Lincoln Board of Selectmen - Meeting Minutes February 02, 2009 - 5:00 pm

Present: Chairman Peter Moore, Selectman Deanna Huot, Selectman Patricia McTeague, Town Manager Peter Joseph, Rec. Director Tara Tower Audience Members: Mary Conn, David Beaudin

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Routine Business

Review and approval of Minutes from 01/12/09 meeting

Selectman Huot had one minor amendment. Other Board members concurred. Selectman Huot would communicate the amendment to Susanne Chenard when she returned from vacation.

MOTION: Patricia McTeague motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Deanna Huot seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous to approve the minutes as amended.

Minutes from 01/26/09 are to be reviewed at the 02/09/09 Board meeting.

Kanc Rec. Ticketing Policy Review

Recreation Director Tara Tower presented some options for tickets at the ski area. She explained the current ticketing system and the waiver process. Chairman Moore asked about how the current process works as far as registering when you show up at the Kanc. Ms. Tower explained the check-in process.

Chairman Moore next asked about the cash safe and Ms. Tower explained that the safe was used to store sales income and was deposited every 2-3 days. Town Manager Joseph explained the benefits of pre-numbered tickets from a financial control standpoint. There was a discussion as to whether the resident rates applied to residents or taxpayers. It was determined that the rates applied both to tax payers and to residents. Ms. Tower explained that the current rates had not been raised in 3 years. Selectman Huot noted that she had heard from people who would be in favor of raising non-resident rates.

Mary Conn asked who cooks lunches at the Kanc and Ms. Tower explained that the food was handled by the Friends of Recreation. Selectman McTeague felt that the Town staff time should not be spent cooking food for sale by an outside non-profit. There was a discussion about how much the Town subsidized the lunch program and what level of services were being provided to the residents by the lunch program. It was pointed out that the Friends of Recreation do not necessarily turn a profit on the lunches, but rather do it as a service to the community to have food available. It was also pointed out that volunteers would be willing to do the work, but for liability purposes the Town had to require that people working (especially around boiling water and food) at the Kanc were Town employees. Otherwise, injuries might not be covered by the Town insurance, leaving the Town liable. Selectman Huot asked about snowmaking cuts and what effect this would have on water usage. It was decided that this issue would be discussed further in the near future. There was an extended discussion regarding what Town employees receive for ski passes. The Board currently offers employees of the Kanc a free family

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pass, and all other Town employees receive a free individual pass. The Board asked Ms. Tower to forward information on the costs of ticketing at the Kanc Rec when she received this information. The Board would discuss the issue further at that point, once the proposed costs were known.

2009 Town Meeting Warrant Review

The Selectmen discussed the draft warrant and reordered several articles.

The Board discussed the request for funding from MDR. They reviewed the explanation from MDR as to why cash funding would be preferable to tap fee credits. Chairman Moore felt that South Peak had performed a valuable service to the Town by doing this work at a savings, however the original agreement had been in exchange for tap fee credits, and the Town had every intention of honoring this agreement. Chairman Moore felt that the terms shouldn't change just because a different financial agreement would be preferable to the new owners. Selectman Huot agreed with this point of view. Selectman McTeague explained that she wasn't opposed to placing the article on the warrant and letting the voters decide, but also understood the points that Chairman Moore made.

MOTION: Chairman Moore motioned to deny the request by MDR to pay cash versus tap fee credits, as stipulated in its agreement with the Town. Selectman Huot seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to deny the request by MDR.

The Selectmen also decided to add an article to put cemetery income into the Cemetery Trust Fund, to add an article to close out the Town Building Capital Reserve fund and to add an article to close out the Ball Field fund.

The Town Manager will get information on the projected income from taxes on the old salt shed property for further discussion regarding the proposed lease to the snowmobile club at next week's meeting.

The Board decided on the amount of \$70,000 to appropriate in the warrant article regarding engineering costs for a roads and streets project, after reviewing the bids received for this project.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Peter Joseph, Town Manager

Date: _____

Approved by: