

**Lincoln Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2008
3:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Peter Moore, Selectman Deanna Huot, Selectman Patricia McTeague, Town Manager Peter Joseph, Administrative Assistant Susan Chenard, Director of Public Works Bill Willey

Audience member: WT Bishop

Special Business – Roads Tour

Director of Public Works Bill Willey took everyone listed above on a tour of Lincoln's Roads and Streets. He described needed repairs over the next several years, and distributed a handout with general observations. Some repairs, such as crack-sealing and overlays, would prolong the life of certain roads, while other areas required total reconstruction/reclamation and upgrades to water, sewer and/or other utilities. The group also viewed the underside of Loon Bridge, where repair work has already begun.

Routine Business

At 5:55pm, the group returned to the Town Hall for the balance of the meeting. Director of Public Works Bill Willey left, and audience members Mary Conn and Rick Kelley joined the meeting.

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes** - A **motion** was made by Selectman McTeague, seconded by Selectman Huot, to approve the public meeting minutes of June 23, 2008, as written. The vote was unanimous.
- **Roads Tour Review** – Chairman Moore remarked that a picture, or tour in this case, was certainly worth a 1000 words. Town Manager Joseph, Selectman Huot, and John Hettinger will be starting the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) process shortly, and will meet with Director of Public Works Bill Willey to see which Roads and Streets need doing first. There was a brief discussion regarding if the Town should apply for a bond to do major reconstruction on areas such as Bog Brook Road, Parker Road, and Hanson Farm Road, and leave crack-sealing and overlay projects in the CIP/Roads and Streets Budget as we go along over the next few years. Interest rates are low now, and we need to take advantage of that if we will be heading in that direction.
- **Goodbout Road parcel** – Mr. And Mrs. Pakus of Goodbout Road are interested in buying the Trotti parcel, now town-owned, in which Kelly Kass had been interested last year. The Pakus' have bought one of Ms. Kass' lots and are now an abutter of the Trotti parcel. They are willing to talk price as we had mentioned at that time. We will need to go through the RSA 41:14a process again. There was a question on the triangular Ruggieri parcel – we need to notify those owners to see if they still have an interest, otherwise the Pakus' may be interested in purchasing that from the town as well. Chairman Moore and the Board members said that they still want to get the property onto the tax rolls.

- **NHDOT striping – Route 112/Connector Road** – Town Manager Joseph has received several comments about the right hand turn lane onto Connector Road from the westbound side of Route 112 being “missing”. He spoke with Greg Placey of NHDOT (New Hampshire Department of Transportation), who said that this is a part of the traffic plan. However, this was open on the time frame of completion, as both the Town and the State did not have the funds for that project currently. Putting in the turning lane would involve work to move utilities, the sidewalk, curbing, a light post, etc. and would be addressed at some point in the future. It doesn’t sound promising that there would be state funding soon, but why should the Town pay for a State highway project? Chairman Moore said we should wait and see what happens.

The Chairman also noted that some of the parking spaces along Main Street are too close to driveways and need to conform to requirements, which he believes are 20-30 feet on each side. We will lose parking, like at the ball field area, but people can park at the school itself. Director of Public Works Willey should check the state regulations and work based on that. Selectman McTeague would like to see how many spots would be lost, while Rick Kelley wondered if some of those spots by the school wouldn’t be lost based on the plan anyhow.

- **Loon Mountain Bridge Update** – Town Manager Joseph noted that we had just looked at the underside of this bridge and there is definitely a problem; pieces of it are on his desk. He explained that the way the beams or girders slide on the shoes didn’t give enough room to expand and contract correctly. Therefore the anchor bolts kept being pressured back and forth, which deteriorated the concrete in the pier, and the anchor bolts were floating. The State had told the former Town Manager that if the work were not done by September, they would close the bridge or put a weight limit on it. As we saw, the contractors have already started and are moving quickly. They will only “cone off” the middle lane when they have actually cut away that part, and the outside lanes of the bridge will continue to function normally. Rick Kelley felt that coning off an entire lane on the bridge may impact tourism, as some customers believe it looks like Loon is closed. He asked that only the area closest to where they are working be coned off, not the entire lane. Mr. Kelley said it was the second time they had had issues with the bearing plates on that bridge. Nancy Mayville of NHDOT said that if Mike Ferrari of Evroks was happy with how the work was being done, she was happy, as he used to work for NHDOT. Town Manager Joseph said he could work with Rick Kelley to work out the least obtrusive signage. Mr. Kelley was surprised at how quickly Evroks started. Chairman Moore thought it should only take 4 weeks to do the work. We’ll do two piers this season, and hope to do the other two piers next year, and plan those for off-season, like April-June, 2009.
- **Saber Mountain Thank You** – Town Manager Joseph gave letter to the Board of Selectmen to sign, to thank Mike Sabourin of Saber Mountain Partners for the \$10,000 donation to the community center.
- **Town Manager’s Weekly Report** –
 - The Town Manager noted that the Common Man appraisal has been set up and the contract signed.

