

# **LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**APPROVED**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 – 5:30PM**

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

**(MEETING VIDEO AVAILABLE AT [WWW.LINCOLNNH.ORG](http://WWW.LINCOLNNH.ORG))**

**Board of Selectmen Present:** Chairman OJ Robinson, Tamra Ham, and Jayne Ludwig

**Excused:** Town Manager Burbank

**Staff Present:** Fire Chief Ron Beard and Administrative Assistant, Jane Leslie.

**Public Present:** Tanya Patterson and Grant Clark

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

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

### **II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL- MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**MOTION: “To approve the meeting minutes of September 23, 2019 as presented.”**

**Motion:** Tamra Ham

**Second:** OJ Robinson

**Motion carries.**

**Abstained:** Jayne Ludwig

**MOTION: “To approve the non-public meeting minutes of September 23, 2019 as presented.”**

**Motion:** Tamra Ham

**Second:** OJ Robinson

**Motion carries.**

**Abstained:** Jayne Ludwig

*This was a joint meeting with Woodstock BOS. These signed minutes will be forwarded to Woodstock BOS for their approval and signature.*

### **III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Town Managers Report**

*There was no Town Manager's Report this evening.*

#### **Other Business**

#### **NHMA Annual Conference**

The New Hampshire Municipal Association will be holding their Annual Conference on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree Hotel in Manchester. Selectman Ham will be attending the conference on both days.

#### **Solid Waste Fee Schedule**

The Board reviewed the revised Solid Waste Fee Schedule (*see attached*) as voted upon at last week's joint Lincoln-Woodstock Board meeting (9/23/19). The Board agreed that the signage at the Transfer Station will be updated accordingly throughout the Transfer Station property, and publicly posted so that all residents are aware of the upcoming changes once they go into effect. Selectman Ludwig commented that both Boards should discuss charging for tree limbs and brush disposal in the spring (as stated in the 9/23/19 joint board meeting minutes) because it costs the towns/taxpayers money to have the brush chipped and disposed of (\$6,300 this year). Chairman Robinson explained that the town has not charged for brush disposal for a long time, and the Board's thought process last week was that the changes relative

to the implementation of the scale be addressed first, and then whether or not to charge for the brush/tree limbs could be re-visited in the spring at the next joint board meeting.

#### **PSNH vs. Town of Lincoln**

Chairman Robinson explained that the town was served with a lawsuit by the Public Service Company of New Hampshire concerning the town's assessment of their utility poles, lines, and equipment within the Town of Lincoln. This will *not* be a costly litigation because the Public Service Company of NH has very limited utilities within The Town of Lincoln.

#### **Nelson Communications Services Inc. vs Town of Lincoln**

Chairman Robinson explained that the town was served a lawsuit by Nelson Communications (company that started the West Street Construction Project). Robinson went on to further explain that it was the town's position that Nelson Communications' work was deficient, along with the timeline that they worked on which caused the town to subsequently part ways with Nelson. The town's intention was to pay Nelson for the work they had completed, however, upon receipt of their invoice, the billed dollar amount far exceeded what the town was expecting as well as what the town's engineer had documented for completed work on the project. The difference appeared to be so significant that the town was not going to pay for work that was not completed, nor for materials that were not left on site. Robinson noted that the town intends to go out to bid this winter so that the remainder of the work can be completed in the spring.

#### **Levee Construction Project**

Chairman Robinson was walking the levee and met up with the Dubois & King Engineer who informed him that they had gone into drill the one (1) anchor that had not passed the inspection and re-anchored it. This anchor was scheduled to be tested today. The contractors are going to begin pulling the road out, equipment, and start cleaning up shortly.

#### **Short Term Rental Policy Discussion**

Chairman Robinson noted that there will be a short-term rental discussion (Air B&B, etc.) next Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Robinson explained that this discussion will enable the Selectmen to discuss and propose a short term rental policy that explores different ideas and views, and then prior to any final Board vote, the Selectmen will publicize and hold a public hearing that will allow for the community to comment and express their concerns and input on the proposed policy. Robinson wants to ensure that this meeting (October 7<sup>th</sup>) and the subsequent public hearing will be highly publicized so that residents and second homeowners all have an opportunity to attend and participate.

#### **Ad Hoc Water Committee**

Chairman Robinson explained that the Ad Hoc Water Committee will be reconvening this Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room. Selectman Ludwig asked what the status was of the proposed water meter discussion, and if this was something that could be voted on at the 2020 Town Meeting. Robinson explained that the committee will be asked for recommendations on water meters; and then it will be up to the Board of Selectmen as to whether or not to include water meters as part of their budget, and then it will be up to the Budget Committee to make a recommendation either for or against water meters, and then it will go to a town wide vote in March 2020. Robinson felt the Water Committee's input was important and would not consist of whether or not they should or should not get water meters, but rather where this lies in the list of the town's priorities. The Board had a brief discussion on the proposed recommendations provided by Hoyle Tanner and the importance of water storage (for fire suppression).

