

**LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S**

**APPROVED**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023 – 5:30PM**

**LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN, NH**

**(THE RECORDING OF THIS MEETING CAN BE FOUND ON YOUTUBE)**

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**Lincoln Board of Selectmen Present:** Chairman, OJ Robinson, Vice Chair, Tamra Ham and Selectman Jack Daly

**Staff Present:** Town Manager, Carina Park, and Executive Assistant Jane Leslie

**Public Present via Zoom:** Paul Beaudin II and David Tomaso

**Public Present:** Debbie Celino, Jim Welsh, and Moderator Robert Wetherell

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m., and read the email below from Moderator Robert Wetherell regarding recent town elections.

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**II. BOARD OF SELECTMEN COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The Board voted on the following Selectboard Committee appointments:

**MOTION: “The Board will remain in all of their previous 2022 committee appointments.”**

**Motion: Tamra Ham**

**Second: Jack Daly**

**All in favor.**

- Board of Selectmen's Vice Chair: **Tamra Ham**
  - Planning Board Selectmen's Rep: **OJ Robinson**
  - Budget Committee Selectmen's Rep: **Tamra Ham**
  - Joint Loss Management Committee Selectmen's Rep: **Tamra Ham**
  - Capital Investment Planning (CIP) Selectmen's Rep: **Jack Daly**
  - Emergency Operations Planning (EOP) Selectmen's Rep: **Selectmen will rotate this seat**
  - Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC): **OJ Robinson**
  - North Country Council Rep (Housing Committee): **Jack Daly**
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**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(s)**

**MOTION: “To approve the BOS meeting minutes of March 13, 2023 as amended.”**

**Motion: Tamra Ham**

**Second: Jack Daly**

**All in favor.**

**MOTION: “To approve the Non-Public BOS meeting minutes of March 13, 2023 presented.”**

**Motion: Tamra Ham**

**Second: Jack Daly**

**All in favor.**

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**IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Skateboard Park Site Preparation:**

The Board discussed starting the process of tree clearing at the Community Center in preparation for the Skateboard Project (there will be a buffer between skatepark & homes).

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### **MS-232 – Report of Appropriations Actually Voted on (Town Meeting)**

The Board reviewed and signed the MS-232 which certifies that the information and appropriations contained on this form were voted on at Town Meeting, and taken from an official record (total appropriations that were voted in). **The total amount was \$17,956,615.**

**MOTION: “To sign the MS-232 as presented.”**

**Motion:**                      **Second:**                      **Motion carries**

### **MODERATOR ROBERT WETHERELL ELECTION MESSAGE:**

**Chairman Robinson read the following email at the beginning of the meeting (received March 20<sup>th</sup>) from Moderator Robert Wetherell regarding recent town elections:**

Dear Selectmen,

Several people have asked about the election and why we did not post about a town clerk candidate no longer being a candidate. One person even asked how the election was legal. Some wanted to know if there would be a new election.

There will not be a new election. I am horrified that the integrity of our election is questioned. As moderator I have two main responsibilities; to preside over the annual meeting and be the chief election official. The voters I spoke with were unaware of election laws and seemed to appreciate our conversation. I cannot be idle while rumors spread. It is clear I need to share information publicly for those who haven't asked, but may have questions.

This year, the filing period for town office was January 25th through February 3rd. One must have declared their candidacy during that period. On the same note they would have had to withdraw during that same period. On February 4th the law recognizes all candidates. In the State of New Hampshire there are only three ways to be removed from the ballot. They are: death, proof of moving out of the covered area, or through the court with a medical doctor proving a recent massive change in your health has debilitated you. In this case, the candidate who was no longer seeking election due to personal reasons, was in fact still a legal candidate.

Electioneering laws prohibit election officials posting a candidates' wishes. The law also does not allow posting on public property or unattended signs at the election. Any information from the election officials influencing the voters would have been inappropriate and illegal.

To be sure, I contacted the Secretary of State's office to see if there was anything we should have done different. They confirmed there is nothing we should or could have done differently.

I am proud of my work as moderator. Our state and federal elections have been inspected by the Attorney General's Office 100% of the time. They leave compliments after finding everything on their eleven-page checklist is in compliance. Party observers give kudos for Lincoln's tight election process. Observers who come to find out election results are shocked to see how many checks and balances tallies go through before results are declared.

I feel for the unusual circumstances here. However, rest-assured this election process is sound. Thank you for your time.

Your dedicated moderator,  
Robert Wetherell

Jim Welsh asked if the candidate that withdrew their name from the ballot was aware of the election rules and what the candidates' responsibilities were if they chose to not run. It was explained that the candidate was in fact aware of the rules.

**Joint Lincoln-Woodstock BOS Meeting:**

The joint BOS meeting with Woodstock was canceled due to illness, and will be rescheduled for a future date.

**OLD BUSINESS:****South Peak Water Storage Tank:**

The Town is awaiting final approval on the site location from the US Forest Service for the water tank. Selectman Daly asked that the Selectmen be copied on all correspondence/communications going forward regarding the water tank location so that everyone (Loon Mt., US Forest Service, Longfellow Construction & the Town) are on the same page.

