

**LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORKSESSION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 29, 2014 – 8:30AM
LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN NH**

Board of Selectmen Present: OJ Robinson, Patricia McTeague and Tamra Ham
Staff Present: Town Manager Alfred Burbank
Public Present: No public present

I. CALL TO ORDER

OJ Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

II. LOON MOUNTAIN BRIDGE AND LAND SWAP APPROVAL

The Board of Selectmen discussed the proposed exchange of land between the Town and CLP Loon Mountain, LLC, the owner of the Loon Mountain Ski Area, to allow for the replacement of the Town owned Loon Mountain Bridge from the Kancamagus Highway across the river to the ski area. The Town's bridge was washed out by Hurricane Irene and subsequently replaced by a temporary bridge structure not suitable as a permanent replacement. Plans have been drawn for the Town to replace the bridge with funding provided by FEMA, the State of New Hampshire and the Town. The plans involve building the replacement bridge just westerly, or downstream, of the existing bridge since it was determined that it is not feasible to rebuild in place. In order to build in the new location, CLP Loon Mountain, LLC will need to convey to the Town of Lincoln, a strip of land westerly of the existing right of way, with accompanying drainage, slope, river channel maintenance and temporary construction easements. This parcel for the new bridge would be transferred to the Town prior to the commencement of construction of the new bridge. Once the new bridge has completed, the old bridge will be removed as a part of the project. At that point, the Town proposes to deed back to CLP Loon Mountain, LLC a portion of the existing bridge right-of-way on which the old bridge sits, plus a small parcel on the south side of Loon Mountain Road, since they will no longer be needed for bridge and highway purposes. No money will be changing hands for the land exchange.

Selectman Ham stated she is uneasy about the parking easements as the land was originally a road constructed by the State to access and repair the bridge when needed, and not designed to be a parking lot, and questions our right to deed Loon Mountain. Town Manager Burbank stated that after discussion with Attorney Hastings, the Town of Lincoln has been indemnified by Loon Mountain and not culpable for any damages incurring in or around the parking area.

The Planning Board received and approved this proposal on May 28th, 2014, and the Board will now begin to schedule the public hearing process, with the first hearing scheduled for June 9, 2014.

MOTION: “The Board of Selectmen approve of a land swap as presented on the HEB Engineer Plans, relinquishing the land under the *old* bridge and taking over the proposed land under the newly constructed bridge.”

Motion: Tamra Ham

Seconded: Patricia McTeague

All in favor.

III. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to attend to, the Board made the following motion.

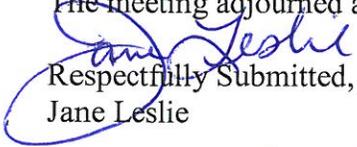
MOTION: "To adjourn."

Motion: O.J. Robinson

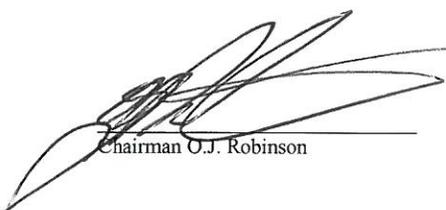
Second: Patricia McTeague

All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 am.


Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Leslie

Approval Date 6 / 2 / 14



Chairman O.J. Robinson

Patricia McTeague



Tamra Ham