

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2016
LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN, NH

Board of Selectmen Present: O.J. Robinson, Patricia McTeague, and Jayne Ludwig.

Staff Present: Town Manager Burbank, Finance Manager, Recording Secretary Wendy Tanner and Fire Chief Beard

Public Present: Tamra Ham, Edmond Gionet, Mary Conn, Paul Beaudin, Tammy Gionet Dutilly, Edna Dutilly, Roger Harrington, Steve Noseworthy, Susan Clark, Cindy Rineer and Sue Clark.

Guest Speakers: Ben E. Clark and Roy Whitaker

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM.

Ben Clark and Roy Whitaker of the Western White Mountains Chamber of Commerce presented a plaque to Selectmen Patricia McTeague for her many years of service to both Lincoln and Woodstock.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL-MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: “To approve the minutes of February 29, 2016 with one correction on page 3 paragraph 1.”

Motion: Patricia McTeague

Second: OJ Robinson

All in Favor.

Jayne Ludwig abstained from the vote.

III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Town Managers Report

Loon Pond Dam Update

The bid opening for the dam project was held March 1, 2016, and three (3) bids have been received and currently under review by Stephens Associates.

Electronic Media Policy

Sample drafts of other town municipal media policies were handed out for the board to review. A draft website policy for Lincoln will be mailed out to the select board within the next few days.

Black Mountain Road Bond

It appears that the Landing bond for Black Mountain Road expired in 2012. Research with Bank of America is currently underway.

Box Culvert

There is a box culvert at the water treatment facility that is currently being reevaluated by DES. This culvert is in line to be rebuilt, and the town engineer is looking at a 25-year design for the new culvert. After the reevaluation by DES, we will find out if the 25-year design will be adequate for future needs.

Chairman Robinson stated that the culvert was originally scheduled to be replaced in 2016, however, there are other filters and upgrades to the water treatment facility that may need to be done this year as well, and due to access and scheduling, only one project could be done at a time.

Letter from Judy Welch

Chairman Robinson read a letter received from Woodstock Town Clerk, Judy Welch. The Lincoln-Woodstock Interact Club is hosting the Annual Public Safety Dinner on March 18 at 5:30 P.M. and would like to have representatives from each town to support the Public Safety Departments. (Copy attached)

Tripoli Road

The town received a report from the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) explaining some of the changes that will be taking place along Tripoli Road. Relocating campsites off of Tripoli Road, building vault toilets, and moving the welcome station are just a few of the changes in store.

Winter Public Works Policies

Selectman Ludwig asked if Public Works Director Hadaway had the opportunity to review the Inclement Weather policy. Town Manager Burbank stated he had not, but it was on his list. Town Manager Burbank also added that there has been positive feedback from residents concerning the recent clearing of sidewalks.

Letter from Mary Conn

Chairman Robinson read the attached letter received from Mary Conn.

Town Report

Selectman Ludwig felt that the town report was rushed. A discussion ensued concerning the Town Report and how it is created and possibly getting residents involved in the theme, pictures and actual creation of the report. The Board agreed that having townspeople involved was a good idea.

Public Input

There was a brief discussion about the pros and cons of public participation. Chairman Robinson feels that a lot of good suggestions come from public input, and will continue to welcome the public's diverse perspective and ideas.

□ Public Participation

Cindy Rineer

At a previous Budget Committee meeting, Town Manager Burbank had stated that the budget committee would research other towns' budget procedures, and Cindy Rineer questioned if this has happened. Town Manager Burbank responded that research was done and would be addressed when they reconvene in the summer/fall timeframe.

Paul Beaudin

Paul Beaudin asked if the selectmen could discuss the 91A:3 nonpublic session where they discussed town property. Chairman Robinson explained that the property the Common Man currently leases from the town is part of their parking lot and in the midst of negotiation for purchase with Alex Ray. The sale of the property is required to go to a public hearing with the Planning Board, and then two (2) separate public hearings with the Board of Selectmen.

Paul Beaudin added that the Selectmen had previously mentioned that this piece of town-owned land would go out to bid if the town decided to sell it. Mr. Beaudin questioned if this is still the selectmen's intent. Chairman Robinson responded that the Common Man produces \$750,000 dollars in annual payroll revenue in Lincoln, and the price of the lot would be based on the full appraisal value. Mr. Beaudin added that it was his understanding that the property had to go before Town Meeting because it was 'gifted' to the town. The Board will be looking into this.

Edmond Gionet

Edmond Gionet asked Chairman Robinson if he could share a letter received from Rick Kelley with the audience. Chairman Robinson agreed to summarize the letter as it was not addressed to the Board, and it essentially stated that Loon Mountain is in agreement with the town concerning the roads, and is looking forward to the partnership.

Tammy Gionet-Dutilly

Mrs. Dutilly thanked Chief Smith and the Board of Selectmen for following up with Peaked Moon Farm and having the sign relocated, and vision and restored on Main Street.

