

**Lincoln Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2007  
5:05 pm**

Present: Chair Deanna Huot, Selectman Peter Moore, Selectman Patricia McTeague,  
Town Manager Ted Sutton, Recording Secretary Susan Chenard  
Audience members: Wilfred Bishop and Paul Beaudin

**Approval of public meeting minutes of November 5, 2007:** A **motion** was made by Selectman Moore, seconded by Selectman McTeague, to approve the public meeting minutes of November 5, 2007, as amended. The vote was unanimous.

**Routine Business**

- **Solid Waste Discussion with Paul Beaudin** – The current solid waste agreement with Waste Management will expire in September 2008. In order to plan for next year's budget, Paul Beaudin prepared a request for proposal including a scope of services stating what we have currently have for equipment and services, days and hours of operation, etc., and a request for no fuel surcharge. He sent this out to Waste Management, Bestway, Casella and Mount Carbury. The first two responded with proposals, Casella declined to do a proposal as they could not provide the on-call service we have now, and Mount Carbury only quoted tonnage, with a separate company needed to haul, etc. (Currently, we can call Waste Management weekends and holidays for same-day pick-up, allowing us to pack a container as much as possible, resulting in cans that would have weighed 3 tons being full at 13 tons now.)

Between the two proposals from Waste Management and Bestway, in 2008 alone there is a \$51,198 difference. Also, Waste Management offered a 3% per year increase and no fuel surcharge, while Bestway offered 5% per year increases and fuel surcharges over \$3. So the costs between the two companies would continue to grow as the years progressed. If we chose Waste Management's new contract, there would be a 13.7% increase in the 2008 budget, but then back down to 3% in 2009. Mr. Beaudin wants to lock them in now, before they decide to do a fuel surcharge after all.

Town Manager Sutton asked Mr. Beaudin about "single stream recycling". Mr. Beaudin explained that he was looking into letting someone else take our commingled waste, if at no cost, and wants to be able to opt out of Waste Management taking that waste. Waste Management currently plans to charge us less for that, but isn't interested in giving up this potential income stream to them. (Single stream recycling takes all commingled waste and separates it out for income through recycling by type.) Currently, our solid waste facility separates out newspaper, cardboard, scrap metal and aluminum, which are all profitable for us to recycle. The other items, like plastic, tin, glass, etc. are less profitable to us, as a smaller facility, while the total amount sent to Waste Management can be separated and recycled more efficiently on a larger scale.

Mr. Beaudin reiterated that municipal solid waste does get compacted, as mentioned above, by use of the backhoe, which has paid for itself in 2.5 years this way. Construction and demolition items also get compacted, while commingle

only gets packed lightly, so as not to break the glass, yet still goes from 3 to 4 tons. When mattresses come in, up to 6-8 get used each week to cover the trash, but taking in commercial amounts, doesn't make sense when 50 mattresses fit in a container which costs \$1000 to haul away, yet only brings in \$300. If they can be brought in in smaller amounts, that does work. The box springs get separated, by burning the wood, putting the metal in its recycling pile and only tossing the covering. Sometimes, Mr. Beaudin offers to take items like this or sofas for free, if the depositor takes it all apart in a similar fashion.

Mr. Beaudin also pointed out that even though it may seem like things are being thrown away, recycling does happen here. When not on site, he and Chairman Huot have seen how recycling happens at Waste Management's facility itself. At other town facilities, employees often work while the facility is closed to sort or tear down materials.

Selectman Moore felt another way to bring in money is by utilizing storage more. When prices fluctuate, being able to store items like cardboard, which was selling for \$60/ton but now can be sold for \$160/ton, being able to keep it to the high market days would be helpful. This led to a discussion on removal of the incinerator, which Mr. Beaudin explained is a larger job than it seems and would involve a crane, etc. not just a blow torch. But he is speaking with some junk companies as the scrap metal costs are high so costs for removal could be lower. Town Manager Sutton asked if one could use the Incinerator Closeout Fund for this, which Chairman Huot said had about \$16,000 in it. However this fund was created more for grant purposes related to testing that the incinerator was safe to dismantle. Mr. Beaudin or the Town Manager will check with the State to see what the regulations say at this time. But removal of the incinerator would open more storage space and could pay for its removal costs within about 5 years.

At this point, Selectman Moore and Paul Beaudin asked for the Lincoln Board of Selectmen's approval to accept Waste Management's proposal and sign a contract with them now, rather than waiting till next year. The Board gave their approval of this plan, but did request Mr. Beaudin continue trying to change the clause that would allow the facility to use another vendor for single stream recycling.

#### **Other Business**

- The 2006 Lincoln Town report received a First Place award in its category from Local Government Center. There was discussion of adding a CD to next year's copy, besides posting it on the web, as we do already.

#### **Public Participation**

- There was none at this time.

At 6:00 pm, the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager went to meet with the Directors of the Lincoln Woodstock Community Childcare Center to discuss their business plan and budget. They then returned and the meeting was adjourned. The Selectboard then reviewed payroll and accounts payable check registers for the week ending November 11, 2007.

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Approved by:

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Chairman Deanna L. Huot

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Selectman Peter E. Moore

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Selectman R. Patricia McTeague