- There are enough funds to cover the new quote for the community center heater replacements.
- Cartographic Associates is done with the current phase of the mapping project, and the maps are on Town Manager Joseph's table. They look good, and we will be able to print them out on 11x17 paper as needed. Tim Fountain of CAI would like to make a presentation to department heads and the Board of Selectmen, most likely in late July.
- The Town Manager met with Katya Maiser of the Papermill Theater last week. They are waiting on a Phase 2 site assessment, which should be done by the end of August or beginning of September. Then we can transfer the property and get the building taken down as soon as possible. Hoyle, Tanner and Associates had plans or schematics of the White Water Treatment Plant and has given them to Nobis Engineering directly.
- Town Manager Joseph has been working with John Hettinger on the Urban Exemption application process in regards to the Shoreline Protection Act. Mr. Hettinger is doing the math items, while the Town Manager will be doing the narrative. He now understands the priority of this project, due to timing needed for grants.
- The CIP process will start on Thursday and the committee will start meeting with department heads to review projects and discuss future needs.
- Jeff Alino met with the Town Manager regarding the cable franchise contract, which is scheduled to end in 2011. He is willing to help work on looking at rate issues, starting in 2009, so we can start negotiating.

Other Business

Chairman Moore reviewed the Roads and Streets Tour with Rick Kelley. Mr. Kelley said it would be nice if the potholes could be fixed, at least in that area from the bridge to the Octagon Lodge. Chairman Moore suggested using excess funds from the bridge repair quote to fix that section of road. He asked that Director of Public Works Willey look that over and get a cost to repair or patch that area. Town Manager Joseph wondered about the underground utilities and if they would impact each other. Mr. Kelley replied that the vaults would be moved at the same time, and they do have road-worthy covers on hand now for less future impact.

The letter went out to the owners of the Lincoln Green facility. The Town Manager spoke with Kathy Cook when he saw her in town the other day and feels she is very devoted to the people there. Chairman Moore said that we need to keep this a high profile subject. Town Manager Joseph noted that we have settled with Mr. Foisy on his abatement request and will not have to go to the BTLA. This was the last appeal for the 2006 tax year, so all have settled.

Public Participation

- Mary Conn asked how decisions will be made regarding which roads need to be done and in what order. Would the CIP committee and Selectmen be more concerned with water and sewer replacement or just road condition? She felt the only time we repair a road is when the water/sewer/drainage needs work too. Chairman Moore replied that the Roads and Streets Tour showed the need for mending some streets, as well as a possible

bond for systems repair. No longer would straight mending be on the back burner. It will come forward in Roads and Streets, while systems repair will go in a separate category. He understands that we need to spend money to upgrade the roads. The solid waste facility loop may be part of the solid waste budget, for example. Chairman Moore said that the Board of Selectmen heard the message at town meeting loud and clear. Town Manager Joseph felt that the Director of Public Works did a very good job explaining the issues underneath road cracking, etc., and explaining why we need to do some roads sooner rather than later to save the road and money. Rick Kelley asked if we would put plow-able speed bumps on Pollard Road, as the speed limit is 25 miles per hour, yet some people are going by at 40mph. These speed bumps are long and low, but effective. He saw them in Vermont and Portland.

- WT Bishop wanted to acknowledge that Director of Public Works Bill Willey received his Master Road Scholar certificate. We are lucky to have someone like him for our roads. Chairman Moore worried that Mr. Willey would retire soon, and we would need to have him record all of his detailed memory, such as the location of property pins, and what's under the road.

At 6:40 pm, the meeting was adjourned and the Board of Selectmen reviewed payroll and accounts payable check registers for the week ending June 29, 2008.

Date: _____

Approved by:

Chairman Peter Moore

Selectman Deanna Huot

Selectman Patricia McTeague