

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

Present: Chairman Peter Moore, Selectman Deanna Huot, Selectman Patricia McTeague,
Town Manager Peter Joseph and Administrative Assistant Susan Chenard
Audience: Tara Tower, WT Bishop

Chairman Moore opened the Board of Selectmen's meeting at 5:05 pm.

Routine Business

- **Approval of the Public Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2009 - A motion** was made by Selectman Huot, seconded by Selectman McTeague, to approve the public meeting minutes of September 28, 2009, as written. The vote was unanimous.
- **Ticket Proposal for Kanc Rec ski area** – Recreation Director Tara Tower came before the Board of Selectmen to describe her department's response to the Budget Committee's request for a better audit trail at the local ski area. She provided samples of brightly colored ski tickets and explained that there would be different colored tickets every day, changing on an irregular schedule. All skiers would need to sign in every day, whether season ticket holder or not, and get that day's ticket. This would allow the personnel to interface with each skier or boarder and describe important information about conditions, etc. For our insurance company, MountainGuard, it would also be necessary for each skier to sign a waiver at least once during the season, and Kanc personnel could check to make sure that was on file. Ms. Tower described changes in the logbook as well.

To buy 6,000 tickets would cost a few hundred dollars. Wickets would also need to be purchased. The board discussed various ways to recoup that cost this year. Any savings that could be made in the Recreation Department would be used towards this expense. With better visual tracking, more tickets may be sold to cover that cost, and with a logo on them, the tickets may become a source of advertising for the Kanc Rec ski tow as well. There was mention of a Grand Opening event in December and discussion of renting the facility out to other entities, much like Loon's racing team rents it on Friday nights already. Another money-saving opportunity would be to install insulation into the attic and wall spaces of the Kanc Rec building. After some further comments on the proposed budget, Ms. Tower left at 5:50 pm.

- **Town Manager's Report -**
 - Construction for the Kanc Tow Hut is on schedule and nearing exterior completion. Siding and roofing are currently being installed.
 - We are unable to extend the COPS grant from the Department of Justice until after Town Meeting. Chief Smith talked with DOJ and they informed him that the grant could not be extended. The person he spoke with suggested that the Town accept the grant, which we have until November to do, and then not make any hires or requests for reimbursement until after any budgetary decisions have been approved. They assured us that we will not be financially liable in any way if we do not hire any additional staff under the terms of this grant, as it is a reimbursement program. Town Manager Joseph explained we

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don't want to turn it down, even if we only use it for one year. We would receive some benefit in the near future, and be looked upon more favorably next time we apply for the grant if we accept rather than reject this one. With Officer Beaudry definitely retiring at the end of the year, and the school not having made their decision on continuing the SRO position, staffing changes are still likely at this point.

- Motor vehicle revenue is still slightly lower than last year's figures, as evidenced by the spreadsheet furnished by Town Clerk Susan Whitman.

Other Business

- This morning we received the new draft flood insurance maps from FEMA. Town Manager Joseph has not had a chance to review them yet. It will take about a year from now before the final maps are adopted, and there will be a 90-day comment period in between. Local residents and businesses will have the ability to review and comment before the maps are finalized.
- A letter regarding cleaning costs is being drafted by the Town Manager. He asked the Selectmen to review it and discuss any comments with him.
- Selectman Huot asked the board to coordinate ride-sharing to the North Country Council Annual Meeting and Dinner on Thursday, October 8th.
- Selectman Huot also mentioned that John Andrews recently retired after 34 years of serving the Local Government Center. She asked that we send him a letter of thanks and recognition and that the Town Manager draft this. There will be an official search for a replacement of the executive director or there may actually be a reshuffling of the entire organizational structure at LGC.
- The demolition of the mill buildings seems to be coming along nicely. There were comments that the property is very neat every day.
- There was a brief discussion of H1N1 (swine flu) precautions, flu shots, etc.
- There are three foreclosures scheduled for October in Lincoln.

Public Participation

WT Bishop reminded everyone that Derek Bennett of DES will be coming to town on October 21 for the Energy and Water Conservation Committee meeting to give a presentation on the conservation of water. He is also chasing down the state water plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22pm and the Board of Selectmen reviewed payroll and accounts payable check registers for the week ending October 4, 2009.

Date: _____

Approved by:

Chairman Peter Moore

Selectman Deanna Huot

Selectman Patricia McTeague