Paul Beaudin

Paul Beaudin suggested the Board be cautious in signing into a structured agreement with Loon over Beechwood Roads, and hoped that we avoid the same situation that we have at the Landing. The Board agreed that they were being cautious, and thanked him for his concern.

Mary Conn

Mary Conn asked if the Board could share the asking price of the property that the Common Man would like to purchase. Chairman Robinson said that the appraised value is \$136,000 and that would be the asking price as well, and they currently pay \$16,000 per year rent for the property. Selectman McTeague noted that the Common Man rents property both in Concord and Merrimack for his buildings and parking, but pays the most by far in Lincoln.

Ice Castle

There were very few traffic issues this year with the Ice Castle, and despite the unseasonal weather conditions, they had a very successful year. Selectman Ludwig suggested we put signage up directing visitors to the restaurants and shopping areas upon leaving the Ice Castle. Town Manager Burbank said that this could be reviewed next year when the Ice Castle returns.

Mary Conn

Mary Conn questioned legal fees in the 2015 Annual Report, and asked if more detail could be provided. Chairman Robinson responded that the data is available, and discussed many of the places that legal fees were spent, and provided approximate costs for some of the larger legal items. Town Manager Burbank said that he would ask Finance Manager Helen Jones if she could put more detail on the spreadsheet. Mary Conn asked what part of the Paul Beaudin lawsuit required a separate lawyer. Town Manager Burbank explained that the 91A claim is not covered under federal court, and is a state court issue, therefore requiring a different lawyer.

Mary Conn also asked about *Meet the Candidates* night and if the town staff had anything to do with the event. Town Manager Burbank said that no one in the Town Hall participated in any way with the event. Mary Conn then asked who wrote the questions. Town Manager Burbank replied that he did not know who specifically wrote the questions, but that an envelope was available in the Town Hall for residents to come by and put questions in. The envelope was here only because the event was being held here, but that again, no employees in the Town Hall participated. Chairman Robinson said that he stands by the Boards decision that no town employees get involved in the event.

Tammy Gionet-Dutilly

Tammy Gionet-Dutilly asked for clarification on whether or not Mr. Lahout was for or against putting a stop sign up on School Street besides his building. Town Manager Burbank responded that Mr. Lahout is against putting up a sign, and that the shrubs that block the vision are precious to someone in the neighborhood. There was a discussion about the intersection, and suggestions were made to Town Manager Burbank on how to correct the problem. This is an ongoing issue, and it was also noted that many of the signs need to be rehabilitated due to age and wear.

IV. NONPUBLIC SESSION Pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3II (a,c,e,d)

MOTION: "To go into Non-Public session at 7:00 pm"

Motion: Jayne Ludwig Second: Patricia McTeague All in favor

MOTION: "To go back into Public session at 7:14 pm"

Motion: Patricia McTeague Second: Jayne Ludwig All in favor

V. ADJOURNMENT

After reviewing the weekly accounts payable and with no further business to attend to, the Board made the following motion.

MOTION: "To adjourn."

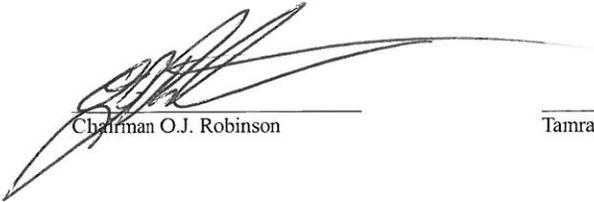
Motion: Patricia McTeague Second: Jayne Ludwig All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at pm 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

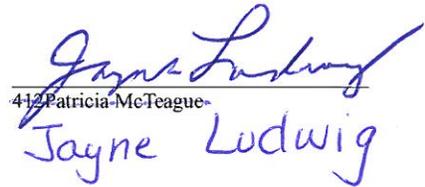
Wendy Tanner

Approval Date 3 / 14 / 16



Chairman O.J. Robinson

Tamra Ham



~~412 Patricia McTeague~~
Jayne Ludwig

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Ron Beard

Roger Hannington

Mary Conn

Paul Bann

Tammy Gionet Dutilly

Edna Dutilly

EDMONT GIONET

B.E. CLARK

Roy Whitaker

Joe Cook

Tammy Ham

Ron Beard.

