

**LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 26, 2015**  
**LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN, NH**

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

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Alfred Burbank, Fire Chief Ron Beard, and Recording Secretary Brook Rose.

**Public Present:** David Beaudin, Mary Conn, Tammy Dutilly, Paul Beaudin, Steve Noseworthy, Cindy Rineer, Bill Conn, Susan Clark, Edmond Gionet, Rosemary Dutilly, and Roger Harrington.

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

O.J. Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

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### **II. REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** “To approve the minutes of the October 19, 2015 Board of Selectmen’s meeting as amended.”

**Motion:** Ludwig

**Second:** McTeague

**Motion carries with McTeague abstaining.**

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### **III. TAX RATE SETTING**

O.J. explained the process the Board uses to set the tax rate taking into consideration the fund balance and the overlay used. O.J. recommended a \$150,000 overlay and \$100,000.00 fund balance with a tax rate of \$13.86. Jayne would like to speak with Finance Administrator Helen Jones tomorrow before voting this (six cents per thousand) increase in as it will increase taxes (approximately \$12 on a \$200,000 home). O.J. and Patricia would like to proceed with the proposed tax rate but would like Jayne to meet with Helen to clarify the process. The Board answered some questions from the audience pertaining to the fund balance. Paul Beaudin expressed that he thought the Board should carry a lower fund balance so that taxes do not go up.

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### **IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Riverfront Park Planning Committee**

Jayne discussed some questions she had regarding the Riverfront Park Planning Committee specifically why the Board is pressing for a recommendation for the land by year end. O.J. stated that he would like

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a report from the committee to provide to residents at Town Meeting and to publish in the annual report. Mr. Burbank offered to assist in scheduling the first committee meeting.

## **Town Manager's Report**

### **Corrugated Pipe Donation**

The White Mountain Snowmobile Club (WMSC) has expressed interest in the old corrugated pipe. Bill Conn stated that he would also like some of the pipe to do some charity work for some local residents. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to give the pipe to Bill Conn and any remaining pipe would be donated to the WMSC.

### **Town Clerk/Tax Collector Position**

The Board announced that, after conducting interviews, they have come to a decision and will be making an offer to one of the applicants for the Town Clerk & Tax Collector position. An official announcement will be made next week.

### **Public Participation**

#### **Bill Conn**

Mr. Conn had some questions concerning the sewer line that the Town recently worked on and was planning to fill. Mr. Burbank stated that the property owner who now owns the line did not want the sewer lateral filled. The Town has a written document with the property owner outlining this agreement.

Mr. Conn questioned whether there was a post-retirement contract with the existing Public Works Director. Mr. Burbank replied that no decisions have been made regarding Bill Willey's position beyond his pending retirement.

#### **Rosemary Dutilly**

Rosemary Dutilly questioned when the signs for the Connector Road sidewalk would be installed. Mr. Burbank replied that the signs just came in today and would be installed as soon as possible.

#### **Tammy Dutilly**

Tammy Dutilly had some concerns about the safety of the very congested school parking lot during high traffic times (drop off/pick up). Jayne Ludwig, who also serves as a school board member, stated that this would be an issue for the school board and invited Tammy to attend the next school board meeting. Town Manager Burbank will also bring the matter up to Superintendent McGann.

Tammy also had concerns about the hazards on the street next to Lahout's. She brought this matter up to the Board months ago and nothing has been done. Mr. Burbank replied that he did contact the property owners about cutting the bushes back but the owner had no interest in doing so. The property owners agreed to install the appropriate signage on their property but nothing was ever done. The Board discussed installing a blind drive sign. Mr. Burbank will follow up.

### **Senior Center**

Rosemary Dutilly expressed her frustrations with the lack of senior activities in Town. She stated that

there are only two meals per week at the community center and oftentimes the seniors feel that there is not a space for them. She stated that the seniors have nowhere to go. She was also frustrated about having to share the bathrooms at the community center with the daycare children that have their own facilities in the daycare. O.J. replied that the community center is for the entire community to share and that it is a busy facility used for many purposes. The Grafton Country Seniors Council rents a space there from the Town. Town Manager Burbank will speak with the Recreation Director to see if any of Ms. Dutilly's concerns can be addressed and then report back to the Board.

### **Paul Beaudin**

Paul Beaudin informed the Board that all of the street lights at Loon, Westwood, and Beechwood have been cut down. Mr. Burbank replied that Rick Kelley did make him aware that this would occur. The Board agreed that this was a private matter as it is on private property.

### **Edmond Gionet**

Mr. Gionet asked the Board to list the ongoing litigation by title. O.J. listed the following parties/matters that the Town is in litigation with: NHEC, Fairpoint, Eversource, Loon South Mountain Partners, Beechwood Roads, Beaudin, an employee criminal case, Chenard, a junkyard issue, the Landing, and a NHDES legal mandate regarding the levee. Mr. Gionet went on to say that the job requirements for the Public Works Director position are too elaborate. Further there are two employees in Town that make too much money. The Town needs to tighten up as there are not many taxpayers left that live here year round. He stated that the draft minutes were not on the website today. He is disappointed with the decadence in this Town. Edmond also wanted it noted that he found it hard to believe that a skate park was diagramed in the map referred to earlier done by Tom Adams. He stated that the skate park is a relatively new development for the Town Park. O.J. so noted Edmond's comments and stated that the map was given to the Town by John Hettinger and it was believed to have been drawn by Tom Adams.

### **Paul Beaudin**

Paul Beaudin requested a small amendment to the minutes of October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION: "To amend line 66 of the minutes to state that he "represented one thing which actually resulted in another."**

**Motion: O.J. Robinson      Second: Ludwig      Motion carries.**

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## **V. NON PUBLIC SESSION Pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3II (b,e) Personnel, Legal**

**MOTION: To go into Non-Public Work Session at 7:10pm.**

**Motion: Robinson      Seconded: Ludwig      Roll call vote all in favor.**

**MOTION: To go back into public session at 7:40pm.**

**Motion: Robinson      Seconded: Ludwig      Roll call vote all in favor.**

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## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MOTION: “To adjourn.”**

**Motion: Robinson                      Second: Ludwig                      All in favor.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Rose

Approval Date 11/2/15

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O.J. Robinson

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Patricia McTeague

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Jayne Ludwig