**West Street Gate:**

The West Street gate is scheduled to be put back up but not electrified until the ground thaws, and the electricity can properly be installed underground. The gate was taken down because it did not open and close due to electrical issues, and Director Hadaway is coordinating with the NH Electric Coop to get this all taken care of.

**Pollard Road Street Repairs:**

There are spots on Pollard Road (over near the Police Station location) that are experiencing delineation, and Public Works will be milling and filling these areas with asphalt this summer.

**Town Activities in Progress / Status Next Steps:**

OJ thought it would be a good idea if they changed the way that the town communicates to its citizens regarding the town's larger projects (Rt. 3 water main project, Riverfront Park, Police Station etc.), and possibly putting a link on the website that provides current in-depth information.

**Town Manager's Report:****Granicus Short-Term Rental Registration Update:**

Final Registration Reminders went out on March 20, 2023. There are currently 233 active registrations. The non-registered letter campaign will begin on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> with fees to be imposed on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board discussed the Granicus Contract which is due to expire at the end of April, and agreed to see how the letter campaign goes, and if it's successful in capturing the outstanding short-term rentals that have yet to register. The Board also discussed extending the contract renewal by 60-days due to the time lost as a result of Granicus's online registration issues that prevented short-term rental operators from registering their property(s).

**Motion for Reconsideration – Jeannine Wood 91-A:**

The Court has reversed its rulings in favor of the Town on both the records disclosure and the attorney's fees. The Town is still responsible for a small portion of attorney's fees (approx. \$2k) for the late video production.

**Abatement Request:**

The property owners of 3 Riverside Terrace, Unit 1G had requested a change of address on 2/02/2022. Unfortunately, this request fell through the cracks and the address was never updated resulting in late tax payments. The property owner is requesting an abatement of the interest (\$227.46 & \$77.24 for a total of \$304.70).

**MOTION: “To approve the abatement request for the interest in the amount of \$304.70.”**

**Motion: Jack Daly**

**Second: Tamra Ham**

**All in favor.**

**New E-One Pumper Fire Truck:**

The town received an updated contract price for the new Fire Truck. The total purchase price is \$736,582 which is lower than what was originally quoted (\$762,786).

**New Police Station – Final Design Package:**

Carina and the Chiefs met with Lavallee Brensinger Architects (LBA) last week to discuss the next steps. LBA will draft a proposal for services within the next few weeks with a goal start date of May 1<sup>st</sup>. LBA believes it would be in the Town’s best interest to try to put the site and subsurface work out to bid this summer in an effort to help reduce costs, and to expedite the project. The Board agreed that this would be the best path going forward.

**Route 3 Water Main Upgrade Project:**

The town is awaiting a proposal for the engineering and bid work which should be coming within the next few weeks.

**Bond/Note Funding – Next Steps:**

Carina has begun the process of reaching out to various banks for potential funding options. Applications for the July sale are due by April 28, 2023.

**Public Participation:**

Jim Welsh commented on the Police Department’s final design plans, and feels that the town should invest a little more money now so that it will be easier to expand the building in the future (whether for Fire Department or Police Dept. expansion). Jim feels that by adding a second floor on the north end of the building, it will be cheaper if done at the onset of the project, versus after the building has already been built. OJ feels that at the present time they must focus on getting what they need for the \$6M dollars that was appropriated, especially because they don’t know if the Fire Department may be an entirely separate facility in the future. Carina noted that after speaking with the architects, the design for the Police Station will sit on the town land *only*, and there will be no need for the state-owned triangle of land.

Paul Beaudin asked if Lower Black Mountain Road is scheduled to be completed this summer. OJ explained that DPW Director Hadaway has been working with the NH Electric Coop to move their utility lines, which needs to be done prior to the road paving.

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**V. NON-PUBLIC Session Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3:(III) (c) Personnel Updates**

**MOTION: “To go into Non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 (III) (c)**

**Motion: OJ Robinson**

**Second: Tamra Ham**

**All in favor**

The BOS went into Non-public session at 6:45 p.m.

**MOTION: “To re-enter public session.”**

**Motion: OJ Robinson**

**Second: Jack Daly**

**All in favor.**

The Board reconvened public session at 7:20 p.m.

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## VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

**MOTION: "To adjourn."**

**Motion: OJ Robinson**

**Second: Jack Daly**

**Motion carries.**

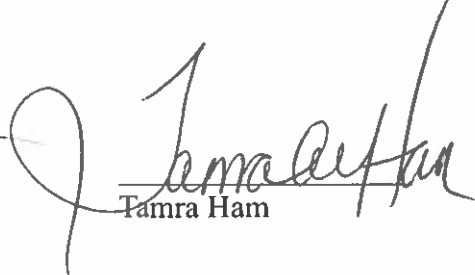
The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Jane Leslie

Approval Date: April 10, 2023

**Lincoln Board of Selectmen:**

  
Chairman O.J. Robinson

  
Tamra Ham

  
Jack Daly



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Robert Wetherell