Steve Nosaty

BEECHWOOD -1 VALUATIONS

3/7/16

109 BMR	238,200	5-4 PEMI	208,900
7 BMR	500,000	5-5 PEMI	208,900
3-1 EVANS	284,000	5-6 PEMI	203,400
3-2 EVANS	258,200	5-7 PEMI	190,600
5-1 EVANS	264,600	5-8 PEMI	189,700
5-2 EVANS	264,600	5-9 PEMI	183,900
7-1 EVANS	230,200	56 BMR	284,900
7-2 EVANS	265,000	48 BMR	314,200
72 BCHNT	562,600	40 BMR	347,800
62 BCHNT	367,200	10-1 KRNWD	231,200
59 BCHNT	505,400	10-2 KRNWD	227,600
63 BCHNT	529,100	10-3 KRNWD	231,200
73 BCHNT	416,200	10-4 KRNWD	231,200
85 BCHNT	275,000	12-1 KRNWD	235,600
7 BRKWY	1,152,800	12-2 KRNWD	231,200
18 BRKWY	451,900	12-3 KRNWD	231,300
16 BRKWY	424,000	12-4 KRNWD	235,600
14 BRKWY	337,800	37 EBD	314,100
8 BRKWY	412,200	45 EBD	321,300
7-1 SAMS	164,700	5 BCHNT	418,200
7-2 SAMS	162,200	11 BCHNT	404,800
7-3 SAMS	164,700	5-1 LAPPIN	212,700
7-4 SAMS	167,800	5-2 LAPPIN	223,700
7-5 SAMS	167,600	5-3 LAPPIN	223,700
7-6 SAMS	167,600	5-4 LAPPIN	223,700
84 BCHNT	320,100	9-1 LAPPIN	223,700
6 WOOD	354,600	9-2 LAPPIN	223,700
4 WOOD	381,000	9-3 LAPPIN	223,700
38 BCHNT	351,700	9-4 LAPPIN	212,600
34 BCHNT	426,400	19 BMR	370,300
30 BCHNT	303,000		
16 BCHNT	288,900	SUB TOTAL	7,583,400
15 BCHNT	364,800		
19 BCNNT	574,400	TOTAL BW-1	23,055,400
31 BCHNT	372,000		
39 BCHNT	360,600	@ 13.78 RATE	317,887.86
45 BCHNT	447,300		
53 BCHNT	497,800		
55 BCHNT	263,200		
27 BMR	415,000		
31 BMR	316,000		
5-1 PEMI	232,200		
5-2 PEMI	237,200		
5-3 PEMI	232,200		
SUB TOTAL	15,472,000		

Mary Conn

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March 7, 2016

Lincoln Board of Selectmen
Town of Lincoln
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Dear Board of Selectmen:

As a town resident/taxpayer, I would like to share some thoughts with the board members regarding a variety of concerns that have been on my mind over the past several months. I am speaking as an individual, not as part of a group of people nor as the spouse of a town employee.

The 2015 annual town report is noted as "A Tribute to Civil Service" which is commendable. It is unfortunate that a seasonal employee working at the Kanc Ski Area who has been employed for the past 35 plus years as a ski patroller wasn't acknowledged in any way in the report. I feel the need to commend him for such a fine job! He has patience and passion and he truly cares about the "kids"! I thank him for being such a dedicated employee; we could not have done it without you, Jack Bartlett!!!!

While I am still on this subject, I question why the board did not bring back the Solid Waste Facility manager and the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, both dedicated employees that did an exceptional job for the Town of Lincoln. I question if the decision to eliminate those positions last year was a financially responsible decision given the amount of taxpayer funds spent to train the staff and knowing that both the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and the Director of Public Works were soon going to be retiring.

I have heard comments from the public that the budget reduction at last year's town meeting was an underhanded tactic by a small group of people. I would hope that people would understand that the taxpayers who attend town meeting care about the town and have an opportunity to voice their opinions on any and all matters that come before the voters. As a knowledgeable voter, it would be useful to attend the Board of Selectmen meetings, the Budget Committee meetings and the annual town meeting, in its entirety, in order to make responsible decisions regarding your tax dollars.

My final concern is with the Selectmen's Report in the 2015 annual town report. I question why the report focused on the town's lawsuits and didn't once mention anything about the town staff and volunteers being that the report was "A Tribute to Civic Service". Regarding the Paul Beaudin Lawsuit description in the town report, why was it not mentioned that the Town

Manager was also named in that lawsuit? In reading the Town of Woodstock's annual report from the Selectmen, only positive accomplishments and achievements were mentioned and no specific negative issues were included.

As of late, it feels like the community has become divided. I know firsthand how it feels to be put in a position where ethics and integrity of management are in question. It is very disheartening that there are no easy answers to bring the community back together again. For me, it is time to put the past in the past and move forward. I urge you to have the taxpayers' best interest in the decisions you make going forward.

With that being said, no matter who becomes the elected official for the Board of Selectmen or what the end result is for the town manager form of government, I will no longer be in attendance of the meetings after tonight. Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Conn". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mary Conn

Estimated Impact on the Property Tax Rate

1 2015 Valuation:	<u>779,327,564</u>
2 \$1.00 on the Tax Rate =	<u>779,327</u>
3 Municipal Tax Rate 2015:	<u>6.61</u>
4 2016 Budget:	<u>6,468,506.00</u>

5 Estimated Impact of 60,000 for Bond on the Tax Rate: 0.08
 Est. Bond Sidewalk (Cost Item/line 2)
 Pymt

250,000.00 Home Value	6.61	1,652.50
250,000.00 Home Value	6.69	1,672.50
		20.00

9,068,506
 -1,400,000 Less Bond
 -1,200,000 Less Bond
 6,468,506