

Lincoln Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2009 – 5:00 pm

Present: Chairman Peter Moore, Selectman Deanna Huot, Town Manager Peter Joseph and Finance Officer Helen Jones
Audience: None

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

Review Minutes of 11/23/09 Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of the 11/23/09 meeting. Deanna Huot moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Peter Moore seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Discussion Regarding Parcel 107-029-0000-01

Peter Joseph explained that the parcel in question was created when the State took several partial pieces of property through eminent domain in the 1970s in order to build the exit 33 on/off ramp. The registered owner of the property was Frank Trotti, but no taxes had been paid on the parcel since the 1970s. Several years ago Tax Collector Susan Whitman tax deeded the property for failure to pay back taxes. At that time every attempt was made to contact Mr. Trotti to see if he had any interest in redeeming the property. At that time Kelly Kass (an abutting land owner) had expressed interest in purchasing the property from the Town, but negotiations were unproductive with Ms. Kass.

Since then, Brian and Jill Pakus have purchased the abutting property from Ms. Kass, who has subsequently passed away. Brian and Jill have expressed an interest in purchasing the lot from the Town. There are several abutting properties whose ownership remains unclear, that were created at the same time as the Trotti parcel. In addition there are two abutting properties owned by the State of NH. In order to make the process transparent, bids were requested in a posting through the newspaper. The only bid received was for \$1,000 from Brian & Jill Pakus.

Town Manager Joseph recommended that the approximately .20 acre parcel be sold to Brian and Jill Pakus by the Selectmen via the RSA 41:14-a process. Peter Moore commented that this would put an otherwise value-less piece of property back on the tax rolls.

Chairman Moore moved that the Board begin the 41:14-a hearing process and obtain a recommendation from the Planning Board in order to sell parcel 107-029-0000-01 to Brian and Jill Pakus. Deanna Huot seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Final Budget Review

Peter Joseph presented the final draft of the Selectmen's budget for approval. There were the following changes from the previously reviewed budget:

- 1) Engineering & Planning CRF capital allotment - increased to \$14,400 due to revised estimates for the final stage of the GIS mapping project.

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- 2) An added line item to Planning Department contracted services - \$900 for annual maintenance fees for the recently installed GIS software.
- 3) An increase to the Solid Waste contracted services line - \$6,000 due to anticipated increased traffic from Loon Mountain homeowners, per a decision by Peter Moore and Jim Fadden (Lin-Wood Joint Solid Waste District co-administrators).
- 4) In increase to the Community Building salaries line item – an increase of slightly less than \$1,000 due to corrected calculations of an employee's salary.

Selectman Huot said that she was approached regarding the possibility of increased holiday decorations around Town by a local resident. Currently the Patriotic Purposes budget has \$75.00 budgeted for holiday decorations. Peter and Deanna concurred that this amount should be increased to \$1,000.

There was an extensive discussion of both the operating and capital portions of the Selectmen's 2010 operating budget. No further changes were proposed. Selectman Huot moved that the Board's proposed budget be approved at \$4,710,370. Chairman Moore seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Selectmen noted that this amount did not include the amount of the potential “Four Roads” project bond. The Selectmen asked Peter Joseph and Helen Jones to begin putting estimates together for what the bond issue for this project would cost the Town, for presentation to the Budget Committee.

Town Manager's Weekly Report

Peter Joseph noted that for upcoming meetings there would be a Planning Board work session to discuss potential zoning amendments on Wed. 12/02/09 at 6PM, and a public meeting regarding the Four Roads project on Wed. 12/16/09 at 6PM.

The Mount Washington Regional Airport (MWRA) had sent a notice regarding proposed changes to the airport's governing Intermunicipal Agreement, and asked the Town to put a warrant article on the Town Meeting 2010 warrant to approve such changes. Peter Joseph was unsure if the Town had signed on to the Intermunicipal Agreement that created the MWRA, and asked the Selectmen if they were aware of any membership in the past. Deanna Huot believed that the Town had contributed a small amount of money around the time of the establishment of the MWRA, but did not believe the Town was a party to the Intermunicipal Agreement in question. The Board requested the Town Manager investigate the issue further with Attorney Bernie Waugh, counsel to the airport.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm and the Board of Selectmen reviewed payroll and accounts payable check registers for the week ending November 29, 2009.

Date: _____

Approved by:

Chairman Peter Moore

Selectman Deanna Huot

Selectman Patricia McTeague