over ten members signed up. Town Manager Sutton reported he had spoken with Bill Johnstone of the NH Electric Cooperative, who will attend the first meeting of the conservation committee to describe what he has done and help design goals for this energy-saving group. We have also ordered more information on the WaterSense program as well. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for early February.
- Selectman McTeague asked about the \$1800 quote for tree removal at the corner of Connector and Cemetery Road. The Town Manager explained that the landowner had offered to pay half of that cost, and the board felt it made sense to take it down for that price in order to prevent a liability situation. As it is also located by some power lines, the Town Manager will also approach the electric cooperative.
- Selectman Moore, having arrived late, commented that in the meeting minutes for January 7<sup>th</sup>, the section dealing with the Loon Bridge issue should close with the sentence, "The Loon Bridge is safe at this time." He also asked about state funding, which Town Manager Sutton is looking into already.
- Chairman Huot touched on a comment by Charlie Cook last week, that the title or purpose of the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund might need to be changed.
- The Shoreland Protection Act Exemption letter is in progress and will go out by the end of next week.

### **Public Input**

WT Bishop pointed out that there is a Water Conference in Concord in April, with a theme of policy, science and management of water use in New Hampshire. The Town Manager asked him to remind the members of the Energy and Water Conservation

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Committee at their first meeting. Mr. Bishop also noted that we are “ahead of the curve” in regards to a press release he received about open space and forestland.

At 6:35 pm, Town Manager Sutton left, the meeting was adjourned and the Selectboard reviewed payroll and accounts payable check registers for the week ending January 13, 2008.

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Approved by:

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Chairman Deanna Huot

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Selectman Peter Moore

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Selectman Patricia McTeague