### **Electronic Speed Limit Signs**

Chairman Robinson commented on an electronic speed limit sign he had noticed in another town that he frequents occasionally, and this permanent attachment sign had been added to a regular standard speed limit sign that had been posted for years, however, rarely noticed. Robinson feels that when an approaching vehicle visually sees this flashing speed detection sign that blinks "your speed is...", the immediate response is to *slow down*. Selectman Ham commented that she was driving down Maple Street last week and noticed as her vehicle approached 30 mph, she could not help feel that this rate of speed (30 mph) was way too fast for Maple Street. Tanya Patterson (Maple Street resident) commented that when a vehicle is driving west towards Maple Street, the speed limit is 30 mph, however, the speed limit for Maple Street is 25 mph. Patterson questioned whether or not the 25 mph speed limit is really feasible for driving on town roads in the Village Center District (VC), or could it be reduced to 20 or 15 mph.. Selectman Ludwig expressed her concerns for the width of some of the town roadways and agrees that 20 mph should be a sufficient speed for these roads. Robinson agrees it would be worthwhile to look at all of the speed limits (not just on Maple Street) but rather all of the town roads (e.g., what are the posted speed limits? Are they reasonable? Should new signs be posted? etc.). Robinson recommended the town look into the cost of the flashing speed limit signs and possibly start by putting one (1) sign on Pollard Road or Maple Street to see how it works.

Selectman Ham did a brief search on her tablet and noted that there is an **RSA 265:60-65, Rules of the Road**, and there appears to be set speed limits for different roads, and if a town or municipality wishes to change these speed limits, they are required to get a *special exception* from the Commission of Transportation. Robinson said he would speak with Chef Morris tomorrow and discuss this matter further. (<https://law.justia.com/codes/new-hampshire/2010/titlexxi/chapter265/>)

### **Gypsy Café Crosswalk Lights**

Selectman Ludwig commented that she noticed the Gypsy Café sign impedes the motorists visual view of the crosswalk sign when driving west on Rt. 112. Jane Leslie commented that DPW Director Hadaway was speaking with a surveyor affiliated with the Department of Transportation crosswalk project earlier today who suggested either the town raise/lower the RRFB signal, or the Gypsy Café move the sign. The Gypsy Café sign is actually leaning forward from its base, and possibly if erected straighter or moved over slightly, the crosswalk signal would be more clearly visible. Either DPW Hadaway or a representative from the Department of Transportation will speak with the business owner to see if there is anything, they could do to correct the signs position.

### **Sewer Lagoon**

Selectman Ludwig asked if funding has been put into the CIP for additional aerators for the Sewer Lagoons. Robinson replied that money was put in for the sludge removal, engineering, and aerators.

### **Public Participation**

Grant Clark asked the Board if there was a construction project going on at the bottom of Mansion Hill. Chief Beard responded that the property owner has a permit to build a single-family home. Grant also asked if there was new hotel development going on at this time. Chairman Robinson explained that there was an application submitted that had received a conditional approval to build a 90+ room hotel down on the land between the Bank of New Hampshire and Rite Aid.

## **V. NONPUBLIC SESSION Pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3: II (a,c,e)**

*There was no Non-Public session this evening.*

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

**MOTION: "To adjourn."**

**Motion: Tamra Ham**

**Second: Jayne Ludwig**

**Motion Carries.**

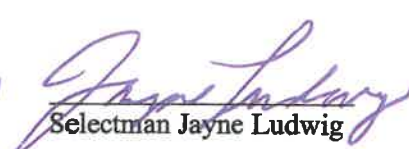
The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Jane Leslie

Approval Date 10 /07 / 2019

  
Chairman OJ Robinson

  
Selectman Tamra Ham

  
Selectman Jayne Ludwig



## **SOLID WASTE FEE SCHEDULE (Amended 9/23/19)**

All residents must stop at the Scale House to pay the appropriate fees for the items they wish to dispose BEFORE dropping them off. The weigh master will provide a receipt as a proof of payment for each resident to show to an attendant prior to disposal in the appropriate disposal area. Scale fee is based on \$0.05 per pound (minimum fee is \$10). Checks and credit cards only **(CASH WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED)**.

### **ITEMS THAT WILL NOW BE WEIGHED INCLUDE:**

<b>MATTRESS/BOX SPRING</b>	<b>\$0.05 lb.</b>
<b>SOFA/CHAIRS/COUCHES</b>	<b>\$0.05 lb.</b>
<b>CARPET</b>	<b>\$0.05 lb.</b>
<b>SHEETROCK/ASPHALT SHINGLES</b>	<b>\$0.05 lb.</b>
<b>CONTRUCTION DEBRIS</b>	<b>\$0.05 lb.</b>
<b>TV &amp; COMPUTERS</b>	<b>\$0 .18 lb.</b>

### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE BILLED ACCORDINGLY:**

<b>STOVES</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>DISHWASHER</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>WASHING MACHINES</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>WATER HEATER</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>OTHER APPLICANCES</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>REFRIGERATOR</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>AIR CONDITIONER</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>ICE MACHINE</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>4' FLOURESCENT</b>	<b>\$ .50</b>
<b>8' FLOURESCENT</b>	<b>\$ .75</b>
<b>U/TUBES</b>	<b>\$1</b>
<b>SODIUM &amp; HIDS</b>	<b>\$3</b>

**\*\*\*\* THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE FOR TREE LIMBS & BRUSH \*\*\*\***