

**LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2022 – 5:30PM
LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN, NH**

APPROVED

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

Staff Present: Town Manager, Carina Park, Police Chief Chad Morris and Fire Chief Ron Beard

Staff Excused: Executive Assistant Jane Leslie

Public Present via Zoom: Ivan Strickon, Dave Beaudin, Paul Beaudin, Brian Norton, Kevin Bell and Kara Sellingham

Public Present: Gloria Morin

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: “To approve the BOS public meeting minutes of December 20, 2021 as presented.”

Motion: Jack Daly

Seconded: Tamra Ham

All in favor

III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Town Manager's Report

Employee Covid-19 Policy:

Town Manager Park asked the board if they wished to amend the Town's *Employee Covid Policy* due to the CDC's recently updated guidelines (quarantine time reduced from 10-days to 5-days). Selectman Daly suggested that they *not* amend the policy and let it stay at the 10-day quarantine period in the event an employee is exposed to the virus. Selectperson Ham was concerned with the ramifications if multiple law enforcement, fire personnel, or any town staff are quarantining for 10-days, that this would leave the individual departments with minimal staff availability to respond to an emergency that may arise, or the daily operations of town business. A discussion ensued on the various CDC Guidelines, and the board agreed that an employee upon testing positive for COVID-19 must quarantine for five (5) days; followed by five (5) days wearing a mask at work (provided symptom free and no fever for 24-hours-Asymptomatic and/or symptoms resolving). The board asked Park to update the policy, and they would sign it at the next meeting (January 10th).

MOTION: “To amend the Employee Covid Policy to follow the CDC's new recommendation to quarantine for five (5) days and to wear a mask for five (5) days upon return to work.”

Motion: OJ Robinson

Seconded: Tamra Ham

All in favor

Town-wide Mask Mandate:

Robinson commented that the board had recently been asked to re-consider a town wide mask, and noted that a few months ago the town had sent out flyers for local businesses to post as a tool to appeal to visitors and residents to mask-up when out in public.

Traffic Complaints (Loon Mountain):

Carina explained that she had received a complaint regarding the morning traffic in town that is heading to Loon Mountain, and discussed this matter with Chief Morris, and was appealing to the board to see if collectively they could come up with a resolution. Chief Morris noted that they have noticed an increase in morning traffic, and he feels that this could be the result of limited ticket sales and everyone showing up to Loon at the same time. Morris noted that he is working collaboratively with Loon Mountain and D.O.T. Daly added that he too has been involved with this situation and spoke with Phil Beaulieu (NH DOT District Engineer and Brian Norton (Loon Mountain) and discussed possibly putting up an electronic signboard. There was a brief discussion about mitigating the traffic situation, and Brian Norton (Loon General Manager) commented that Loon has restricted ticket sales in an effort to reduce the volume of visitors to the mountain for numerous reasons (COVID, staffing shortage etc.) and he feels that as a result, people are showing up at the same time. Norton further explained that Loon is happy to work with the Town and the State DOT to address these traffic concerns.

Kanc Rec overnight grooming:

Town Manager Park informed the board that she has also received a complaint about the overnight grooming at the Kanc and discussed this matter with Rec Director, Tara Tower. Tower had explained that she and Ryan Smith (Kanc groomer) are mindful of the hours that the grooming takes place at the Kanc, however, due to a variety of circumstances, it is not always easy to groom the slopes during the morning hours.

DOJ Grant:

Park updated the board on a \$2M grant that recently became available through the DOJ (Dept. of Justice) to combat the relaxed COVID-19 policies.

Planning Board Sign Permits:

Park updated the board on the backlog of sign permits, and explained that she, Lisa Peluso and Ryan Fairbrother have issued all backlogged sign permits in Planner Bont's absence.

91-A Request for Information:

Park informed the board that she has receive a request for information from Bill Conn on the West Street project, and he would like this information by the next Selectmen's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS**Water/Sewer Tap Fees:**

Park spoke with DPW Director Hadaway who is working on updating the water/sewer tap fees, and will have his suggested revisions by the next Selectmen's meeting.

Parking Lot usage at/across from Fire Station:

Chief Beard updated the board that there have not been any further infractions with this parking lot. Robinson noted that they can revisit the parking ordinance and make any changes deemed necessary.

CNP (Assessors) Contract:

Robinson explained that the board has received a new 3-year contract with Commerford Neider Perkins (CNP) and nothing much has changed. Finance Director Hart has reviewed the contract and is pleased, and DRA has also signed off on it. Park commented that her only recommendation would be that for the next cycle, rather than doing a 3-year term, do a 2-year term so that it coincides with the reval. Park feels it may not be a bad idea to go out to bid and see what other assessing firms have to offer (terms, pricing etc.) instead of getting locked-in to one company. Selectman Ham also suggested that Park look into possibly

seeing if the town could go one-year earlier (4-years instead of 5) for the full reval so that Lincoln's reval doesn't coincide with a large number of towns that are also having a reval (tax bills won't go out late).

MOTION: "To accept the contract for assessing services for three (3) years for Commerford Neider Perkins."

Motion: Tamra Ham

Seconded: Jack Daly

All in favor

Art Party (Benefit for the Skate Park)

Selectman Ham said the Art Party was a huge success and raised over \$7k for the skate park. The board gave a big "thank you" to Kevin Bell for all of his hard work.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tax Collecting Position:

Town Manager Park updated the board that she had decided to wait until after the holidays to meet with two of the three applicants (the 3rd applicant withdrew their application) so that she could have a better understanding of exactly what the applicants' roles and responsibilities will be.

Town Hall Cleaning:

Carina updated the board that Twin Rivers Cleaning Service has officially parted ways with the Town of Lincoln. The Police Department has a cleaner as well as Town Hall. A discussion ensued on what other town departments are doing for their cleaning services.

Public Participation

Gloria Morin asked the board why her taxes went up so much? Robinson explained the reval to Ms. Morin. Gloria feels that the local residents are being punished because out-of-towners are spending a lot of money when purchasing homes in town, and this is forcing the long-term residents to move. The board discussed other options that may be available to the seniors in the community, and Carina invited Gloria to stop by Town Hall later on in the week and she would help her navigate the various programs out there that may be beneficial to Ms. Morin.

Ivan Strickon greeted the board and welcomed Lincoln's new Town Manager, Carina Park. Ivan asked the board if they have read his editorial that he wrote to the Courier, and applauded the Town of Franconia for implementing a mask mandate. Ivan feels that by mandating masks, this will help relieve the burden on the hospital system and keep the community safe.

Kevin Bell asked if there were any updates on the test pits at the Riverfront Park site. Selectman Ham responded that they are awaiting the results from the boring that has been done, and they should have results sooner than later.

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

There was no non-public session.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

After reviewing the weekly payables and with no further business to attend to, the Board made the following motion:

MOTION: "To adjourn."

Motion: OJ Robinson

Second: Tamra Ham

All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Leslie

Approval Date: January 3, 2022


Chairman O.J. Robinson


Tamra Ham


Jack Daly

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