

**Lincoln Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2007
5:08 pm**

Present: Chair Deanna Huot, Selectman Patricia McTeague, Town Manager Ted Sutton, Recording Secretary Susan Chenard
Audience members: Wilfred Bishop, W. Clark and Marise Wrye, Ivan and Debbie Saitow, Joe Chenard

Approval of public meeting minutes of November 12, 2007: A **motion** was made by Selectman McTeague, seconded by Chairman Huot, to approve the public meeting minutes of November 12, 2007, as written. The vote was unanimous.

Routine Business

- **Noise Ordinance Discussion** – Town Manager Sutton explained that in the early spring Debbie Saitow asked about changing the noise ordinance to expand the quiet hours by about an hour in the residential zones. He had mentioned it to the Board of Selectmen, who decided that if they didn't want to support the change, it would be better if she brought it before the Town via a petition with at least 25 signatures. The Town Manager helped her write up the petition, and she has at least 22 signatures so far. The reason it was on the agenda again today was that Chester Kahn had brought it up to the Planning Board at their latest meeting and asked their representative to bring his version before the Selectmen. His plan was to change the hours by a half hour, and have no work allowed on the Federal holidays. The Town Manager felt that Mr. Kahn should also write up a petition and get enough signatures to bring it before the Town. The Saitow's explained that they have spoken with the builders near their home, but they still start at 6 am with trucks backing up with the beepers, and they do not seem to be aware of the ordinance. Mr. Saitow wondered if the building permits included information on this ordinance. He understands the contractors need to work during the daylight hours, and he and his wife willing to work with the board to formulate an ordinance the board could support. Joe Chenard commented that currently, this is a Selectmen's approved ordinance, but if it goes on the Town warrant, they won't be able to change it again unless at Town meeting. Chairman Huot said that a provision could be included allowing them to do so. Town Manager Sutton stated that the contractors across from Mr. Kahn's property had stopped any noise since the police had been keeping an eye on the site, and the developer had enacted its own fines for their own subcontractors. Mr. Saitow asked that the Board of Selectmen work with him to find a workable solution they could support. Chairman Huot said that they would discuss it further and have a decision for the second meeting in December.
- **Legislative Town Meeting** – Town Manager Sutton noted that a legislative Town Meeting will take place at the Mountain View on December 7, 2007. Representatives, senators and other governmental officials would be there to answer questions in case we want to bring up any issues.

- **Shoreland Protection Act Meeting** – on December 12th, the Town Manager will be attending a detailed seminar on the changes in the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act. He does not believe it will actually affect the Town, but will check into that while there. Selectman McTeague may attend as well.
- **Budget Meeting** – The Selectmen decided to meet the next evening, November 27th at 6pm to further discuss their budget, as well as meet with the Police Chief to discuss his department's budget and union contract negotiations.

Other Business

- Time Warner Cable sent the Town Manager a letter regarding the fact that the rates will be going up next year, and he is working on getting the percentage of increase. Joe Chenard commented that we should threaten to look for other options, now that DSL, dish and the phone companies could all be providers.
- Town Manager Sutton commented that he had done Secretary Chenard's employee evaluation last week. She got high marks for the new website, the quarterly newsletter, becoming assistant welfare officer and town health officer, getting 1st place for the town report, keeping him on track with his schedule and generally doing a great job. One of her goals for next year is to work on the fixed asset management program for GASP. Chairman Huot said that it seemed she enjoyed her position too.
- The Town Manager has set up a closed meeting with the school, police chief, and SRO officer for Thursday, November 29th.
- The Department of Revenue Administration sent us our 2006 equalization numbers and our confidence range is at 99.3 for a low and 100.2 for a low, with the median at 100%, which also means we are at 100% equalized value. Chairman Huot said she had seen the figure from the assessor at 98, but DRA is the official number.
- Chairman Huot also commented on what an excellent job the Village Core group was doing, with high energy and moving quickly, but cautioned that the town portion of any funding is contingent on the voters of the town allowing it. Town Manager Sutton said that at the next meeting several people from the trails bureau would be describing some grant opportunities, and we were in the process of writing the warrant article to move the money from the White Water Treatment Plant removal fund to a new Village Core fund.

Audience Participation

Joe Chenard felt that the shoreland protection ordinance affects 250 feet, not 50 feet, from the river, and the Town Manager responded that he was going to the class to clear up possible misconceptions like that.

Wilfred Bishop asked about the ramp and railing at the senior center, which will be installed as soon it's warm enough for the cement to cure. He also asked about the lady that awaited the ambulance in front of the Gypsy Café, to which the Town Manager responded that she is doing fine now, and he is awaiting a written description from Ken Chapman on the delay, but that it had to do with the fact that the main ambulance was already on the road. Mr. Bishop then asked if the emergency trailer was still here, which it is. He also gave a heads up about asset management from the EPA about a better way to manage facilities. Finally, he asked when the Board of Selectmen would be visiting

FCI now that they have joined EMS (emergency management services?). There will be an open house in April.

At 5:50 pm, the Board of Selectmen reviewed payroll and accounts payable check registers for the week ending November 25, 2007. Then they and the Town Manager went to Littleton to hear what Grafton County had to say about the new jail.

Date: _____

Approved by:

Chairman Deanna L. Huot

Selectman R. Patricia McTeague