

Lincoln Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2009 – 5:00 pm

Present: Selectman Deanna Huot, Selectman Patricia McTeague, Town Manager Peter Joseph and Administrative Assistant Susan Chenard

Audience: David Beaudin, Helen Jones

Selectman Huot opened the Board of Selectmen's meeting at 5:10 pm.

Routine Business

- **Approval of the Public Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2009** - A motion was made by Selectman McTeague, seconded by Selectman Huot, to approve the public meeting minutes of June 22, 2009, as amended. The vote was unanimous.
- **Approval of the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2009** - A motion was made by Selectman McTeague, seconded by Selectman Huot, to approve the non-public meeting minutes of June 22, 2009, as amended. The vote was unanimous.
- **Public Works Summer Projects Update** – Town Manager Joseph distributed a list of summer projects as of June 1st, for the Selectmen to review. Public Works Director Bill Willey will be out for several weeks after an unexpected surgery, so Water Plant Manager David Beaudin updated the Board. He and the Town Manager are working together to keep the projects running smoothly, and were happy that they were all in process or completed already. There was discussion of the fact that the Public Works Department is slightly short-staffed, so the mapping project will be on hold for the summer, the construction of the Kanc Rec tow hut building will be delayed by 3-4 weeks and some paving may be delayed by about one week.

There was a discussion regarding the hiring of a temporary part time laborer in the Public Works Department due to the short staffed situation. Peter Joseph and David Beaudin would determine if this became necessary and report back to the Board of Selectmen.

The first phase of the Black Mountain Road project is just about finished. There will be two 11-foot lanes, complemented by a sidewalk varying from three to five feet at different points, depending on the amount of road width left available.

We are still waiting for the official approval for the community building project, which seems to hinge on the receipt of funding by USDA.

There was discussion of using loam or crushed gravel at the edges of Pollard Road, and it was decided to use the crushed gravel as it would help the road stand up better under future paving and facilitate drainage.

Dave Beaudin had some questions regarding billing, purchasing and the 4th of July. He also mentioned that there would be some overtime necessary in the department due to the shortage of employees for several weeks. He will keep an eye on it, and the Selectmen asked him to use his best judgment and discuss any questions with the Town Manager. They also suggested that Mike Harrington

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could help out as he has been on the Public Works Department crew before and was familiar with the operations of the water plant. Dave Beaudin left at 6pm.

- **Abatement Requests** – Helen Jones of the Finance and Assessing Department brought several abatement requests before the Board. According to Scott Marsh of MRI, our assessors, one should be denied and the others approved. After review, the Selectmen agreed with these recommendations.

A **motion** was made by Selectman McTeague, seconded by Selectman Huot, to approve the abatement request for the Sidore property at 55 Beechnut Drive, as the condition of the property on inspection did not match the listed condition on the tax records. The vote was unanimous.

A **motion** was made by Selectman Huot, seconded by Selectman McTeague, to deny the abatement request for the Miranda/Wyant property at 67 Easterly Road, Unit 2. Although the property is valued higher than market value, it is consistent with all other parcels in that development and throughout Town. The vote was unanimous.

A **motion** was made by Selectman Huot, seconded by Selectman McTeague, to approve the abatement request for the Forest Ridge Convertible Land Phase 1 for tax years 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. The property had been listed as being owned by the developer when it was actually in the ownership of the homeowners association. The vote was unanimous.

A **motion** was made by Selectman McTeague, seconded by Selectman Huot, to approve the abatement request for the Forest Ridge Convertible Land Phase 2A for the tax years of 2007, 2008 and 2009. The property had been listed as being owned by the developer when it was actually in the ownership of the homeowners association. The vote was unanimous.

The latter two abatements were to clear up some housekeeping issues with the ownership of the convertible land, as had been discussed with homeowner association representative Dave Larsen at a recent meeting. The value of both Forest Ridge parcels will be accounted for in the amenity value of the condominiums thereon. Helen Jones left at this time.

➤ **Town Manager's Report**

1. At a recent all hazards mitigation planning meeting, the Forest Service asked that we have a more visible “Smokey the Bear” fire danger sign. Most people don’t see it past Loon Mountain and we would like them to realize how close they are to the National Forest. Potential locations include the DRED property at White Mountains Attractions or Town property such as Town Hall. The Board of Selectmen was in favor of this measure.
2. The CIP committee will hold its first meeting of the season on Thursday, July 2nd, at 9am. Mainly they will work to clean up the spreadsheets this week.

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Other Business

The Town Manager presented the Selectmen with a draft Notice of Decision letter to review. A **motion** was made by Selectman McTeague, seconded by Selectman Huot, to approve the Notice of Decision letter, as amended, as it reflected the Selectmen's official decision on the union grievance item from the June 22, 2009 meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Selectman Huot noted that Lucille Parker will be celebrating her 100th birthday on the 3rd of July, with an open house at her home. She asked Administrative Assistant Chenard to create a certificate, which would be delivered along with a nice bouquet of flowers.

Town Manager Joseph noted that he would be in Town for the 4th of July festivities, as would Fire Chief Haynes. Police Chief Smith would be out of Town on vacation, but within a short drive if necessary. Lieutenant Cooper will cover for him.

The Town Manager also reported that there had been a break-in late at night at the local Dunkin' Donuts. The delivery man walked in on it, but the robber got away. Police dogs had the scent for some time, but lost it near the Dinner Train in North Woodstock, likely due to the rain. The Dunkin' Donuts in Plymouth was also recently robbed, and the police believe it is by the same person.

At 6:40 pm, a **motion** was made by Selectman McTeague, seconded by Selectman Huot, to enter into **non-public session** per RSA 91-A:3 II(a) regarding compensation of employees. The vote was unanimous. The Board discussed the possibility of an employee "buying" extra time off due to a special situation. As this is not part of the current employee manual, the case needed Selectmen's approval. This system has been used in other municipalities and the Selectmen agreed that this was the appropriate solution in this case. At 6:48 pm, a **motion** was made by Selectman McTeague, seconded by Selectman Huot, to reconvene the public session. The vote was unanimous.

At 6:51 pm, the meeting was adjourned and the Board of Selectmen reviewed payroll and accounts payable check registers for the week ending June 28, 2009.

Date: _____

Approved by:

Chairman Peter Moore

Selectman Deanna Huot

Selectman Patricia McTeague