

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 23, 2020 – 5:00PM

LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN, NH

(MEETING VIDEO AVAILABLE AT WWW.LINCOLNNH.ORG)

APPROVED

Board of Selectmen Present: Chairman OJ Robinson, Vice Chair, Tamra Ham and Selectman Jayne Ludwig

Staff Present: Town Manager Burbank, Finance Director Johnna Hart, Fire Chief Ron Beard, and Administrative Assistant Jane Leslie

Public Present: Lutz Wallem, Herb Gardner, Tracy Brumlik, Ivan Strickon, Susan Chenard, and Dennis Ducharme

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

II. DISCUSSION OF SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Chairman Robinson explained that during the previous board meeting (January 21st) the Selectmen discussed the warrant article for the Levee Repair Project, and the outstanding bill pending with AJ Coleman (the levee contractor) in the amount of \$187,000. This amount has been negotiated down based on performance issues, and the final agreed dollar amount is \$137,000 (rounded up). This figure is not currently reflected in the 2020 budget, and the Selectmen have to find the \$137k from the various department budgets. Coleman is requesting this money prior to the bond article being voted on, and Chairman Robinson asked the board if they would collectively consider directing Town Manager Burbank to inform the contractor that the only way the town can fund this amount is through a bond which will prevent the town from spending this money before it gets approved, and will be paid shortly after Town Meeting (as feasible). The Selectmen will then increase the \$173k levee bond by \$138k (\$311k). Robinson explained that it has always been his philosophy that projects that benefit future generations/taxpayers for decades to come should be paid for by the future taxpayers. The board hopes that the contractor will understand, as this project consisted of many overages and changes along the way that increased the overall bottom line for the project.

MOTION: “To present the bond for the levee repair project in the amount of \$311k instead of \$173k.”

Motion: OJ Robinson

Second: Tamra Ham

All in favor.

The board also discussed a warrant article to accept the *Northern Borders Regional Grant* as part of the Economic and Infrastructure Development Grant Program (\$500k matching grant program).

The board discussed a warrant article to allow sports book retail locations in town pursuant to RSA 287-1 (NH Lottery Commission has been authorized to conduct and regulate sports wagering within the State of NH through the use of contracted agents and vendors).

Chairman Robinson noted that last year there was an article on the warrant requiring the tax impact for the operating budget, and all of the articles for each appropriation brought before town meeting. Finance Director, Johnna Hart commented that she has figured out the tax impact for Mansion Hill based on the current years' valuation for one (1) year. Robinson was concerned about how the requirements for

reporting the tax impact works. Town Manager Burbank recommended reaching out to the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) for further clarification and guidance on reporting requirements.

Selectman Ham noted that the Board of Selectmen's Public Bond Hearing and hearing for the proposed warrant articles will be held on Tuesday, February 6th starting at 5:30 pm here at Lincoln Town Hall. The Budget Committee will begin their Public Hearing to discuss the 2020 proposed budget at 6:30 pm.

III. NON-PUBLIC Session Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3:(III) (e) Potential Litigation

MOTION: "To go into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3II () Potential litigation

Motion: Tamra Ham

Second: Jayne Ludwig

Motion carries.

The Board went into non-public session at 5:20 pm.

MOTION: "To re-enter public session."

Motion:

Second:

Motion Carries.

The Board came back into public session at 5:30 p.m.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION: "To adjourn."

Motion: OJ Robinson

Second: Tamra Ham


Motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

 Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Leslie

Approval Date 1 / 27 / 2020


Chairman O.J. Robinson


Tamra Ham


Jayne Ludwig