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3 **LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
4 **MEETING MINUTES**
5 **JANUARY 11, 2016**
6 **LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN, NH**
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9 **Present:** O.J. Robinson, Patricia McTeague, and Jayne Ludwig.

10 **Staff Present:** Town Manager Alfred Burbank, Police Chief Smith, Heather Ring, and Brook Rose.

11 **Public Present:** Tamra Ham, Edmond Gionet, Dave Beaudin, Mary Conn, Susan Clark, Tammy Gionet
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16 **I. CALL TO ORDER**
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18 The Board met at 4:00pm in Non-Public Session for a scheduled grievance hearing. O.J. Robinson
19 called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 5:55pm.
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22 **II. REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES**
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24 **MOTION: “To approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 Select Board meeting as amended.**

25 **Motion: Ludwig Second: Robinson Motion carries with McTeague abstaining.**
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27 **MOTION: “To approve the minutes of the December 21, 2015 Select Board meeting as amended.**

28 **Motion: McTeague Second: Ludwig Motion carries with Robinson abstaining.**
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30 **MOTION: “To approve the non-public minutes of the January 4, 2016 Select Board meeting as
31 presented.**

32 **Motion: Ludwig Second: Robinson Motion carries with McTeague abstaining.**
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36 **III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**
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38 **Bond Articles**
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40 The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed bond articles and the capital reserve expenses. An
41 amendment was made to the roads and streets line item. There is a new item in the CIP for community
42 center maintenance. The Board discussed the funds allocated in the CIP for the cemetery expansion.
43 Town Manager Burbank informed the Board that bids are being received for the rehabilitation of the
44 community center office space. Bids will be received in time to place this project on the warrant. An
45 office and storage space for the food pantry will be created and the current office space reconfigured to
46 become more functional. O.J. would rather see this project phased in and have a concrete estimate for
47 the project. He would have rather seen this project incorporated into the CIP rather than all paid in one
48 year. He would like to see \$25,000 appropriated for the project and given the request of the Recreation
49 Department, he would agree with pushing this project through to the Budget Committee. Jayne’s

50 preference is that it be placed on the CIP and saved for so the project can be done right. She realizes the
51 importance and need for privacy and additional storage. Patricia agreed and would like an additional
52 \$10,000 placed in the community building capital reserve to work towards getting this project done, or
53 preferably fund it through the operating budget in 2016. The Board agreed to make that change. The
54 Board also discussed the levee project at length. It was decided that 1.31 million dollars would be
55 bonded and \$90,000 raised through taxes for a total project cost of 1.4 million dollars. Bond fees of
56 \$9,000 are included in this sum as recommended by Finance Officer Jones. The Board also agreed to
57 raise and appropriate 1.2 million dollars for the Beechwood One project with anticipated revenue of
58 \$600,000 as Loon Mountain Resort is covering half of the project costs. The Board will be presenting
59 this entire budget to the Budget Committee tomorrow evening. Recreation Director Tower was invited
60 to attend the meeting to discuss the Community Center renovation project.

61 **Town Manager's Report**

62 **Pollard Road Sidewalk**

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64 This project is ongoing. Town Manager Burbank met with Mrs. Martin and Ray Korber. Mrs. Martin
65 is working on putting together a petition warrant article. Mr. Burbank commented that this is an
66 expansive project. O.J. would like to invite Mrs. Martin to attend the Budget Committee meeting
67 tomorrow night.
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69 **Junk Yard Litigation**

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71 A Grafton County Superior Court judge issued an order at the recent hearing on this matter. The judge
72 issued a six month window in which Mr. Chenard has to clean up his property.
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74 **Inactive Power Line**

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76 The NHEC cannot find an issue with any line behind the old paper mill. NHEC does not have any line
77 that crosses the river. This is still an active investigation.
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79 **Loon Bridge Construction**

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81 The first load of steel for the new bridge arrived today.
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83 **Public Participation**

