

Lincoln Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2009 – 5:00 pm

Present: Chairman Peter Moore, Selectman Deanna Huot, Selectman Patricia McTeague, and Administrative Assistant Susan Chenard

Audience: Tom Giles and John Marunowski of the Pemigewasset Ranger District of the US Forest Service

Chairman Moore opened the Board of Selectmen's meeting at 5:15 pm.

Routine Business

- **Approval of the Public Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2009** - A motion was made by Selectman McTeague, seconded by Selectman Huot, to approve the public meeting minutes of September 1, 2009, as written. Chairman Moore abstained as he was not present at that meeting. The vote was in the majority.
- **US Forest Service Bridge Decision** – Tom Giles and John Marunowski of the Pemigewasset Ranger District of the US Forest Service came to explain that a decision has made been made to remove the suspension bridge which spans the East Branch of the Pemigewasset River in the Pemigewasset Wilderness area. The informational meeting went well, with good discussion revealing gaps in information. The Ranger Station also received 117 letters. Most comments, both in person and in writing, were against removing the bridge. However, the Forest Service doesn't treat this input as a voting contest, but rather uses it to see what other issues they should be aware of, etc. Molly Fuller, the district ranger, had to weigh the comments against what could be gained by removing the bridge, and a 29-page document explains her reasoning. It is available for review online and at the Town Hall, and describes the importance of maintaining this wilderness area, the largest in the Northeast. The bridge removal is scheduled to be implemented next week and will take 2-3 weeks to complete. They prefer people not try to cross the river in the area of the soon-to-be-former bridge, and they will post signs at all related trailheads and intersections, in conjunction with the AMC. These signs will most likely be up a year or two. Chairman Moore asked how the bridge would be removed as it is in a wilderness area. Tom Giles said they will use stock animals to get the pieces to the wilderness boundary, about 2.8 miles, and then can use trucks the remaining 3 miles. The Board was disappointed to see the bridge go, but thanked the Rangers for coming and discussing the decision with them.
- **Discussion of Connector Road Drainage Issue** – Selectman Huot spoke with Director of Public Works Bill Willey today. Mr. Willey had provided some quotes for drainage options on both sides of Connector Road to prevent further flooding on Bill Conn's property. Mr. Willey would like to first see a heavy rain event before recommending either course of action. The easier, less expensive option would be to install a French Drain between the retention pond and the culvert, and would cost about \$6,200 and take about 2 days to perform. The second option, which would divert water across Conn's property and then onto Town property near the sewer pump station by the Pemigewasset River, would require permitting, take 5 days to construct due to all the other pipes that may need diverting in that area (sewer, electric, water), and would cost a minimum of \$14,628. The Selectmen agreed that something should be done, but that the

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correct course of action should be chosen. Mr. Conn would like something in writing from the Town and the Selectmen felt a letter updating him on our thoughts and plans so far would be appropriate. Selectman Huot feels that the amount of water discharged onto the property would increase as construction occurs at the business park. She would like to see funding for drainage built into the upcoming budget and did note that old meeting minutes regarding the business park said that the Town would resolve drainage issues. Selectman McTeague wondered if we could use contingency monies to correct the issue this fall, but Selectman Huot said that Mr. Conn is prepared to wait until funding is approved, if necessary. She also noted that the Gioiosa's house would not be impacted either way.

- **Discussion of Sale of "Trotti" parcel** – The Selectmen discussed Town Manager Joseph's proposed language for a notice requesting bids on this small parcel of land, which is landlocked and unbuildable, and located between the Pakus' property and the onramp for exit 33 onto Route 93. The Selectmen wondered if bidding was necessary, and the Town Manager had left some information on that subject. They decided to follow his plan of action.

Other Business

Selectman Huot noted that the Kanc Ski Tow Hut is under construction. She spoke with Bill Willey who reported that they are working on the building currently and may need to do some work on the poles in the future.

Administrative Assistant Susan Chenard reported that Charlie Cook said he would not be running for Trustee of Trust Funds next year, when his term is up. As he is one of only two, another one would need to be appointed or convinced to run for the position. Tom Smith has expressed interest, and will speak with Mr. Cook to learn more. If he feels he is prepared, the Selectmen could meet with him and potentially appoint him at their next meeting. A third position is still open.

Ms. Chenard passed around a commendation letter for Stacey Havlock, Planning Administrative Assistant, and herself, from a satisfied customer who visits on a regular basis.

Town Clerk Susan Whitman asked Ms. Chenard to see if the Selectmen knew of a minimum time limit on residency in our Town before one could buy a plot in the Riverside Cemetery. The Selectmen were unaware of a specific ordinance, but felt that if someone were able to prove residency enough to register their car or to vote, they should qualify for this as well. They did suggest she speak with the Cemetery Trustees to update the ordinance if necessary.

Ms. Chenard reminded the Selectmen that they had planned to start reviewing all ordinances this fall and wondered about a schedule. Chairman Moore suggested planning a ½ hour work session to review ordinances at each meeting. However, he would like the Town Manager to choose a schedule, after seeing which other department heads may need to have input. Perhaps they have suggestions or have done independent research for

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this as well. Then ordinance review could be based on who needs to have input, such as the police chief or director of public works, etc.

A brother of one of the Town employees had just passed away, and Ms. Chenard asked if the Town Hall could be closed for a few hours so everyone could attend the church service. The Selectmen agreed, but requested that it be properly noticed.

Ms. Chenard distributed some quotes for the annual Christmas party, including one from the Indian Head resort to hold it at their facility, and several quotes from caterers if we were to have it at the Community Center again. It was agreed to return to the Indian Head, and to hold the party on December 12th, Saturday.

Selectman Huot noted that the budget process is now underway. Budget requests were due back from department heads by October 9th, and then meetings with the Town Manager would begin. Ms. Huot suggested that the Selectmen start thinking about wages at this time, and asked that we find out the COLA change in the Northeast.

The Board discussed the construction process at the library, which is coming along, but has been held up due to minor plumbing and punch list issues. Chairman Moore did want to speak to Bill Willey about pavement cutting and parking barriers.

Selectman Huot wondered if she remembered a meeting at the Mountain Club sometime soon regarding budget. Ms. Chenard will find out.

Chairman Moore reported that he could not make the Village Core trail meeting this Tuesday, and Selectman Huot suggested that we plan funding for Village Core so as to take advantage of some grant opportunities.

As there was no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm and the Board of Selectmen reviewed payroll and accounts payable check registers for the week ending September 13, 2009.

Date: _____

Approved by:

Chairman Peter Moore

Selectman Deanna Huot

Selectman Patricia McTeague