

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 18, 2015
LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN, NH

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

Staff Present: Fire Chief Ron Beard, Police Chief Ted Smith, and Recording Secretary Brook Rose.

Public Present: Paul Beaudin, Cindy Rineer, Edmond Gionet, Tamra Ham, Mary Conn, Roger Harrington, and Susan Clark.

I. CALL TO ORDER

O.J. Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

II. REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: “To approve the minutes of the May 11, 2015 Board of Selectmen’s meeting as amended.”

Motion: Patricia McTeague

Second: Jayne Ludwig

All in favor.

MOTION: “To approve the non-public meeting minutes of the May 11, 2015 Board of Selectmen’s meeting.”

Motion: McTeague

Second: Ludwig

All in favor.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Levee Discussion with Town Attorney

The Board met with the Town Attorney last week. The Board will discuss the summary of the meeting in non-public session later this evening.

Update from Police Chief

Police Chief Smith informed the Board that he will be working with the Town’s IT services to utilize one of the department’s existing computer systems for recording the body cameras footage. This will be more cost efficient than purchasing a new computer.

An Outstanding Officer Award was presented to Mike Stevens for his exemplary work. A Traffic Safety Award was also presented to Sgt. Deluca. Both received these awards for their exceptional work.

Fire Chief

Chief Beard issued a warning that conditions are extremely dry. He advised the public to be sure to get a fire permit and to use caution when starting a fire.

Inter-municipal Agreement

O.J. Robinson stated that he met with Recreation Director Tara Tower and Finance Officer Helen Jones last week to begin writing down existing procedures regarding the Kanc Recreation and Community Center.

BOS Summer Meeting Schedule

After a brief discussion it was decided to revise the summer meeting schedule so that there is not more than one Monday between meetings. The schedule is as follows:

June 8
June 22
July 13
July 27
August 10
August 24
August 31

The Board may meet more often if necessary. Weekly meetings will resume after Labor Day beginning on Monday, September 14th.

NHMA Knowing the Territory Workshop

Jayne Ludwig stated that she went to a very good workshop put on by NH Municipal Association regarding municipal governance. She highlighted some of the state laws including: the fact that state laws trump local laws, RSA's pertaining to the master plan, RSA's pertaining to the town manager's duties, contracts and bidding procedures, the tax collector's salary, the library, health officer, non-public sessions regarding pending litigation, hiring and firing etc. Jayne also asked for a copy of the Town Manager's job description.

Edmond Gionet Re: Meeting Minutes

Edmond Gionet stated that he feels there are items missing from the minutes of the last meeting. He would like the pending litigation that was outlined at the last meeting included in the minutes. O.J. Robinson replied that said amendment was already made when the Board discussed the meeting minutes at the beginning of the meeting.

Paul Beaudin Re: Meeting Schedule

Paul Beaudin questioned why the Board is taking every other week off during the busy summer season. He stated that he finds it odd that the Board would do this during the busy time of year as it benefits the townspeople to have the Board meet regularly. O.J. Robinson stated that in his opinion the busy time of the year for the Town is budget season from September through March. Jayne Ludwig stated that she feels that meeting every week is less productive than meeting every two weeks and that meeting

biweekly would give her more time to prepare for the meeting. Jayne welcomed additional public input on the summer meeting schedule. Tamra Ham would rather see the Board meet weekly so that the Town Manager is able to keep the Board up to date and the public informed without any issues being overlooked. Mr. Gionet stated that when the Board got elected, they agreed to serve the townspeople. Mary Conn stated that she works for the Town of Thornton and their Board of Selectmen meets biweekly. She doesn't see any problems resulting from a biweekly meeting schedule other than that the meetings are a bit longer. O.J. Robinson added that the Board reserves the right to schedule additional meetings as necessary.

Solid Waste Facility Closed on Holidays

Paul Beaudin stated that the fact that the Solid Waste facility will be closed on holidays is still not clear on the Town's website.

RSA for Skate Park

Jayne Ludwig stated that she is confused about the land being set aside for the skate park. She read aloud the statute pertaining to town land. She questioned the rest of the Board as to what term they are using for giving the skate park the Town's land. Is the Town renting or leasing the land to the skate park? O.J. Robinson replied that the Town is simply managing the land. The Town is not renting or selling the land but allowing a separate entity to make a capital investment into the land for the use of the townspeople. Patricia McTeague added that the Community Center does the same by allowing outside agencies to use the facility. O.J. added that the concept is the same as permitting a community garden on Town land. Jayne pointed out and O.J. proceeded to read the applicable statute which permits the Board to enter into any contract with an organization for the purpose of recreation. He added that the Board has the right to manage the land. Jayne Ludwig replied that all of this feels like backpedaling and she does not feel that the statute applies to this situation.

Tamra Ham stated that there seems to be some confusion as Jayne is insinuating that the Town is giving the land away. Further, she stated that the process is that this organization is raising money to build a skate park run and owned by the Town of Lincoln. The organization is building the townspeople a skate park on the Town's land. Jayne Ludwig replied that the townspeople should have a say over what is planned for this land and she does not want to see public input skipped over. Tamra replied that there have been many public input meetings on this very topic. Edmond Gionet stated that the consensus of the townspeople hasn't been put forward yet and that the Board cannot show favoritism and dedicate the land to any specific group.

Mary Conn questioned whether the next Board of Selectmen could decide they no longer want the skate park and get rid of it. O.J. replied that a future Board has the authority to make such a decision. Mary replied that the Board may want have a contract for the park to protect the investment. Tamra Ham stated that the funds for the park are being raised by a non-profit via the Friends of Recreation and that the park is a gift to the townspeople. There really isn't any party to contract with. Jayne questioned whether the townspeople want this gift and who would be responsible for it after it was built? O.J. Robinson concluded the conversation by stating that he is working on a timeline to outline the development and history of the skate park. He will use this to bring everyone up to speed on the project.

IV. NON-PUBLIC WORK SESSION *Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3IIIe(legal)*

MOTION: To go into Non-Public Work Session at 6:25pm.

Motion: Robinson Seconded: McTeague Roll call vote all in favor.

MOTION: To go back into public session at 7:07 pm.

Motion: McTeague

Seconded: Ludwig

Roll call vote all in favor.

V. ADJOURNMENT

After reviewing the weekly accounts payables, the Board made the following motion.

MOTION: "To adjourn."

Motion: McTeague

Second: Ludwig

All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Rose

Approval Date 6/8/15

Chairman O.J. Robinson

Patricia McTeague

Jayne Ludwig