

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2020 – 5:30PM
LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN, NH
(MEETING VIDEO AVAILABLE AT WWW.LINCOLNNH.ORG)

APPROVED

Select Board Present: Chairman OJ Robinson, Tamra Ham, and Jayne Ludwig.

Staff Present: Town Manager Burbank, Finance Director, Johnna Hart, Library Director, Carol Riley, Police Chief Chad Morris, and Fire Chief Ron Beard

Public Present: Paul Beaudin, Norman Bartlett, Tracey Brumlik, Mike Simons, Cindy Lloyd, Mike O'Connor, Ray D'Amante, Dennis Ducharme, Jack Daly, and Gail Trembley.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS BOND ISSUANCE

The Select Board held a public hearing to discuss the issuance of two (2) bonds; one (1) bond in the amount of \$517,500 for purchase of the Mansion Hill/Legare land, as well as an issuance of a bond in the amount of \$173,000 for the Levee Repairs. Chairman Robinson explained that the Board of Selectmen had originally put three (3) bond articles on the warrant. The Budget Committee did *not* recommend the article related to the water meters. The Select Board agreed that it is too soon for this water meter article this year, in part due to the Town currently being in the middle of a rate study. Selectman Ham read the following articles:

Bond – Additional Funding Levee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred eleven thousand dollars (\$311,000) for additional funds needed to complete the project to rebuild the East Branch Pemigewasset River Granite Block Levee that was approved at the 2016 and 2018 town meetings, and to authorize the issuance of not more than three hundred eleven thousand dollars (\$311,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate and interests thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-three thousand eight hundred twelve dollars (\$73,812) for the first year's bond payment. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required) Tax Impact: 5 Year Bond .09/per thousand.

Bond -Purchase Parcel of Land

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$517,500) for purchase of the parcel of land known as Tax Map 114, Lot 049 and to authorize the issuance of not more than five hundred seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$517,500) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate and interests thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain

and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative there to. And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand three hundred fifty-two dollars (\$70,352). This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required.) Tax Impact: 10 Year Bond .08/per thousand.

OJ gave the history and a detailed explanation of the intention of each proposed article.

A member of the audience, Norman Bartlett stated that as the levee article appears to be for past expenses, what future levee expenses will be financed? OJ replied that going forward, the Board has two funding mechanisms for the upkeep of the levee; (1) is a line item in the public works budget, and (2) is in the CIP. The CIP has a line item for the levee that the Board will allocate funds into every year in the event that a repair (other than routine maintenance) should occur. The Board's hope is that this CIP fund will not need to be used for many years. Robinson added that with the certification of the levee by the US Army Corp of Engineers; if something major (flood event) occurs, the US Army Corp of Engineers should help to cover the cost of the repairs. Robinson and Town Manager Burbank brought Mr. Bartlett up to date on the history of the levee project.

Paul Beaudin stated that he knows it's good to have land, wells, and water for the town, however, the Board is taking this land off of the tax rolls. Robinson replied that purchasing this land for the town's future water use is essential. If the Town wants to subdivide and sell some of the land in the future, that would be a viable option. Further discussion about the Town's water status ensued.

Mike O'Connor questioned what the daily demand on the Town's current water system is, as well as the capacity of the five wells on M114 L049. Robinson replied that over an annual basis, it is in the ballpark of 900,000 gallons used each day. The capacity of the water treatment plant is 1.7 million gallons right now. Having the additional capacity that these wells offer would greatly help when the Town has surges in water use (vacation weeks, holidays etc.). It would also assist with water for fire protection. The Town does not have adequate fire protection currently. Robinson added further, that once the Town owns these wells, there will likely be interest from developers in helping the Town advance these water sources.

MOTION: "To recess the Select Board meeting and reconvene after the Budget Committee hearing."

Motion: OJ Robinson Second: Tamra Ham Motion carries

MOTION: "To reconvene the Select Board meeting."

Motion: OJ Robinson Second: Tamra Ham Motion carries

After the Budget Committee Bond Hearing, the Board reconvened at 7:29 p.m. and increased the Executive Budget by \$500 for the secretary for the Board of Trustees; increased the Fire Department budget by \$12,000 for increased training, increased the Library budget by \$10,000 for the part time position they requested, and the personnel administration that covers the increase in wages for the part-time staff at the library.

MOTION: "To change those four (4) line items to match what the Budget Committee recommended for a total Operating Budget of \$6,629,372.00"

Motion: OJ Robinson Second: Tamra Ham All in favor

MOTION: "To recommend asking the town voters to authorize a five (5) year lease with the White Mountain Snowmobile Club for the old salt shed."

Motion: Tamra Ham Second: Jayne Ludwig

All in favor

The Board thanked Finance Director Johnna Hart for her diligence and hard work during budget season!

III. 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 7:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brook Rose

Approval Date: March 2, 2020



Chairman OJ Robinson



Jayne Ludwig



Tamra Ham