84 **Edmond Gionet**

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86 Edmond Gionet wanted to be sure that the changes he suggested to the December 21st meeting minutes
87 have been made. Brook confirmed that the changes have been made and will be posted to the website as
88 they have been approved by the Board this evening.
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91 Mr. Gionet advised the Board that they may want to reference RSA 252 (year 1965) as a guide when
92 discussing the proposed Pollard Road sidewalk project. He added that this RSA no longer exists in
93 chapter 252 but has been incorporated into other RSA's.
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95 **Paul Beaudin**

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97 Paul questioned whether Mr. Burbank has the letter from NH Department of Environmental Services
98 that he requested a copy of on December 15th. Mr. Burbank apologized for not getting him a copy and
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101 will do so tomorrow. Mr. Beaudin questioned whether there would be a public hearing on the bond
102 issues. O.J. replied that there would be and typically it is on the same night as the budget hearing. Paul
103 then questioned whether the Town has confirmation from the USACE (US Army Corp of Engineers) that
104 once the levee is reconstructed to the 1960's standards by the Town, that the USACE will repair the
105 levee in the event of future catastrophic damages. O.J. replied that the Town does not have a solid
106 answer on this as it is up to the USACE as to whether the catastrophic event meets the threshold for their
107 involvement (which is subject to their interpretation of that threshold). Paul strongly felt that the Town
108 should have assurances from the USACE and the Board agreed. Paul stated that he supports the project
109 but does not think it is fair to the taxpayers to be forced to pay for this project without any assurances.
110 Further discussion regarding the levee ensued. O.J. stated that the USACE is responsible for levees
111 across the country. If one were to look at the levees across the country, it would be found that the
112 USACE does not give definitive interpretations of thresholds to any community. He added that if the
113 Town does not repair the levee, the Town has a letter from NHDES stating that daily fines upwards of
114 thousands of dollars per day will incur and the State can come in and do the project and then charge the
115 project costs to the Town.

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117 Edmond Gionet stated that he does not like that the Town is going to bow to the threats of the State
118 simply because the State is threatening that they *may* intervene. He added that, "the Town is used as a
119 pawn year after year, after year." Further discussion ensued. Edmond stated that he hated the whole
120 project.

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122 **Tamra Ham**

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124 Tamra Ham brought up the proposed renovation of the Community Center. She is disappointed that the
125 Board did not support the warrant article. She stated that the kitchen renovation was on the warrant a
126 few years ago. Further, the project is very much needed. This was determined by the Community
127 Center Committee which is comprised of a majority of Lincoln residents and a few Woodstock residents.
128 She stated that is impossible to hold a private meeting in the joint office space. The Recreation Director
129 cannot have a private meeting with staff. The Town leases a part of the room to the Senior Center for
130 office space and they do not have a private space to meet either. If either party conducts a meeting in the
131 room, it is very disruptive. Mrs. Ham encouraged the Board to stop and view the reconstruction plans
132 and the space at the Community Center.

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134 **Paul Beaudin**

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136 Paul Beaudin asked that the Board have the tax implications on the bond articles prepared for the budget
137 hearing. He also applauded the Board's efforts for wanting to fund the Community Center project
138 through the CIP. He added that he believes the building is a valuable asset to the Town but this
139 department should follow the same guidelines as every other department in Town.

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141 **Mary Conn**

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143 Mary Conn questioned whether the Town has a bid policy. Mr. Burbank replied that yes there is
144 purchasing policy and that anything over \$15,000 has to go out to bid. Mary added that it seems like the
145 Town is pouring a lot of money into the Community Center. Patricia replied that the building was in
146 poor condition when the Town purchased it. O.J. added that the Town does generate revenue from this
147 building as well.

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152 **IV. NON PUBLIC SESSION Pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3II (a, e) Legal , Personnel**

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

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

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157 **MOTION: To go back into public session at 7:30pm.**

158 **Motion: Ludwig Second: McTeague Roll call vote all in favor.**

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162 **V. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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166 **MOTION: “To adjourn.”**

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

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169 The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

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171 Respectfully Submitted,

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173 Brook Rose

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175 Approval Date 1/25/16

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O.J. Robinson

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Patricia McTeague

Jayne Ludwig