

Lincoln Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2010

Board of Selectmen Present: Chairman Peter Moore, Patricia McTeague and Selectman Deanna Huot.

Staff: Town Manager Peter Joseph and Administrative Assistant Brook Rose.

Members of the Public: Mrs. Dorothy Solomon and Mr. Solomon.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Peter Moore called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: Deanna Huot made a motion that the meeting minutes of September 13, 2010 be approved as amended. Peter Moore seconded the motion. Patricia McTeague abstained as she was not present at that meeting. Motion carries.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dorothy Solomon / Candidate for Senate

Dorothy Solomon came to the meeting to introduce herself to the Board and to ask for their support as she runs for Senate. She has lived in the North Country for 16 years and feels that the North Country does not get enough representation at the State level. She would like to serve as the voice of the North Country in the Senate. Ms. Solomon explained that she has been a Selectman in Albany, NH for six years and Albany generally has the same problems there that the Town of Lincoln experiences, though on a smaller scale. She added that she has served on the State Committee on Aging for the past seven years and has worked very closely with Health and Human Services and the Housing Coalition. She feels that her experience would be very valuable at the State level. Patricia McTeague questioned Mrs. Solomon's position on education funding. Mrs. Solomon replied that she would like to see a more equitable education policy and that could perhaps be achieved by downsizing the 100 SAU's located throughout the State to 5 or 6. This would reduce the overall cost of education throughout the State. She added that both her and her husband are lifelong educators and are committed to public education. There was some extensive discussion on the issue of school funding. Peter Moore reiterated that school funding as well as Lincoln being a donor town is one of the Town's primary issues and is of utmost concern to the Board. The Board thanked Mrs. Solomon for coming in and wished her luck.

IV. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Joint Solid Waste District Meeting

Peter Joseph informed the Board that he spoke with Mr. Fadden, Town of Woodstock Selectman, who has requested a meeting of the Joint Solid Waste District Board. The purpose would be to discuss the acceptance of brush and burning of brush that had previously been brought before the Board. Peter Moore will give the Board a copy of the new regulations he has been working on for the Joint Solid Waste District Board. Peter Joseph will work on scheduling a meeting in the

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near future.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Appointments

Paul Beaudin submitted a letter of interest to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) to be appointed as a full member. The ZBA approved of the appointment and recommended that the Board of Selectmen appoint Mr. Beaudin. The Board discussed the terms of the ZBA and made the following motion:

MOTION: Deanna Huot made a motion to appoint Paul Beaudin & Ron Comeau for a term of three years, Tom Smith for a term of two years, Selectman's Representative Patricia McTeague and Joe Chenard for a term of one year and WT Bishop as an alternate for a term of one year. Patricia McTeague seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The Board would like to make sure each member knows they need to be sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Common Man Lease Renewal

The Board would like the following language added to the Common Man's lease:
“The lease may be terminated by mutual agreement of both parties, the Landlord and the Tenant, at any time during the term of the lease. There will be no refund of any paid rent for the balance of the existing lease.” The lease will be renewed until March 31, 2011.

MOTION: Patricia McTeague made a motion to renew the lease as amended with the Common Man through March 31, 2011 for the approximately 0.86 acres of unimproved area owned by the Town on Pollard Road. Deanna Huot seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Town Manager's Report

Peter Joseph updated the Board on the new requirements for the primary election, taking place tomorrow. The State is requiring towns to turn the election around within three days rather than the usual 45 days. The election results also have to be in by midnight on voting day.

Mr. Joseph advised the Board that he is going to bring a structure for raises (merit, cola, step-raises) to the Staff meeting this week for their input. The Board can then discuss the draft at their next meeting.

Peter Moore mentioned that he has heard a lot of good reports about the Town's summer camp program this year and would like an official report of how it went from Tara Tower. Deanna Huot asked how the budget process was coming along. Peter Joseph replied that he and Helen Jones are working on a schedule for the budget and that a meeting will be held with the Department heads mid-October. Deanna Huot replied that she would like to be included in this meeting.

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The LinWood Ambulance is being recognized by the State for their 20 years of excellent service. The Board asked that Peter Joseph write a letter of congratulations from the Town.

Deanna Huot mentioned that she thought it would be nice if the Board attended the dinner for the seniors next Monday, September 20th. The Board decided to attend the dinner informally and commence their usual meeting at the Town Hall at 6:00pm.

Deanna Huot went on to say that she recently spoke with Herb Lahout who raved about the work Peter Joseph and Matt Henry did for the Town on his recent application. Mr. Lahout told her that he received a lot of help throughout the process and did not have enough good things to say about Mr. Joseph and Mr. Henry.

V. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to attend to, the Board adjourned at 7:10pm. The Board then reviewed the accounts payable and payroll registers for the week ending September 10, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Brook Rose

Approval Date: ____/____/____

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Chairman Peter Moore

Selectman Deanna Huot

Patricia McTeague