

Lincoln Board of Selectmen - Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2009 - 5:00 pm

Present: Selectman Deanna Huot, Selectman Patricia McTeague, Town Manager Peter Joseph and Administrative Assistant Susan Chenard
Audience Members: Charlie Cook and Bill Conn

Selectman Huot called the meeting to order at 5:10pm.

Routine Business

- **Approval of the Public Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2009** - A motion was made by Selectman McTeague, seconded by Selectman Huot, to approve the public meeting minutes of January 5, 2009, as written. The vote was unanimous.
- **Approval of the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2009** - A motion was made by Selectman McTeague, seconded by Selectman Huot, to approve the non-public meeting minutes of January 5, 2009, as written. The vote was unanimous.
- **Resignation of Town Treasurer and temporary replacement** – Judy Tetley is retiring from the bank and plans to travel, so is resigning from her position as Town Treasurer. We have had a few inquiries, and one person, Pauline Paste, who is interested in the position. She will meet with Helen Jones and the Town Manager later this week. She has experience as a treasurer in a school system and now lives in Lincoln full-time. The position is posted as open for election in the newspaper and has a small remuneration.
- **Kanc Recreation** – Bill Conn joined the audience and was invited to speak. He said he had received a call regarding a meeting about closing the Kanc ski hill. The Selectmen explained that this is actually tomorrow's budget committee meeting, as they address that department's budget. They were looking to cut back on snowmaking a bit, so snowmaking labor hours have been cut in half and gun power by a third. The Town is just looking to manage the area more frugally. In that adjustment, Monday nights were cut as the fewest people historically ski there that night. We are not closing the Kanc, which is what Mr. Conn heard. It was never mentioned. Mr. Conn suggested looking at the minutes of the Town Meeting in the year it was approved, as he believes it was spelled it out specifically as to how many hours of snowmaking were supposed to occur, and that we had exceeded that number in the meantime. He then left.
- **Draft Capital Budget Discussion** – The Selectmen reviewed revised draft capital budget, and the Town Manager explained that the funding request column reflected the amounts to be requested via warrant articles. There was discussion of new police cruiser costs, costs for union items disallowed by DRA, Centex's request for cash versus credits for water/sewer tap fees and highway block expendable fund being pulled from public works fund to a separate account. The Selectmen would like something in writing explaining why Centex would like cash versus the credit deal they made with former Town Manager Ted Sutton, before deciding if this should go before town meeting. There was further discussion with Charlie Cook regarding the budget meetings still to come, particularly about the recreation budget, which may have extensive public comments. Selectman Huot wondered about the engineering cost for that warrant article, and the Town Manager said that an RFP has been put out and we will have

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the figures to present to the budget committee before their final meeting. He is assuming the cost to be in the \$100,000 range. A **motion** was made by Selectman McTeague, seconded by Selectman Huot, to approve the amount of \$363,350 as the total of the capital reserve budget to be presented to the budget committee and that all other cost items be discussed. The vote was unanimous. Charlie Cook brought up various trust fund accounts (ball field, incinerator closeout and town building capital) that have smaller amounts in them, which he would like to see closed out, but the Selectmen felt they should be available for future use.

➤ **Town Manager's report**

1. The Loon Homeowners Association invited the Selectmen to their annual meeting on 2/21/09 at 4pm. The Town Manager offered to go in their stead as he has been discussing road conditions with this group.
2. Most businesses have complied with the letters regarding A-frame signs. For those that haven't, we will contact the property owner once more or start fining in a few weeks, which will require approval by the board.
3. The Town of Woodstock copied us on a letter regarding school negotiations and the union. Negotiations are stalled at an 8% wage increase per year. The SAU would like the Towns to stand behind it, so we will draft a similar letter.
4. The Town Manager also included a copy of a draft letter to Susan Ford, our new representative, regarding the county jail project. This is a clarification of our position, and would be separate from the letter to be created by multiple Grafton County towns. The Selectmen felt it was a good letter. Selectman Huot felt Town Manager Joseph should also call Brien Ward as Mr. Ward congratulated Ted Sutton on winning his point with the Grafton County Coalition.

Other Business

Town Manager Joseph wanted to reconfirm the policy on Kanc ski passes for town employees. Town employees currently are allowed one free individual pass for themselves or a family member, or to use that value as a reduction for a family pass. Kanc Rec employees receive a free family pass. There was short discussion on the difference, but it acts as a benefit for Kanc employees. The Selectmen felt as it has always been done this way, we should leave it as status quo, but noted that Tara Tower actually buys a season pass for her family each year anyhow.

The Selectmen approved the 2009 holiday schedule, listed below:

HOLIDAYS 2009

NEW YEAR'S DAY	THURSDAY, JAN 1
MARTIN LUTHER KING	MONDAY, JAN 19
PRESIDENT'S DAY	MONDAY, FEB 16
MEMORIAL DAY	MONDAY, MAY 25
FOURTH OF JULY	FRIDAY, JULY 3
LABOR DAY	MONDAY, SEPT 7
COLUMBUS DAY	MONDAY, OCT 12
THANKSGIVING	THURSDAY, NOV 26
DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING	FRIDAY, NOV 27
CHRISTMAS	FRIDAY, DEC. 25

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FLOATING HOLIDAY

Each employee selects holiday, with approval of immediate supervisor.

Public Participation

Charlie Cook felt we should pay Centex the money to avoid a legal battle, but should also check with Ted Sutton regarding the original agreement.

Selectmen Huot and McTeague agreed that the scheduled non-public session should be postponed to next week when Chairman Moore would also be present.

Selectman McTeague noted that she would not be available for the January 26th meeting.

At 7:15 pm, the meeting was adjourned and the Board of Selectmen reviewed payroll check registers for the week ending January 11, 2009.

Date: _____

Approved by:

Chairman Peter Moore

Selectman Deanna Huot

Selectman Patricia McTeague