

Lincoln Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2009 – 5:30 pm

Present: Chairman Peter Moore, Selectman Patricia McTeague, Selectman Deanna Huot
Also Present: Town Manager Peter Joseph, Lieutenant Cecil Cooper, Officer Michael Stevens, Dispatcher J.J. Bujeaud, and Police Union Business Agent Tom Noonan.

Chairman Moore opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(a).

MOTION: Deanna Huot moved that the Board enter a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(a). Patricia McTeague seconded the motion.

VOTE:	Deanna Huot	yes
	Peter Moore	yes
	Patricia McTeague	yes

Also present in the non-public session with the Board were Peter Joseph, Cecil Cooper, Michael Stevens, J.J. Bujeaud, and Tom Noonan.

The Board reviewed a union grievance regarding the scheduling of overtime in the Police Department. No votes or actions were taken. The Board would consider the issue further and render a decision at their meeting next week.

MOTION: Deanna Huot moved that the Board exit the non-public session. Patricia McTeague seconded the motion.

VOTE:	Deanna Huot	yes
	Peter Moore	yes
	Patricia McTeague	yes

Review and approval of minutes from 8/17/09 BOS meeting

Patricia McTeague suggested that the “wall” referenced in the minutes be described in more detail as the retaining wall behind the Mountain Club hotel. There were no other suggested changes.

MOTION: Patricia McTeague motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Peter Moore seconded the motion:

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

At this point Selectman McTeague was excused from the meeting as she had a previously scheduled appointment at 7:00PM.

Review of MS-1 extension request

Peter Joseph explained that the Town would need to request an extension on the MS-1 report as the assessors were working with several property owners to review their values prior to submitting the final report. The MS-1 is usually due on September 1st, but the Town's assessors would need a few extra weeks to record any changes. The Board agreed to request an extension and signed the extension request.

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Review of MS-4 report

Peter Joseph presented the draft MS-4 report to the Board. Deanna Huot asked if this was the report that is used to set the tax rate. Peter Joseph answered that it was one of the reports that would be used as a starting point for tax rate setting. The MS-4 that the Town Manager prepared along with Finance Officer Helen Jones showed that our actual revenue receipts are predicted to be approximately \$190,000 less than our budgeted predictions. This is due largely in part to the removal of \$125,000 in revenue sharing through cuts made to the State budget by the NH legislature. There was a brief discussion regarding the options open to the Town to make up the revenue shortfall during the tax rate setting process.

Town Manager's weekly report

Peter Joseph reviewed the outstanding property tax situation. The situation has been looking better recently. Many of the larger accounts who owed back taxes had paid up, and the total amount outstanding is roughly \$516,000. About \$261,000 is owed for the current year (first issue only) and the remaining balance of the \$516,000 is from 2008 and older lien amounts.

Motor vehicle revenues are down about \$9,000 over this time last year. The first five months of this year were especially bad, but June and July were above last year's levels and hopefully this will represent a trend of more people buying and registering new cars as the economy turns around. Peter Joseph explained that this bears watching but hopefully the deficit will erase itself slightly or completely by the end of the year.

Town Manager Joseph reported that the Trails Bureau RTP grant for the Riverwalk Trail has been reissued by vote of the Governor and Council. The grant was for \$30,000 but had not been able to be spent before July 1st as the Town had to get approvals from DES for the work along the river. The project was going very well, with the first stretch of trails already being cut. The next steps would be grinding stumps, preparing the surface, and laying down the hard pack/crushed stone to form the path.

Other Business

Deanna Huot inquired if any progress had been made in regards to the drainage on Bill Conn's property. Peter Joseph answered that Public Works Director Bill Willey had been planning to look at the situation but had not gotten around to it yet. Peter will work with Bill Willey to come up with a solution.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM and the Board reviewed accounts payable, check registers, and payroll for the week ending 08/23/09.

Date: _____

Approved by:

Chairman Peter Moore

Selectman Deanna Huot

Selectman Patricia McTeague