

**LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022 – 5:30PM  
LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN, NH  
(THE RECORDING OF THIS MEETING CAN BE FOUND ON YOUTUBE)**

**APPROVED**

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**Lincoln Board of Selectmen Present:** Chairman, OJ Robinson and Selectman Jack Daly  
**Excused:** Vice Chair, Tamra Ham  
**Staff Present:** Executive Assistant, Jane Leslie.  
**Public Present via Zoom:** Town Manager, Carina Park  
**Public Present:** Debbie Celino and Jim Welsh

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

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**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**MOTION: “To approve the BOS meeting minutes of November 21, 2022 as presented.”**

**Motion:** Jack Daly                      **Second:** OJ Robinson                      **Motion carries.**

**MOTION: “To approve the Non-Public BOS meeting minutes of November 21, 2022 as presented.”**

**Motion:** Jack Daly                      **Second:** OJ Robinson                      **Motion carries.**

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**III. 2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC HEARING – ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PLAN *Pursuant to RSA 53-E:6***

*“To solicit input prior to the adoption of the updated Town of Lincoln’s Community Choice Aggregation Plan.”*

Chairman Robinson explained that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of two Public Hearings (1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing was held on 11/07/2022) required by RSA 53-E:6 to solicit input and adopt the Town of Lincoln’s updated Community Choice Aggregation Plan.

In 2020 there was a warrant article that was voted on at the March 10, 2020 Town Meeting to authorize the Board of Selectmen to commence a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program and contract for electricity supply as authorized under RSA 53-E:1-8 to offer residents and businesses a possible opportunity for lower electricity rates, and from a variety of sources other than those currently offered by the NH Electric Coop. Due to recent changes in State laws, legislation and procedures, the Town of Lincoln is required to amend its current Electric Aggregation Plan to reflect said changes prior to submitting it to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for approval.

**Community Choice Aggregation (CCA):**

- CCA is an optional buying group organized by a municipality or group of municipalities to benefit electric customers.
- The Program enters into an electricity supply contract for all residential and business customers currently receiving utility default service within a given municipality.
- Customers are automatically enrolled, unless they “opt-out.”

**MOTION: “Chairman Robinson opened up the public hearing at 5:34pm.”**

**Motion:** OJ Robinson                      **Second:** Jack Daly                      **Motion carries.**

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Jim Welsh commented that he thought that the NH Electric Coop was the only supplier for the Town of Lincoln. Robinson explained CCAs allow local governments to procure electricity on behalf of their residents, often from cleaner sources, or at a reduced cost. The collective buying power or “aggregation” of the customers that agree to join allows their town to engage in wholesale electricity purchasing, while the existing utility company (NHEC) is responsible for delivering it the same as before. [Note: A member may choose to “opt-out” should they not wish to participate.]

**MOTION: “To close the public hearing at 5:41pm.”**

**Motion: Jack Daly**

**Second: OJ Robinson**

**Motion carries.**

**MOTION: “To adopt the updated Town of Lincoln’s Community Choice Aggregation Plan.”**

**Motion: Jack Daly**

**Seconded: OJ Robinson**

**Motion carries.**

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

##### **Town Managers Report:**

##### **Asset Management Grant – Lead & Copper:**

Weston & Sampson (W&S) is looking into an asset management grant program (\$50k) for the Town that would assist with the hiring of an intern to work with W&S cataloguing the town’s infrastructure, and to determine whether or not this infrastructure has lead and copper piping which ages and deteriorates over time.

##### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **41 Church Street:**

Ryan Fairbrother obtained permission from the homeowner to stake and tape off the area around the large hole that remained after the house and foundation were removed. The new owner has submitted their land use application, and the town is in the process of issuing a building permit to construct a new single-family dwelling.

##### **Street Lights in Town that are out:**

Ryan Fairbrother observed street lights that are not working properly around town, and has compiled a list to be forwarded to the NH Electric Coop for repair.

##### **Public Participation**

*There was no public participation.*

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#### **IV. NON-PUBLIC Session Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3:(III) (c) Personnel Issue**

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

**Motion: OJ Robinson**

**Second: Jack Daly**

**Motion carries.**

The BOS went into Non-public session at 5:50 p.m.

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

**Motion: Jack Daly**

**Second: OJ Robinson**

**All in favor.**

The Board reconvened public session at 6:15 p.m.

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## V. ADJOURNMENT

After review of the weekly payables and 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 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Leslie



Approval Date: December 5, 2022

**Lincoln Board of Selectmen:**

  
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Chairman O.J. Robinson  
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Tamra Ham  
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Jack Daly



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## **N.H. Rev. Stat. § 53-E:6**

### **Section 53-E:6 - Electric Aggregation Plan**

- I.** The governing body of a municipality or county may form an electric aggregation committee to develop a plan for an aggregation program for its citizens. A municipality or county may join other municipalities or counties in developing such plans. A county plan may provide an aggregation program for all or a subset of municipalities within the county that request to participate by a majority vote of their respective governing bodies.
- II.** The plan shall provide universal access, reliability, and equitable treatment of all classes of customers subject to any differences arising from varying opportunities, tariffs, and arrangements between different electric distribution utilities in their respective franchise territories, and shall meet, at a minimum, the basic environmental and service standards established by the commission and other applicable agencies and laws concerning aggregated service.
- III.** The plan shall detail:
- (a) The organizational structure of the program.
  - (b) Operation and funding.
  - (c) Rate setting and other costs to participants, including whether energy supply services are offered on an opt-in basis or on an opt-out basis as an alternative default service.
  - (d) The methods for entering and terminating agreements with other entities.
  - (e) The rights and responsibilities of program participants.
  - (f) How net metered electricity exported to the distribution grid by program participants, including for group net metering, will be compensated and accounted for.
  - (g) How the program will ensure participants who are enrolled in the Electric Assistance Program administered by the commission will receive their discount.
  - (h) Termination of the program.

**IV.** The committee shall approve a final plan which the committee determines is in the best, long-term interest of the municipality or county and the ratepayers.

**V.** The committee shall solicit public input in the planning process and shall hold public hearings.

*RSA 53-E:6*

Amended by 2021, 229:8, eff. 10/25/2021.

Amended by 2019, 316:4, eff. 10/1/2019.

